

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The money situation is again dominating everything else. The quick passage in both Houses of Congress of the bill reported by the conferees for the return of the railroads to private control would ordinarily have been looked upon as a highly favorable development and have brought a corresponding response in public sentiment and on the Stock Exchange. As it was, the influence of that circumstance was in large measure lost. There is certainly much reason to feel encouraged over the action of the two Houses of Congress on this very important railroad measure. The bill is far from what could be wished and yet embodies a few important essentials and doubtless is the best that could be obtained under present political conditions.

Moreover, the decisive majority given this compromise bill in face of the threats of the railway organizations and the American Federation of Labor, is particularly inspiring. There is nothing in the labor provisions of the bill to which any fair-minded railroad employee could or should object, the Senate conferees having yielded on the proposals to penalize employees who might engage in strikes; and that part of the bill is now wholly innocuous, but the union leaders would like a scheme of some kind that would leave them in absolute control, and they are displeased with the provision in the conference bill which would give to the unorganized employees the same right to complain and obtain hearings that is accorded the brotherhoods and other railway organizations. Consequently they have been engaged in their customary practice of bulldozing and bullying the Legislature and they counted on the usual cowardly surrender. In this they met with the greatest surprise in their careers. The political worm at last turned. Every man in the House and in the Senate was told that if he voted for the bill he would be a marked man—that the labor leaders would follow him to the polls in the coming Congressional election and use the full force of their influence to defeat him. In spite of this threat and the intimidating policy pursued, the bill passed the House by a vote of 250 to 150, while in the Senate, where it was supposed there would be several days of debate before the bill would be brought to a vote, prompt and immediate action was taken on receipt of the bill from the House and the measure passed on Monday by a vote of 47 to 17.

This action of the Senate and House in defying labor opposition is of greater importance even than the bill itself. It shows that the labor unions are no longer in the heyday of their prosperity, and that their influence—at least their vicious influence—is likely henceforth to be on the wane. That is an achievement of no mean order and of great promise for the future. When the Legislature is no longer prepared to bend the knee to the labor tyrant, a brighter day will dawn for the whole community.

The stock market was closed on Monday because of the celebration of Washington's Birthday. But when it opened Tuesday morning (after the good news of what had happened in the interval) a buying movement of extensive proportions set in and would have carried prices for railroad securities considerably higher. But the money situation compelled renewed liquidation in the industrial shares and in a tussle between the bulls and the bears the latter came

out victorious. Drastic further declines in prices occurred on the succeeding days until yesterday though the railroad shares on the whole held up well. In the enactment of the new measure—assuming the President signs the bill—the ground work has been laid for slow but steady improvement in railroad affairs. In this the basis exists for improvement in the prices of railroad securities, bearing in mind that values of such securities are now and have for some time been ruling at a low ebb. In what we say, however, we have reference entirely to investment purchases. The present is no time for speculative movements of any kind, not even in railroad securities, for such speculation would simply serve to bring further demands upon the credit facilities of the banks, which are already sadly overtaxed.

The money situation furnishes as much occasion for uneasiness as the railroad situation affords warrant for hope and encouragement. In money matters indeed the developments between the close of business on Saturday and the reopening on Tuesday were anything but exhilarating and it is this that has given the money situation such prominence in current discussions. The Federal Reserve statement issued last Saturday by the New York Reserve Bank was thoroughly bad, with not a single redeeming feature. The statement showed that \$34,580,000 more bills had been taken under discount during the week, bringing the total of these bill holdings up to the huge total of \$1,036,707,615; the gold holdings were reduced from \$555,116,000 to \$526,782,248, while at the same time there was a further increase of \$8,156,000 in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation. The result was that for the first time in the history of the local institution cash reserves fell below the statutory requirements. Counting gold alone the Bank fell below the limit once or twice last summer, but the law does not require an exclusive gold reserve against the deposit liabilities, permitting legal tenders and other forms of currency also to be included. The changes in the New York Clearing House return, also issued on Saturday, were all in the right direction. There was a further decrease of \$32,938,000 in the loans to customers, making a deduction in the loan item of \$281,112,000 since the first of the year. Deposit liabilities were reduced in amount of \$61,653,000, while the reserve of member banks with Federal Reserve Bank was reduced in amount of \$23,419,000, indicating reduced borrowing on the part of the Clearing House banks at the central institution. Nevertheless, the excess reserve above the legal requirements for these Clearing House institutions was only \$8,071,420.

With the Clearing House banks only slightly above requirement and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York actually below it—the ratio of reserves to net deposits after deducting 40% gold reserve on Federal Reserve notes in circulation being only 33.9%, as against the 35% cash reserve called for under the law—the future seems freighted with momentous possibilities. To add to the disturbing character of the situation the daily papers Tuesday morning published extensive abstracts from the annual report issued at Washington of the Federal Reserve Board, in which the policy of the Board with reference to present inflated credits was outlined.

The Board was optimistic as usual. It purposes further amendments to the Federal Reserve Act intended to curb present demands upon the credit facilities of the Reserve banks. These amendments,

it feels sure, will provide just the remedy needed at the present critical juncture. Under the amendment proposed a provision would be inserted in the law providing that each Federal Reserve bank may, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, determine by uniform rule, applicable to all its member banks alike, the normal maximum rediscount line of each member bank and that it may submit for the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board graduated rates on an ascending scale to apply equally and ratably to all its member banks rediscounting amounts in excess of the normal line so determined. In that way, in the opinion of the Board, it would be possible to reduce excessive borrowings of member banks and induce them to hold their own large borrowers in check without raising the basis rate.

Everything should be done that can be done to restrict and prevent excessive demands upon the credit facilities of the central institutions, also upon the member banks by their customers. But it seems to us one objection to the proposition would be that it would be possible to apply the higher rate to all customers whether borrowing in excess of their proper credit line or not, and the chances are that in practice the highest rate would be applied to all customers as the best and surest means of bringing about a general curtailment of borrowing. We would suggest, too, that if the credit line of every borrower can be so readily determined as the Board thinks, would it not be better to notify every such bank that it had reached the limit and, therefore, could get no further accommodation?

We have our doubts whether higher discount rates can be counted on by themselves to correct such an extremely inflated credit situation as exists at the present moment. In abnormal times such as now prevail, customers will go on borrowing so long as loans can be obtained and so will the banks keep on borrowing at the central institution just as long as the process is allowed to continue, even though rates be boosted up gradually and continually.

The same remark is to be made with reference to this week's advance from $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 5% in the discount rates on certificates of indebtedness. It is too puny to have any effect when the torrent of inflation is as strong as it is at the present time. Sooner or later there must be an actual withholding of credit to borrowers who have exceeded their limit, and it seems to us that it will be better to begin now than to wait until it is too late.

The Federal Reserve Act has been amended altogether too much and most of the amendments have been changes for the worse instead of for the better. If the law had been allowed to stand as originally enacted no such condition of inflation as exists today could have arisen. We know that the war was the reason for the most objectionable of these amendments, but the war is now past and what the Board proposes would be at best a makeshift. Paltering and faltering is particularly mischievous just now. The way to curtail is to curtail. And the first and foremost means to that end is to stop the further injection of Federal Reserve notes into the channels of circulation. In the four weeks from Jan. 23 to Feb. 20 \$133,000,000 of additional notes have been put in circulation. So long as this process is kept up, no mere advances in discount rates will suffice to check inflationary tendencies.

The monthly foreign trade records of the United States do not as yet reflect the contraction in the export business which is undoubtedly taking place. This is because current shipments are so largely in execution of orders given some time ago. The figures for January have been published this week and they show a movement of commodities of very heavy volume in both directions, the value of the imports for January having by a substantial amount set a new high mark for any month in our history, and the exports establishing a record for the particular month covered and exceeding all monthly totals with the exception only of July and November of 1919. High prices have, of course, been a factor in building up these comparatively enormous totals, although less potentially so as contrasted with a year ago than when comparison is made with earlier years. The considerable augmentation in importations has naturally served to relieve the exchange situation to some extent, but our enormous credit balances with the principal countries of Europe and with Canada militate against any marked improvement in those directions.

The merchandise exports for January covered a value of \$730,707,863, which is, as already noted, by an appreciable amount a new high record for the opening month of the year, and compares with \$622,552,783 last year, \$504,797,306 in 1918 and \$613,342,582 in 1917. For the seven months of the fiscal year—July 1 1919 to Jan. 31 inclusive—the value of the goods shipments at \$4,593,976,102 also stands unprecedented for such a period, and the comparison is with only \$3,797,413,718 in 1918-19 and \$3,450,282,067 in 1917-18. It should be observed, too, that in no year prior to the breaking out of the war in Europe did the total for seven months reach one-third of the current aggregate value. Even for the full twelve months of 1913 the total of exports was 2,110 million dollars less than the figures for 1919-20 presented above for the seven months. Concurrent with the gain in the value of the outflow of commodities, the imports for January not only showed very decided expansion, but surpassed all former monthly totals, standing at \$473,936,610 against \$212,992,644 in January 1919 and \$233,942,081 in 1918. For the elapsed portion of the fiscal year, moreover, the 1919-20 inflow of merchandise is much the heaviest on record for the period, having reached \$2,767,804,051 against \$1,698,201,420 in 1918-19 and \$1,633,593,550 in 1917-18. The export balance for the month at \$256,771,253, due to the great increase in the value of the imports, is much less than a year earlier, comparison being with \$409,560,139, while for the seven months the balance on the same side of the account is also less, contrast being between \$1,826,172,051 and \$2,099,212,298.

The gold movement for the month was of comparatively large volume, and shows a net outflow of \$35,740,487. Exports reached \$47,758,038, of which upwards of 14 million dollars went to Argentina and other important amounts were shipped to Japan, China and Hong Kong. Against this there were imports of \$12,017,551. For the seven months the net outflow of gold has been \$280,828,210 against \$8,931,204 in 1918-19 and \$94,401,984 in 1917-18. In 1916-17 the flow was in this direction to the extent of \$447,830,677. Silver exports for the month of \$24,627,678 went in greatest measure to China. For the seven months the aggregate exports were \$121,543,290, and the imports \$55,683,741, leaving

the net efflux of the metal \$65,859,559 against \$136,872,338 in 1918-19 and \$10,846,113 in 1917-18.

Canada's foreign exports for January were of good volume for the time of year, being only a little below those for the like period in 1919—\$121,517,571 comparing with \$125,334,756. For the ten months, April 1 1919 to Jan. 31 1920, however, the total exports of merchandise, domestic and foreign, were slightly above the preceding year, contrast being between \$1,098,172,362 and \$1,094,536,241. The imports for the month were heavier than a year ago, \$103,579,349 comparing with \$73,761,397, while for the ten months they aggregated \$834,521,948 against \$780,576,737. The favorable or export balance for the month this year, therefore, is \$18,938,222 against \$51,573,359 last year and for the ten months reaches \$263,650,414 against \$313,959,504.

In connection with these Canadian foreign trade results we note the Canadian trade mission that was established in London during the war period for the purpose of facilitating the commerce of the Dominion with the outside world, by securing contracts for Canadian producers and supervising and distributing them, has been discontinued. In its place, however, there has been organized a special trade commission as a branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce. The branch will be known as the overseas branch, will have its headquarters in London and will aim to provide a convenient meeting place for Canadian business men, where full and pertinent information as to trade conditions, &c., will be available. A feature will be the giving of publicity to Canadian resources, productions and opportunities.

Apparently Russia and Turkey present the most vexatious and serious problems with which the Supreme Council has to deal just now. European advices this week have indicated that not only was the situation in the one country about as troublesome as the other, but that the problems of each were linked rather closely together. That of trying to restore order in Russia and of resuming trade with that country was further complicated by the report from Soviet sources in Moscow that the Bolsheviks had captured Archangel. At the beginning of the week the Supreme Council renewed its consideration of the Russian situation. The British papers complained bitterly because of the meagreness of its announcements to the press from day to day, and particularly because the French correspondents in London appeared to be getting real news through the French Embassy at that centre. The assertion was said to have been made in British official circles, however, that "no change in the Russian policy is contemplated, but that to the contrary, the policy of non-interference in internal affairs of Russia will be pursued, even in spite of persistent reports of the collapse of the White Government in Archangel and the capture of the city by the Bolsheviks." Through a London cablegram it was learned that an official denial had been issued of a statement appearing in the "Echo de Paris" to the effect that "Premier Lloyd George, in concert with Premier Nitti of Italy, favored the opening of peace negotiations with Soviet Russia through Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Assistant Commissary of Foreign Affairs."

In the announcement on Sunday of the reconvening of the Peace Conference on the following day

special significance was attached to the arrival of "Premier Millerand of France and two other French Ministers, Paul Bignon and M. Thoumyre, and the Italian Foreign Minister, Vittorio Scialola, with several advisers, and the Rumanian Premier," and to the fact that they would be present at the session. The understanding was that the Russian and Turkish situations would be given special and careful consideration and also that "a decision would be reached on Premier Lloyd George's proposal to trade with Russian co-operative unions." It was pointed out again that Premier Millerand "has no objection to this course, provided any negotiation with the Soviet Government is excluded." Dispatches from London on Tuesday morning announced that the Supreme Council was reported there "as having recognized an entirely different state of affairs in Russia from that which existed when the question was first discussed at the Paris meetings of the Council."

Lloyds of London received a dispatch on Monday from Vardo, Norway, stating that Bolshevik forces had seized Murmansk and shipping in the harbor there, following a revolution which broke out last Saturday afternoon.

Premier Millerand was reported in London to have said that "the French and British Governments have agreed on a policy in Russia." In the absence of official information, it was assumed from the Premier's statement that "an agreement had been reached with respect to trading with the Russian co-operative societies, and that this trading would begin irrespective of the fact that the co-operatives of Russia are under the control of the Moscow Soviet Government." That there had been considerable guessing as to what the Supreme Council actually had in mind and was doing with respect to a Russian policy was made reasonably clear by an announcement Tuesday afternoon, after its regular daily session, that the Allies would decline to deal with Soviet Russia "until they have arrived at the conclusion that the Bolshevik horrors have come to an end." The opinion was expressed on one cablegram from London that "the decision of the Supreme Council precludes diplomatic relations between the Allied Governments and the Moscow administration in the immediate future."

In some London circles there was a disposition, according to cablegrams from that centre, to regard this announcement largely as diplomatic camouflage. It was claimed that negotiations were actually in progress with the Soviet Government, not only with respect to the restoration of trade, but also the recognition of that Government itself. At any rate, the claim was made in another London dispatch that "the decision regarding Russia, officially announced by the Supreme Council, will require some explanation." This correspondent declared that "further negotiations with Soviet Russia may logically arise out of the situation created by the new attitude taken by the European Powers, and suggested by the Supreme Council to the new States bordering on Soviet Russia." He hastened to assert that "armed intervention is out of the question," and added that nothing has been gained by the material and financial assistance extended to the anti-Soviet military leaders. In his judgment, furthermore, the decision of the Supreme Council did not "throw overboard the idea of a *cordon sanitaire*, urged by the French, as the Supreme Council recognizes its possible utility within the limits assigned to it." The author

of this message in a word interpreted the announcement as "an intimation to Soviet Russia that the course of her future relations with the outside world will depend upon her good behavior."

In the light of subsequent announcements it is not at all strange that the writer of the message referred to in the foregoing paragraph suggested the necessity of an explanation of, or a footnote to, the announcement of the Supreme Council. The very next day word came from London that that body had made known officially its decision "to ask the League of Nations to send a labor investigation commission into Russia to study the situation there." It was suggested, therefore, that "the whole Russian situation is thus placed on the nebulous grounds of ruptured diplomatic relations." The London press was divided in its opinion in respect to the so-called new Russian policy of the Allies. The "Times" as usual attacked Lloyd George, while, for instance, the "Chronicle" declared that "the decision embodies a big step forward, but is masked under evasive expression." Quick action was taken with regard to the investigating commission. Wednesday afternoon word came from London that the Supreme Council had "requested Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labor Bureau of the League of Nations, to report on the Russian situation by March 22."

The same day a dispatch was received in London from Novo Rossisk that General Denikine, commander of the Anti-Bolshevist forces in South Russia, had reorganized his Cabinet.

A London correspondent of the "Sun and New York Herald" in a cablegram Thursday morning expressed the positive opinion that "it is folly to believe that the Bolsheviki can be effaced for all time by any major operation, no matter what its character, because Bolshevism, in so far as certain political measures are concerned, is here to stay." The correspondent declared also that "while the Allies are differing widely regarding recognition of the Soviets, Lenine is modifying Bolshevism." He thought that recognition is getting steadily nearer.

The big news of the week with respect to Russia appeared first Thursday evening in a report that a wireless dispatch had been received in London stating that "the Soviet Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has dispatched notes to the United States, Japan and Rumania offering peace with Soviet Russia." Yesterday morning it became known definitely that such an offer had been made to all the great Powers. The terms provide among other things for "the withdrawal of the decree annulling Russia's foreign debt, restoring 60% of the liability, the payment of arrears of interest, giving as a guarantee for the fulfillment of its obligations considerable mining concessions of platinum and silver to an Anglo-American syndicate." The one main condition imposed upon the Powers is that "the Soviet Government would require Great Britain and other countries to abandon all intervention in Russian affairs." According to a Washington dispatch last evening "the Soviet Russian Embassy is fairly confident that recognition of the Lenine Government by the President of the United States is highly probable within the next two months."

The British appeared to be very much upset over the Turkish situation. According to one cablegram from London last Sunday, "agitation against leaving the Turks in Constantinople has grown into a flame

and is spreading through the whole country." The correspondent declared also that "to leave Constantinople to the Turks is to run the risk of another Armageddon." He added that "world peace is bound up with the Constantinople question." In an article in the Sunday "Observer," Viscount Bryce attacked the leniency of the Allied authorities with respect to Turkey. He declared that "the terms of the armistice were strangely and even inordinately lenient, considering the crimes which the Turks had committed." Crawford Price, said to be an authority on Near Eastern questions, writing in the Sunday "Times," asserted that "Lloyd George, in the settlement of the Turkish question, reverted to the old diplomacy of bartering away portions of the country without giving real consideration to the new principles of the League of Nations." J. L. Garvan editor of the "Observer," declared in the columns of his own paper that "unless the nation's hands have been tied in secret to the political policy which its sound instincts hate, we hope Lloyd George and Lord Curzon will face any cost before they seal a compact certain to come up against its authors like the bond of Faust." Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War, in presenting the army estimates in the House of Commons on Monday, said that "considering our burdens throughout the Middle East, Egypt, Persia and Mesopotamia, no relief can be expected until a real peace is made with Turkey."

The Turkish situation was the subject of a vigorous debate in the House of Commons on Thursday. Lloyd George urged the retention of the Turks in Constantinople "on the ground that it would assure a better international balance." On the other hand, "Liberals and Laborites, with Lord Robert Cecil in accord, demanded the expulsion of the Turks from Europe."

Forecasts of President Wilson's second note to the Allied Premiers on the Adriatic problems continued to appear in telegraphic advices from Washington, Paris, London and other points. The communication itself did not go forward until Tuesday, when it was cabled to both London and Paris. Word came from the former centre the next afternoon that it had been delivered to the Council of Premiers. Pertinax, political editor of the "Echo de Paris," telephoned his paper Wednesday night from London that "people who have read the reply are agreed that it is very moderate in its terms and does not contain any threat of complete withdrawal from European affairs, such as was formulated in the famous post-script of the Feb. 13 note."

As early as a week ago to-day the positive assertion was made in a Washington dispatch that "there has been no change in the President's attitude. He is standing firm on the Anglo-French-American accord on the Adriatic problem as embraced in the joint proposal to which these nations agreed in writing at Paris Dec. 9." While the advices announced that the delivery of the note was being awaited by the Allied and American diplomats, word came from Paris through a cablegram to the New York "Times" that Italian diplomats were claiming that "the proposal which Clemenceau and Lloyd George called on the Jugo-Slavs to accept, is not valid as it stands, because Premier Nitti, not being able to read English, signed it under a misunderstanding of what it contained." The English and Italian versions were said to have differed in one or more important features.

One American observer who returned from Europe recently and who had spent considerable time in Italy, predicted a few days ago that the Fiume matter would bring about the downfall of Premier Nitti and his Cabinet. A special London correspondent of the "Sun and New York Herald" in a cable message to his paper on Monday, declared that "President Wilson has the whip hand in the Adriatic situation." He added that "essentially President Wilson is admitted to be right and it is recognized that a compromise on his lines is the only permanent possibility." He even went so far as to assert that "both the Italian and the Jugo-Slav Governments admit this privately, but they have stated at the conferences that they have gone so far in bolstering up the national spirit in their respective countries to demand all each can get, that neither is strong enough at present to accept a compromise and face the wrath of those at home." In a dispatch from Rome to the same paper the statement was made that "the people are recovering from the unexpected and stunning blow dealt by President Wilson." The author of the message added that "the Italian people could not be convinced that America is against Italy. They trust the American people too much for that."

The positive statement was made in a London cablegram on Thursday morning that the Supreme Council would draft a formal announcement to President Wilson's reply during the day. It was said also that "the question of the Italian-Jugo-Slav claims will not be taken up for final disposition at this time." The note was finished the same day. Through Washington advices Thursday afternoon, it became known that the entire Adriatic correspondence, said to comprise 12,000 words, would be made public that evening or the next day. It all came out yesterday morning simultaneously from Washington, and the Allied capitals of Europe. In this country interest centred chiefly in President Wilson's two notes. In his reply to the latest Allied communication it develops that he "frankly informs them that he has no choice in the present circumstances, but to maintain the position he has all along taken as regards that settlement." In a word, he declared that "justice rather than expediency should govern nations." The reply of the Allied Premiers to President Wilson's latest note was quickly drafted on Thursday and received at the State Department yesterday. As soon as the communication was decoded it was placed in the President's hands. No intimation as to its contents was obtainable.

Announcement was made in London Thursday that "the meeting of the Supreme Council will end next Saturday [to-day] leaving the final touches to the Turkish treaty to the diplomatic experts and the Council of Ambassadors at Paris." The statement was also made that "financial, commercial and banking experts of the Allied countries have been called to appear before the Council Friday" [yesterday], and it was added finally that "the digest of the facts which they will present to the Premiers and the formulation of their decision based on those facts will be the last work of the present meeting."

The statement was made in a Berlin cablegram that "with its new powers enabling it to confiscate imported goods in transit, the German Government is prohibiting the importation of luxuries on a scale hitherto unknown, even in war countries." The

correspondent stated furthermore, that "the list of wares and raw materials forbidden for import by the old regime during the war was an imposing one," but he alleged that the new list that is being prepared "mentions nearly everything save rubber, raw silk and asbestos." Special permission is required for the importation of all other supplies, even food and simple clothing.

The most sensational announcement from Germany was that of the voluntary resignation of Matthias Erzberger as Minister of Finance. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Berlin, "the resignation came as a climax to a day of sensation in his libel suit against Dr. Karl Helfferich, former Minister of the Treasury." The suggestion was made that the nature of the testimony left Herr Erzberger no other alternative than to relinquish his portfolio." It seems that the State's Attorney Messerschmidt testified that "Erzberger had smuggled large amounts of his private funds to Switzerland." In testimony previously given Dr. Helfferich had "involved Erzberger in numerous questionable transactions closely related to the issuance of import and export permits, and otherwise misusing his official position." President Ebert directed that "an investigation of the income tax incident be conducted with all possible promptness." For some time previous to the beginning of the trial the German press had made serious charges against the former Finance Minister. He decided that "it had become necessary for him to bring suit or to resign." He first chose the former course and then the latter. Announcement was made the same day that the resignation was tendered that "Under Secretary of State Messle, who on Jan. 27 was named by Matthias Erzberger as Deputy in the Finance Ministry, has been selected to succeed Herr Erzberger." The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" claimed that the latter's resignation was only temporary.

A wireless dispatch was said to have been received in London from Berlin on Thursday, stating that "the German State will take over the Prussian railways for 34,000,000,000 marks, of which 24,000,000,000 marks will be used to pay all the converted and unconverted debts of the Prussian State." The dispatch added that "from the balance of 10,000,000,000 marks the German State will receive annually 400,000,000 marks as interest."

The people and industries in the vicinity of Paris had to contend this week with a strike of railroad workers on the Paris Lyons & Mediterranean RR. Attempts were made, it was stated, by "the extremist sections of the Railroad Workers' Unions to expand this strike into a general walkout affecting all railways in France," but it was added that "they do not seem to be meeting with much success." The railroad strike situation on Thursday was declared in Paris advices to have reached a truly serious stage. It was reported that "demands that all railroads be nationalized are being made by the strike leaders, who are making strenuous efforts to bring all railroad workers in the country into the strike." The Government decided during the day to assume the operation of the Paris Lyons & Mediterranean RR.

Brief reference was made in these columns last week to the offering of the new French 5% Internal

Loan for an indefinite amount. More detailed advices received this week indicate that the methods adopted in the campaign are not unlike in many respects those utilized in this country during the war for the selling of Liberty bonds. President Deschanel issued an appeal in which he said: "Frenchmen, to save the soil of your country, you have given your life blood; to raise it from ruin you will give your gold." Special attention was directed in Paris cablegrams to the fact that the objects of the loan are to reduce the enormous amount of paper money in circulation and consolidate the floating debt. Subscriptions will be received until March 20. The loan is free from all taxation. A special feature of the offering is "that repayment is guaranteed within sixty years by drawings of 150 francs for each 100 francs invested. Frederic Francois-Marsal, French Finance Minister, has transmitted to the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, a revision of the scheme of taxation proposed by former Finance Minister Klotz. It provides for the same amount as the former plan, namely, 47,000,000,000 francs, with some new features.

The British Government has caused to be introduced in the House of Commons its Irish Home Rule Bill. Although the measure was not read publicly at the time of its introduction, Wednesday, it was understood that "it adheres rather closely to the measure outlined by Premier Lloyd George in the House on Dec. 22 last." It was added that "the Government's plan calls for the setting up of two Parliaments in Ireland, one for the South and one for the North."

Announcement was made on Wednesday afternoon that former Premier Herbert H. Asquith was elected to Parliament from the Paisley constituency in the by-election held on Feb. 12. Mr. Asquith as a nominee of the Liberal Party polled 14,736, while J. M. Biggar, the Labor candidate, received 11,902. J. A. D. MacKean, the Coalition-Unionist, was given only 3,795. Mr. Asquith's slogan during his campaign was "Do not let your Liberalism be either watered with Toryism or fortified by Labor." His battle was fought along these lines. In a London cablegram the idea was advanced that as a result of the election Lloyd George and Mr. Asquith might join political forces instead of fighting each other in Parliament.

There is said to be considerable discussion in London over the proposed taxation on war profits, which are estimated at more than \$25,000,000,000. It is said that the proposed tax would confiscate a quarter of that amount. A Parliamentary committee has been named by Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to study the subject.

According to reports from London yesterday morning, Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service and Construction, has been selected as British Ambassador to Washington to succeed Viscount Grey.

The British Treasury statement for the week ending Feb. 21 indicated another substantial expansion in the Exchequer balance of £474,000, bringing the total on hand up to £5,417,000, as against £4,943,000 last week. The week's expenses were £25,323,000, which compares with £25,129,000 for the week ending Feb. 14, while the total outflow, including re-

payments of advances, Treasury bills, savings certificates and other items, was £187,930,000, in comparison with £125,224,000 a week ago. A feature in the week's financing was the repayment of £56,700,000 in Exchequer bonds. Receipts from all sources totaled £188,404,000, against £125,264,000 the week previous. Of this total revenues brought in £52,118,000, against £52,565,000 and savings certificates £1,200,000, against £1,150,000. Other debt contributed £9,370,000 and sundries £50,000, against nothing on either of these items a week ago. From advances the sum of £50,000,000 was received, comparing with £9,000,000 last week. Sales of Treasury bills amounted to £67,666,000, against £62,549,000 the week before. This is slightly in excess of the amount repaid (£66,404,000) so that the volume of Treasury bills outstanding was expanded to £1,102,331,000, against £1,101,168,000 the week previous. Temporary advances are now at £218,830,000, against £185,330,000, the previous total. The total floating debt amounts to £1,321,161,000.

The Bank of England continues to add to its gold holdings, and reports a further increase in the precious metal of £1,944,155 for the week. Note circulation, however, was again expanded—£2,880,000—so that total reserves showed a loss of £936,000, to £32,371,000, in comparison with £29,742,648 last year and £30,551,673 in 1918. The proportion of reserve to liabilities fell to 17.00%. Last week it stood at 17.42% and 20½% a year ago. Other noteworthy changes were a reduction in public deposits of £9,015,000, an increase of £8,013,000 in other deposits and a reduction in Government securities of £1,966,000. Loans (other securities) were augmented £1,904,000. Threadneedle Street's stock of gold now stands at £110,445,699, another new high record, which compares with £81,628,393 last year and £59,352,898 in 1918. Circulation aggregates £96,526,000, as against £70,335,745 in 1919 and £47,251,225 the year previous. Loans amount to £90,704,000. This compares with £83,130,365 and £98,641,366 one and two years ago respectively. Currency notes outstanding aggregate £296,953,000, while the amount of gold securing them is £29,563,000. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £739,430,000, in contrast with £806,310,000 a week ago and £424,940,000 last year. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

	1920. Feb. 25.	1919. Feb. 26.	1918. Feb. 27.	1917. Feb. 28.	1916. March 1.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	96,526,000	70,335,745	47,251,225	38,584,710	33,306,500
Public deposits	17,322,000	25,823,907	42,049,768	47,846,179	50,630,757
Other deposits	172,824,000	119,169,536	124,767,163	167,992,209	102,018,500
Govt. securities	85,152,000	50,196,744	56,350,082	82,445,859	32,838,646
Other securities	90,704,000	83,130,365	98,641,366	117,383,137	96,743,043
Res'v notes & coin	32,309,000	29,742,048	30,551,673	34,161,380	41,253,102
Coin and bullion	110,445,699	81,628,393	59,352,898	54,296,000	56,992,087
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	17.00%	20.50%	18.24%	15.83%	27.02%
Bank rate	6%	5%	5%	5½%	5%

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Switzerland; 5½% in Norway 6% in London, Sweden, Copenhagen and Petrograd, and 4½% in Holland. In London the private bank rate continues to be quoted at 5¾% for sixty days and 5 13-16% for ninety days. Money on call in London is slightly firmer at 4¼%, against 4⅛% last week. No reports have been received by cable, as far as we have been able to ascertain, of open market rates at other centres.

The Bank of France in its weekly statement shows a further gain of 306,001 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's total gold holdings are thus brought up to 5,581,576,276 francs, comparing with 5,526,817,979 francs last year and with 5,368,146,475 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,978,278,416 francs were held abroad in 1920, 1,978,308,484 francs in 1919 and 2,037,108,484 francs in 1918. During the week advances increased 10,005,767 francs, while general deposits were augmented to the extent of 137,213,650 francs. Silver, on the other hand, fell off 1,368,146 francs and bills discounted were reduced 50,975,371 francs. A further contraction of 69,881,686 francs occurred in note circulation, bringing the amount outstanding down to 37,888,629,341 francs. This contrasts with 32,716,470,190 francs in 1919 and with 24,308,307,215 francs the year previous. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914, the total outstanding was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Feb. 26 1920.	Feb. 27 1919.	Feb. 28 1918.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France..... Inc.	306,001	3,603,207,800	3,548,509,494	3,331,037,990
Abroad.....	No change	1,978,278,416	1,978,308,484	2,037,108,484
Total..... Inc.	306,001	5,581,576,276	5,526,817,979	5,368,146,475
Silver..... Dec.	1,368,146	251,488,763	313,794,502	254,926,174
Bills discounted..... Dec.	50,975,371	1,849,052,733	1,062,387,408	1,312,234,122
Advances..... Inc.	10,005,767	1,562,282,316	1,201,951,705	1,183,156,866
Note circulation..... Dec.	69,881,686	37,888,629,341	32,716,470,190	24,308,307,215
Treasury deposits.....	?	?	34,088,187	52,227,269
General deposits..... Inc.	137,213,650	3,228,124,494	2,656,632,730	2,581,224,874

In its statement, issued as of Feb. 14, the Imperial Bank of Germany showed the following changes: An increase in total coin and bullion of 944,000 mks., and in gold of 357,000 mks. Treasury notes expanded 85,179,000 mks., and notes of other banks 742,000 mks. There was an expansion of 1,591,699,000 mks. in bills discounted and an increase in deposits of 1,157,313,000 mks. Advances decreased 13,610,000 mks., investments gained 31,894,000 mks., and note circulation 789,944,000 mks. There was a decline in other securities of 712,322,000 mks. and in other liabilities of 962,731,000 mks. The Bank reports its stock of gold on hand as 1,090,853,000 mks.

Among the more noteworthy features in last week's statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, issued on Saturday, were a further contraction in loans, reflecting continued liquidation on the Stock Exchange and a substantial decline in deposits. Both aggregate and surplus reserves were lowered, and while this was not regarded as of specific importance it was taken to indicate further heavy withdrawals of Government funds from the banks. The loan item was reduced \$32,938,000, net demand deposits declined no less than \$60,736,000, to \$4,059,328,000, and net time deposits \$917,000, to \$248,490,000. Government deposits have been brought down to \$26,354,000, which is a reduction for the week of approximately \$38,500,000. Other changes were a decline of \$3,008,000 in cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank), to \$97,111,000 (not counted as reserve), and a loss of \$23,419,000 in reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, to \$523,063,000. This latter was mainly responsible for the cutting down of the

surplus above legal requirements. Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies gained \$304,000, to \$12,625,000, while the reserve of State banks and trust companies in other depositories was increased \$89,000 to \$11,870,000. Aggregate reserves were brought down \$23,026,000 to \$547,558,000. As reserve requirements were reduced \$7,935,260, the contraction in surplus totaled only \$15,090,740; although the loss carried the total of excess reserves down to \$8,071,420, as against \$23,162,160 last week. 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 \$97,111,000 held by the banks last Saturday. The drop in the reserves of the Clearing House institutions came in conjunction with a very poor statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The latter for the first time in its existence showed cash reserve below the legal requirements after setting aside the 40% gold reserve required as a minimum against Federal Reserve notes in circulation, there was left a cash reserve (legal tenders as well as gold) of only 33.9% against the deposits, whereas the law calls for 35% as a minimum. The bank statement will be found in greater detail in a subsequent section of the "Chronicle."

The local market for call money this week was just the opposite of what it was last week. The rates were high, 10% being the renewal quotation for several successive days, and accommodations being difficult to arrange. Last week an abundance of funds was reported at the going quotation of 6%. At the beginning of this week it was reported that local banks last week loaned only very small amounts of their own money and that what was available in the call money market was supplied by stock exchange firms here and by out of town financial institutions, in some cases those of small interior towns. Of course the bank statement had an adverse effect upon speculators in stocks and was spoken of as one of the chief reasons for the higher call money rates. Bankers were quoted yesterday as saying that the stock market was thoroughly liquidated. It has always been found in the past that a much larger volume of stocks in the aggregate was being carried in times like the present than was generally supposed or realized. Of course brokers loans are down materially, but if in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000,000 is still tied up in them, obviously there is ample opportunity for further liquidation. This does not mean that it will come in the immediate future. Much more might be said in a general way about the money market, not only here but in general in this country. The simplest and most concrete facts are, however, that there is still no important change in the general monetary position and that the demand is well in excess of at least the tangible and apparent supply. It was reported on Thursday that local bankers were restricting commercial as well as Wall Street loans. The annual report of the Federal Reserve Board with its recommendations was regarded as pathetic in some quarters. Having allowed the member banks to bring about a greatly overextended credit situation, the Board in effect asked if some of them and their customers as well would not please loosen up a little and relieve it from its predicament. There is practically no time money market. At least the offerings of funds for the longer periods are essentially nil.

Irregularity appeared to be the main feature in the week's dealings in sterling exchange, and although the market as a whole showed decided powers of recuperation, rates were subject to frequent and at times widespread variations. Sensational weakness developed early on Saturday last, carrying quotations down more than 7 cents, to 3.39¼ for demand, while on Tuesday there was an additional loss of 5 cents in the pound, though this latter was quickly followed by a rally to 3.40¼. Subsequently there were further sharp reactions, but almost equally sharp recoveries, so that prices did not at any time go below 3.35¼, while the high for the week was 3.42¼. At the extreme close firmness again predominated and final figures were appreciably above the low for the week.

Among the principal factors in the decline were freer offerings of commercial bills, the receipt of lower quotations from abroad and a renewal of the selling of sterling bills on the part of London bankers. Covering by nervous shorts was chiefly responsible for the brief spurts of strength. Bankers were inclined to regard the latest movements in exchange as devoid of especial significance, since it is felt that under present unsettled conditions the market is peculiarly sensitive to adverse influences and ready to give way without adequate cause. Speculative interests again figured largely in the week's transactions and undoubtedly had much to do with the confusion in price levels. The reiteration by the Federal Reserve Board in its annual report, of a determination to exert the full power of the Reserve system in regulating and controlling the credit situation, and further, that it was prepared to "test the ability of the system to check expansion and induce healthy liquidation," had a depressing effect on market sentiment, as also did the publication of the January foreign trade returns, which failed to reflect the expected reduction in exports. It should be noted, however, that since the preparation of these returns, exports have in reality been severely curtailed, also that the totals for imports constitute a new high record on the current movement.

Attention continues to focus on international political affairs and bankers are still awaiting more or less anxiously the outcome of the interchange of diplomatic notes between President Wilson and the Allied Premiers over the terms of the Fiume settlement. As to the treaty fight, prospects of a speedy adjustment are to all appearances less encouraging than a week ago, although according to latest reports from Washington the treaty has been called before the Senate under an agreement to keep it continually under consideration until a vote is reached on ratification. Just when a vote is likely to be reached on the disputed amendments, however, is highly problematical, as, so far as can be learned, practically the only point of agreement at present existing is with regard to the length of time likely to be required in bringing the reopened treaty dispute to a termination. Conflicting rumors recently in circulation concerning the resumption of trade with Russia by the Allied Powers were definitely set at rest by an announcement following a meeting of the Allied Supreme Council in London on Tuesday to the effect that "The Allies will decline to deal with Soviet Russia until they have arrived at the conviction that the Bolshevik horrors have come to an end." This decision, of course, precludes the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Allied Governments and the Moscow administration for the pres-

ent at least, although it is understood that the International Labor Bureau has decided to send a delegation to Russia to study conditions there with a view to entering upon negotiations for the purchase of foodstuffs and raw materials. This action has been taken, it is asserted, to meet the demands of certain British interests who claim that some such arrangement would do much to curtail imports from America and thus aid materially in restoring the level of exchange.

Dealing with money rates in detail, loans on call this week covered a range of 6@15%, as against 6@7% a week ago. Monday was a holiday (Washington's Birthday). On Tuesday the maximum was 7%, the low 6%, and this was also the renewal rate. Wednesday there was an advance to 15% for the high, while renewals were negotiated at 7%, the low figure for the day. On Thursday only one rate was quoted, namely 10%, and this was the high, low and ruling. Call funds again stiffened on Friday, and the maximum figure moved up to 12%. Renewals were made at 10% and the minimum was 10%. These figures are for mixed collateral and all-industrial money without differentiation. In time money very little change has been noted. Funds are scarcer than ever, and after ruling at 8% bid during the greater part of the week, the quotation was advanced to 8½% on regular mixed collateral for all periods from sixty days to six months, against 8% last week. All-industrial money is now quoted at 9@9½%, against 8½%. These rates, however, are practically nominal since offerings are so light as to make business almost impracticable. Only a few trades were reported for small amounts in the shorter maturities.

Mercantile paper has ruled firm with a fair amount of business reported for out-of-town institutions. Local bankers are still largely out of the market. Sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character continue to be quoted at 6½% @ 6¾%, but names not so well known now require 6¾% @ 7%, against 6¾% last week.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances figured for only a small amount of business. Here also as in the case of commercial paper, country banks were the principal buyers. The market was firmly held with rates quotably unchanged. Demand loans on bankers' acceptances remain as heretofore at 5%. Quotations in detail are as follows:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery within 30 Days
	Ninety Days	Sixty Days	Thirty Days	
Eligible bills of member banks	5¼ @ 5½	5¼ @ 5½	5¼ @ 5¼	6¼ bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks	5¼ @ 5½	5¼ @ 5½	5¼ @ 5¼	6¼ bid
Ineligible bills	6½ @ 6	6½ @ 6	6½ @ 6	6¼ bid

The discount rate on 15 day advances secured by Treasury certificates of indebtedness, and on rediscounts of customers' notes so secured not exceeding 90 days, was increased from 4¾ to 5% by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Feb. 25; similar increases have since been announced by the Federal Reserve banks of Boston, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta and Kansas City. Very likely the other Reserve banks will also make advances on this class of paper (no change has been made in the rates for other classes of paper), but up to last night we had received no advices to that effect. The announcement of the New York Federal Reserve Bank is given in our news items headed "Current Events and Discussions." The following is the schedule of prevailing rates now in effect:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS
IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 27 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 Hestock paper maturing 91 to 180 days.
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness.	Liberty bonds and Victory notes.	Otherwise secured and unsecured.			
Boston	5	5½	6	5	6	6
New York	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Philadelphia	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Cleveland	4¾	5½	6	5	6	6
Richmond	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Atlanta	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Chicago	4¾	5½	6	5	6	6
St. Louis	4¾	5½	6	5	6	6
Minneapolis	4¾	5½	6	5	6½	6
Kansas City	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Dallas	4¾	5½	6	5	6	6
San Francisco	4¾	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.

Referring to quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday of a week ago turned weak and there was a reaction to 3 39¼@3 42¼ for demand, 3 40@3 43 for cable transfers and 3 36¼@3 39¼ for sixty days; trading was spotty and fluctuations frequent and erratic. Monday was a holiday (Washington's Birthday). On Tuesday increased weakness developed and demand declined to 3 35¼@3 40¼, cable transfers to 3 36@3 41, and sixty days to 3 32¼@3 37¼; the Federal Reserve Board's announcement of its intention to regulate and control the credit situation played an important part in depressing quotations. Irregularity marked Wednesday's dealings, though actual rates were somewhat firmer, at 3 39@3 40¾ for demand, 3 39¾@3 41½ for cable transfers and 3 36@3 37¾ for sixty days. Freer offerings of bills and lower cable quotations from London combined to bring about an easier tone in sterling on Thursday and demand bills declined to 3 36@3 37¼, cable transfers to 3 36¾@3 38 and sixty days 3 33@3 34¼. Friday's market was firmer; demand ranged at 3 37@3 39, cable transfers 3 37¾@3 39¾, and sixty days 3 33@3 35. Closing quotations were 3 35 for sixty days, 3 39 for demand and 3 39¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 37, sixty days at 3 32, ninety days at 3 29½, documents for payment (sixty days) 3 31½ and seven-day grain bills at 3 36. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 37. Gold engagements for the week totaled \$14,300,000, all for Argentina. Late yesterday afternoon, however, it was stated that probably this gold would not be shipped before next Tuesday, because of delay in the departure of the steamer. This makes a total of about \$32,000,000 for that centre since Feb. 1, and \$40,400,000 withdrawn for South America since Jan. 1. Bankers now say that the outlook is for further heavy exports of the precious metal, the recent decline of 1% in New York exchange in Argentina facilitating fold shipments to that country. The statement that these exports are partly for European account is not seriously regarded here. So far as can be learned the movement is primarily to cover American purchases of grain, wool, hides and other commodities from Argentina.

Continental exchange moved in sympathy with sterling, notably Paris, Rome and Antwerp remittances, which all fluctuated violently and erratically on light transactions. Losses of as much as 58 points were recorded in francs on a single day and 50 points for lire. These, however, were for the most part temporary, and almost immediately followed by substantial rallies, so that the net changes for the week were relatively unimportant, though

closing figures were considerably below those of a week ago. The same underlying influences which were at work in the sterling market operated to depress currencies at the various Continental centres and large operators appear to have adopted a waiting attitude pending further developments in the international situation. German marks were heavy, while Austrian exchange was fractionally easier. Greek exchange suffered a further sharp reduction, and this was also true of exchange on the new Central European republics.

Considerable uncertainty seems to prevail concerning the immediate outlook. In some quarters the belief is expressed that increased offerings of bills of all sorts are likely to come on the market in the next few weeks, which would inevitably indicate a further lowering of exchange values. On the other hand, it is pointed out that with the restrictive measures now placed in operation, a repetition of the overwhelming flood of offerings witnessed recently is improbable; hence, while no marked or permanent improvement can be looked for as yet, in the absence of definite action on the part of the Washington authorities, the trend should eventually be toward a further steadying of price levels.

The official London check rate in Paris closed at 48.26, which compares with 45.60 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 14.26, against 13.37; cable transfers at 14.24, against 13.35; commercial sight at 14.29, against 13.40, and commercial sixty days 14.37, against 13.48 last week. Belgian francs opened and ruled weak, but later steadied and closed at 13.82 for checks and 13.80 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 13.05 and 13.03. Final quotations for reichsmarks were 1.01 for checks and 1.03 for cable remittances, which compares with 1.05 and 1.06 a week ago. Austrian kronen closed at 00.37 for checks and 00.39 for cable transfers, against 00.42 and 00.44 the week preceding. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 1.15, against 1.20; on Bucharest at 1.57, against 1.80; on Poland at 67, against 85, and Finland at 4.50 (unchanged). For lire the close was 18.38 for bankers' sight bills and 18.36 for cable transfers, in comparison with 17.62 and 17.60 on Friday of last week. Greek exchange receded to 8.64 for checks and 8.66 for cable transfers, as against 8.40 and 8.42 the week preceding.

Movements in the neutral exchanges paralleled more or less closely those in sterling and at other continental centres. An incident of the week was the firmness in some of the Scandinavian exchanges, Copenhagen remittances having shown recoveries ranging from 40 to 55 points, though without specific reason being assigned therefor. Exchange on Stockholm and Christiania, however, continued weak and finished at a further net decline. Guilders ruled easier, while Swiss francs were again under pressure. Spanish pesetas moved irregularly and closed lower. Trading was dull and featureless.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 36¾, against 37½; cable transfers at 36⅞, against 37⅞; commercial sight at 36 11-16, against 37 7-16, and commercial sixty days at 36 5-16, against 37 1-16 last week. Swiss francs finished at 6.20 for bankers' sight bills and 6.18 for cable transfers. This compares with 6.12 and 6.10 a week ago. Copenhagen checks, after rallying to 15.00, reacted and finished at 14.75, and cable transfers at 14.90, against 14.50 and 15.00. Checks on Sweden closed at 18.35 and

cable transfers 18.50, against 18.80 and 18.95, while checks on Norway, which at one time went as high as 17.15, sagged off and finished at 17.00 and cable remittances 17.15, against 17.40 and 17.55 last week. Spanish pesetas closed at 17.40 and cable transfers 17.50. Final quotations last week were 17.55 and 17.65.

As to South American quotations, Argentine rates have again been advanced and checks closed at 43.22, against 43.07, and cable transfers at 43.37, against 43.22 a week ago. For Brazil, however, there has been a decline from 26 for checks and 26½ for cable transfers to 25¾ and 26, respectively. Chilean exchange was a shade firmer, and is now quoted at 22, against 21⅞, while for Peru the rate has moved up to 4.75@4.80, against 4.70@4.75, the previous range.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 97@98, against 96@97; Shanghai, 143@143½, against 149@150; Yokohama, 49@50, against 48@48½; Manila, 49@49¼, against 49½; Singapore, 41½@42½, against 45@46; Bombay, 45½@46½, against 47½@48, and Calcutta, 45½@46½, against 47½@48 a week ago.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,169,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Feb. 27. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,146,000, while the shipments have reached \$5,977,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$62,043,000, 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 \$58,874,000, as follows:

Week ending Feb. 27.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' Interior movement.....	\$9,146,000	\$5,977,000	Gain \$3,169,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	27,324,000	89,367,000	Loss 62,043,000
Total.....	\$36,470,000	\$95,344,000	Loss \$58,874,000

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

Banks of—	Feb. 26 1920.			Feb. 27 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£110,445,699	—	£110,445,699	£81,628,393	—	£81,628,393
France a	144,131,906	10,010,000	154,171,906	141,940,380	12,520,000	154,460,380
Germany	54,542,650	1,050,000	55,592,650	112,477,459	1,019,910	113,497,369
Russia *	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aust. Hun. c	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain	98,134,000	25,357,000	123,491,000	89,144,000	25,911,000	115,055,000
Italy	32,198,000	3,094,000	35,292,000	37,071,000	3,000,000	40,071,000
Netherl. ds	32,732,000	733,000	33,465,000	56,444,000	759,000	57,203,000
Nat. Bel. f	10,857,000	1,072,000	11,929,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz. land	21,173,000	3,340,000	24,513,000	16,443,000	2,542,000	18,985,000
Sweden	14,810,000	—	14,810,000	16,532,000	—	16,532,000
Denmark	12,602,000	188,000	12,790,000	10,405,000	135,000	10,540,000
Norway	8,130,000	—	8,130,000	6,714,000	—	6,714,000
Total week	700,150,255	59,528,060	759,678,255	723,836,223	60,841,910	784,678,133
Prev. week	698,396,360	59,370,800	757,767,160	724,510,771	60,407,910	784,918,683

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

* No figures reported since October 20 1917.

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

b Figures for 1918 are those of August 6 1914.

THE QUESTION OF TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

The change in attitude by the Council of the League of Nations, in regard to reopening of trade with Russia, has been an inevitable result of the Petrograd Government's victories in the field. So long as Kolchak and Denikin were making progress with their anti-Bolshevist armies, and a chance existed that the Soviet regime would be overturned by the action of Russia herself, it was clearly enough the policy of the Western European allies to exert what pressure they could against the present dicta-

torship by refusing to make formal peace with it or to permit free resumption of commerce with Russia under their auspices.

But the anti-Bolshevist generals and armies have been defeated. The prospect of a military overturn of the existing government has become remote, and it is recognized that Western Europe needs Russia's products only a little less urgently than Russia needs the manufactured goods of England, France and America. On January 16, chiefly under pressure of the English Government, and apparently despite opposition from that of France, the tentative announcement was made of a proposed change of policy. Trade, it was intimated, might be reopened under the auspices of the Russian co-operative societies. Concerning the exact relation of these bodies to the Petrograd Soviet, there seemed to be much uncertainty. The Allies, however, subsequently stated plainly that they did not propose the formal recognition of Lenine and his government. This was their statement of last Tuesday:

"The Allies cannot enter into diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government, in view of their past experiences, until they have arrived at the conviction that the Bolshevist horrors have come to an end and that the Government at Moscow is ready to conform its methods and diplomatic conduct to those of all civilized governments.

"Commerce between Russia and the rest of Europe . . . will be encouraged to the utmost degree possible without relaxation of the attitude described above."

How far resumption of trade would be possible without resumption of trade with the now unquestionably *de facto* Government remained a puzzling question. It became evident at once, however, that the Petrograd Government was not anxious to display an obstinate disposition. On Thursday it was stated from Washington that Lenine, in return for recognition and the pledge of other Governments not to intervene in Russian affairs, had offered to promise the calling of a Russian constituent assembly, the establishment of "democratic principles" in Russia, the revocation of her repudiation of the foreign debt, the payment of arrears of interest and 60% of principal liability, and the granting of mining concessions in Russia as a guarantee. We have now to see what will be the next move of the Allied Council.

The "World's" correspondent in Russia has cabled during the past week two highly interesting personal interviews with Lenine and Trotsky, each of which bears directly on this question. Lenine told the correspondent that "the talk of reopening trade with Russia through the 'co-operatives' seems to us insincere or at least obscure—a move in a game of chess rather than a frank, straightforward proposition." But he knew of no reason why "a Socialist commonwealth like ours cannot do business indefinitely with capitalistic countries." "Without Russia," he continued, "Europe cannot get on her feet, and with Europe prostrate America's position becomes a critical one."

Peace, he believes—meaning undoubtedly recognition of the present Russian Government—"is a corollary to trade with us," and if so "the Allies cannot avoid it much longer. All the world knows that we are prepared to make peace on terms the fairness of which even the most imperialistic of capitalists could not dispute." The Russian Government, he added, has reiterated its readiness to

give foreign capital, "the most generous concessions and guarantees." In this Lenine undoubtedly refers not only to yesterday's reported overtures, but to the unofficial intimation of a year ago, at the time of the proposed conference between the Allies and the Russian delegates, that if the embargo on Russian trade were lifted and the Soviet recognized, then the Petrograd leaders would be willing to recognize Russia's foreign obligations, to the extent of allowing representatives of her foreign creditors to administer certain of Russia's natural resources in their own behalf. This remarkable proposition evoked the comment at the time that Lenine was so far adopting the hated "capitalistic" institutions as to offer to place Russia in the hands of receivers for the benefit of her creditors. It was an interesting sidelight on the comment lately ascribed to a German statesman that the present economic regime in Russia is only "a highly inferior form of capitalism."

Trotsky, in his interview with the "World" correspondent, took the same ground as Lenine. "It should not," he declared, "be harder for a bourgeois State to have commercial dealings with Soviet Russia than it was for democratic America to trade with Czarist Russia. Foreign capitalists who invest their money in Russian enterprises, or who supply us with merchandise we require, will receive material guarantees of amply adequate character." In his view, "it is obvious that we must look to the victorious nations, to Great Britain, or still better, to America, for machinery, agricultural tools, and other imports which Russia's economic renaissance demands." But "the conditions of the agreement will be such as to prevent its being made a means to strangle us under the guise of helping to regenerate the Russian people."

Possibly it is this remark which embodies the misgivings of the foreign Governments and the foreign creditors. The questions would be bound to arise, what dependable guarantees the Soviet Government either could or would offer for the safe and efficient administration of Russia's mines or agricultural products. What sort of control would the foreign administrator have over the labor market? Would that labor be Russian, and if so, how could its obedience to an alien management be insured? Would the English, or French, or American managers be classed as "Soviet commissaries," like the industrial managers who, under Bolshevik authority, are now conducting such factory production as exists in Russia; the laborers being compelled to work at the order of the Petrograd Government and at the point of the bayonet? That spectacle has been extraordinary enough in the case of the Government-operated industries. It has not been easy to picture it in operation under the personal direction of aliens and for the benefit of aliens, even if under the orders of the General Soviet. This may partly explain why France, whose stake in recognition of the Russian external debt is greater than that of any other nation, has been the one of the Allies to oppose adoption of Lenine's proposal.

We do not profess to foresee how such a plan would work in actual practice. It would, indeed, be an experiment without precedent in history, unless where the population was made to work through application of force by conquering invaders, and that has always been regarded as political and economic slavery. Probably, if resumption of trade with Russia is to be approached earnestly and prac-

tically by the Allies, some serious modification of Lenine's plan will be required. But underneath the whole discussion is the question whether trade, except on a basis of haphazard barter or of illicit smuggling, can be conducted with Russia or with any other country save under the formal authority of that country's *de facto* Government.

Even then, the other questions would remain; first, as to whether reopening of trade with Russia was a paramount economic necessity, and, second, whether the present Petrograd dictatorship is a *de facto* Government so firmly in control of Russia that no reasonable hope exists of an early change of government by the Russian people themselves. The present attitude of the Allies gives evidence that European statesmen are answering both of these questions in the affirmative. The only question left would then be the effect of recognition of the present Government on the future possibilities of return to a rational and civilized Government at Petrograd. But in that we approach the domain of political conjecture.

ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION—TOO MUCH MEDDLING.

An unobtrusive press dispatch of Monday reported the Federal Trade Commission as announcing that it had called to meet in Washington yesterday about 200 persons who are engaged in repairing or rebuilding or trading in typewriting machines. The object of the proposed conference is not to consider possible ways of improving the quality and service or increasing the use of an admittedly valuable device; the announced purpose is "to participate in a trade practice submittal." This is in consequence of a number of requests to the Commission, by members of this industry, "for issuance of complaints against other members of the same industry." It is further said that "the calling of a trade-practice submittal is a proceeding which has been followed with success by the Commission in other lines of industry, whose members have signified a desire for the Commission to aid them in eliminating from their industry un-economic and other harmful practices which may have developed."

This is verbose in phrasing, coming from what is sometimes called "ore rotundo," which may be freely translated as meaning something uttered out of a very big-rounded mouth, i. e., very pompously, and aimed to make an impression. Persons who insist on believing that such hearings are a little influential in urging the Millenium in the direction of this country and at this time must be allowed to believe so. But this is merely inviting (and of course gathering in response to invitation) a bunch of complaints. Unfair methods of competition are forbidden by the Commission act, and that body was expressly set up to look after and forbid them. It does forbid, and its bulletins setting forth the cases in which orders "to cease and desist" have been issued come periodically into newspaper offices. There is no limit to the tendency in human nature towards complaining, and none to the possible subjects of complaint. Whoever is not doing as well as he wishes in his particular business is prone to put the fault from himself and upon some competitor who is seemingly beating him. It is said that typewriting machines rebuilt in independent shops are sometimes sold as factory-rebuilt and that the latter are sometimes sold as new; that the extent of the rebuilding

is exaggerated; "and another charge that frequently occurs is that the purchasers of such machines are kept in ignorance of the true character of them."

Possibly so. Purchasers in all lines doubtless have the truth delivered to them more or less sugar-coated, although the man who gets a typewriter that suits him in price and answers his requirements may not care in what shop it was rebuilt. But what should be done to him who advertises his goods as the best, when some competitor will vow they are not, and where shall the men be found who are sufficiently omniscient, infallible, and impeccable to qualify them to edit and trim to the bareboned truth all spoken or published statements?

As a basis for deliberation, the news story further tells us, the Commission has asked the men who are making and handling rebuilt typewriters, "as experts in their field," to define and help eliminate such practices as they deem unfair; "such a trade practice submittal is not binding on any of the parties in interest," and leaves the Commission to follow the line of duty "under the law of unfair competition."

There is a close likeness between this procedure and the scheme of issuing a sort of indulgence in advance, proposed in an absurd bill providing that anybody with a business plan could take it to the conscience-keepers in Washington, explain it, get it approved, and could then go forth with a guaranty of liberty of action, unless and until somebody complained. It is the merest truism to say that deception and other forms of cheating exist in trading, they always have been; and only as human nature rises to a higher average level will they gradually disappear. Wrongdoing in production and trade is not relatively greater now than it used to be, and if it were, nothing could be more preposterous than to set a Government bureau at the work of discovering and repressing it. We still have statutes, courts, judges, and a press which aims at virtue and is alert to publish departures from that; and if public opinion itself is not as sensitive as once (a step in decadence which may be asserted yet lacks evidence to sustain it) the force for quickening that opinion is not derivable from Government. And as for the practical effectiveness of Governmental machinery or individual reforming, although we are assured by the Commission that its experience shows "many lines of business anxious to be rid of unnecessary suffering because of costly and ruinous unfair competition, often practiced in self-defense," the accomplishments of that body are not encouraging thus far. Although Mr. Colver disclaims "any feeling against the Big Five," his feelings overcome him whenever he thinks of the packers. By his own admission, they seem to have about the same number of hydra heads as before he attacked them. They surrendered, but the surrender was only a sham. They manage to keep on. He has been unable to discover the real owners of the stockyards, so cleverly is that covered by devices, and he wants a law to make corporations engaged in commerce disclose their owners. But has his success been enough to justify further warfare, and is it not a sort of confession when he turns from such an overwhelmingly destructive public enemy as he has called this and stoops to such a comparative trifle as the trade in second-hand typewriters?

In the conduct of the war there has been great waste; in such gigantic and such hurried work there was bound to be. There has also been some (it is not yet disclosed how much) of what is best understood

as "graft," and of this also there was certain to be some; the fallibility and the dishonesty in human nature made both inevitable, in such a situation. Contemporary criticism admits this, and deliberate history may conclude that the relative amount of each was not beyond what should have been expected. The worst blunder of the present Administration—worst both because its hurtful consequences are cumulative and long-lasting and because it was least excusable—has been in its undertaking so many things which were not really necessary for carrying on the war, things not merely untimely but in the nature of the case impossible.

To undertake to regulate almost all lines of production and trade to the degree of practically controlling, and to attempt to repress an assumed extraordinary outbreak of depravity in the people and reform everything—such an undertaking would be hopeless in even the most piping times of peace, and when piled upon an amount and a variety of war-work to which only super-men could be fully equal, what can the final judgment upon it be? Can that judgment be anything short of condemnation of the indulgence of the disposition to stretch war powers which had to be exercised into abuses of power which were dangerous because they could be gathered under and temporarily excused by the war exigency? We consented to all this then, because we could not stop to argue and define and discriminate; having thus permitted interferences at many turns and in an almost unlimited number of ways, we have let it run along since.

The first year of de facto peace has had its problems, struggles, disappointments, and failures, and we are still involved in them as in a sort of shirt of Nessus upon which we are half-wildly pulling for freedom. But now the most serious business for the American people, as respects their own internal affairs, is to re-limit their own Government, strip it of its exaggerated war powers, stop its extraordinary and undemocratic practices, and return it to its constitutional lines. The most ghastly failure itself in point of efficiency and service in the line of operation it legitimately conducts, it does not show any such keen sense of what is virtue or any such sensitiveness of conscience as gives it a claim to act as monitor for individual citizens. In a time when production needs great and rapid increase, it hinders by its one-sided interferences. In a time when freedom is in an unusual degree a condition precedent for useful movement, it tangles and muddles and perplexes. As usual in modern times, the men in it are incompetent to understand business and they couple a great presumption and self-confidence with their ignorance. In senseless taxation and otherwise, Government hinders by adding to ordinary uncertainties which are especially serious now an utterly indefinable uncertainty as to its own treatment of business in the near future; all bases for calculation are thus reduced to conjectures. Government is borne by the people, as Sinbad bore his burden; it assumes to point the way to the citizen and to clutch his throat as it pleases, and its weight is aggravated by its interferences with the very operations upon which it must depend for its own support. All government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. Still true, and now it is time the governed determined to throw off the unjust powers to which they consented, under stress of a vital struggle which would not admit any delay.

Reform? This is a world of imperfect beings, and until they become more generally equal to self-governing there will be need of reforming. But the reforming most needed now (and the condition precedent to minor reforms) is in our overgrown and aggrandizing Government. We must bring it into judgment, at least to the degree of finding it guilty of needless interferences with industrial and business liberty, and must return it to its proper lines. To improve it within those lines will be accomplishment enough for the next four years.

CENTRALIZATION IN GOVERNMENT.

The removal or resignation of Secretary of State Lansing has served to direct the attention of the people and press of the country to the peculiar relation the Executive Department bears to our general Government. It is but an incident in itself, though it occurs under unusual circumstances. The larger fact, to which our minds revert only at intervals, is the growing power of that branch of the Government which, strictly speaking, is confined to the execution of laws at home (and to the duty of suggesting legislation), and to negotiating treaties with foreign countries. In the broadening scope of general Government necessary to meet the increasing needs of a free and rising people, it becomes important to distinguish between interpretation and usurpation, and to ask whether interpretation of the duties of the Executive by the Executive is not in itself a form of usurpation? This is to inquire whether the Chief Executive, when it becomes necessary, by absence of specific direction of the Constitution, to meet the new issues of this growing national life, should not refrain from action tending to bind the people, until such time as they can give voice to their desires and convictions?

We are all appreciative of what the war has done in placing burdens upon the Chief Executive. But the question is, if these are confined to the limits of war's actual conduct as a military act, do they in any way change the relations of the Executive to the people and to other branches of the general Government? Our difficulty has been, and is now, that we look upon war as a mobilization of industrial forces as well as military. Hence the countless commissions that have been created in ostensible support of the army in the field. Beyond this, and as an immediate outgrowth of a war overseas, of participation in a war already in existence on foreign soil between foreign powers, the relations of the nation to foreign countries become involved, as never before, in the concluding of peace by the negotiation and ratification of treaties. In all the discussion of the Treaty-League, little stress seems to be laid on the *constitutionality* (if we may so express the idea) of including the League in the Treaty. It was done, and whether for the best or not, it was done by the Executive under his own interpretation of the duties of his office as *negotiator*. The treaty-making power may not be subject to review, the principle remains, and though it is now water under the mill to ask, is there, in the spirit of the constitutional prerogative, no limit as to what a peace-treaty with a defeated country may rightfully contain?

Here are two points of contrast between the Executive and the people, domestic industrialism in time of war, and foreign relations at and in time of peace, wherein powers have been exercised (it not assumed) never before undertaken by this branch of our Gov-

ernment. It is true that many commissions affecting domestic affairs were created by the Legislative branch and power vested in the discretion of the Executive—but were they sufficiently understood to be a temporary employment of civil processes to military use? If they were, they should automatically disappear, and leave our industrialism just where it was before. Here arises another difficulty—they tend to become warped into the structure of our Government because of new foreign relations thrust into the treaty, by virtue of a league thereby created, which at least allows the attitude of the nation to the world if it does not, as claimed by the "irreconcilables," permanently subject the nation to what they hold amounts to a super-state. The supreme question then is may *interpretation*, however high the intent, go so far as to constitute *usurpation*, and if so, what is the paramount duty of the citizenry in this particular hour of our history?

It cannot be doubted, we think, that interpretation has its limits—that it was never intended by the founders that interpretation should ever reach a point where it is justified in interpreting itself. Whatever emergency may arise the kind of interpretation of the duties of the Executive by the Executive in the absence of specific instructions can go no farther than to ask whether permission to do a given thing is clearly implied, and not whether an act proposed to be done is salutary or the reverse. To take the ground of personal and unlimited interpretation would be at once to constitute a possible autocracy, because conditions are changing with every changing decade. It is easy to see where we are led by the opposite view. Let us suppose a Secretary of State lukewarm to the views of the Chief Executive in the negotiation of a treaty. It is true he is a creature of his chief, as is any and every Cabinet officer, and his own duties in negotiation are admittedly simple and unimportant, and he may be removed at will, but the fact that as trained diplomat and civil officer of the Government he *may* hold views antagonistic to those of the Chief Executive himself shows that interpretation of the duties of this high office can be and is entirely personal to the Presidential incumbent—in which case acts may be performed that are not even implied in the spirit of the constitution. This Secretary, trained diplomat, we will suppose, holds that league forming is not treaty-making—a difference of interpretation. What then? Not what to do but what *not* to do would seem to be safe ground.

An equally illuminative example is found in our domestic industrialism. It is deemed necessary by Congress to *take over* the railroads for war use. We will not stop to consider whether or not there was interpretation here as between merely war uses and common carrier uses. In consequence of this taking over on occasion of threatened strikes by employees adjustment of wages was made by a Director-General directly responsible to the Executive, made and sanctioned. Now on the eve of relinquishment and return to private ownership again strikes impend—and labor unions seek audience with the Executive regarding further increases—and are told in effect that none can now be made, but a plan is proposed and accepted by which a future adjustment is to be made through machinery recommended and possibly constituted by the Chief Executive—who will on the return have no more to do under the Constitution with the management of the roads than a private

citizen. It is an outgrowth of assumed powers, whether the assumption be warranted or not, for if "systems and parts of a system" had not been taken over for common carrier purposes there could have occurred no grounds for interferences in management, the Government would merely have become debtor for a temporary possession to move troops and munitions. The fact that this interpretation of the legislative act was accepted does not alter the principle involved.

It may be that nothing has been done not for the best interests of the people, or that much has been done detrimental thereto that will be hard to remedy; it may be that *some form* of interpretation could not be escaped by the Executive; yet the wide latitude of interpretation of the duties of the office extending to unheard of commitments of the people and nation, interpretation of the Executive by the Executive for the Executive, discloses a danger that cannot be escaped save by holding that that which is not specifically disclosed as duty must be *avoided*. If this is not true there is no limit to centralization of power in this division of Government and there is no curb to what a usurper might do in the future. And there is opportunity always open to subject popular government to the whims and caprices of an egotist or an autocrat.

We approach an election. We do so upon a very unusual background. The war is over, but its effects remain. And we cannot refrain from pointing out as in line with the condition and tendency we are discussing—the loans made to foreign countries since the armistice. Were these originally contemplated? When and where should discretionary power cease in such a case? But pass this, which also is tacitly sanctioned. As the Legislative branch continues to function (in accordance with our political system) many discern a transformation in the attitude and tenets of two principal parties. The Republicans apparently seeking to avoid further centralization of the powers of Government, avoid "entangling alliances," and compel economy in expenditures for maintenance of government, and to preserve individualism in ownership of property. Whatever truth there be in this claim, that it is made in behalf of a party hitherto charged with favoring a "strong government," usually thought to be a centralized one, is sufficient to disclose that we have reached the parting of the ways between autocracy and democracy. There will be many Presidents in the years to come. If each exercises the same degree of interpretation of the duties of his office exercised under the stress of the past six years, what will remain for the Legislative and Judicial departments to do?

AGITATORS AND AGITATION.

The resumption of Treaty debate in the Senate, no matter how or when it may terminate, suggests the thought that at best it is a costly operation, not only to make the "world safe for democracy," which presumably has been done, but to make "democracy safe for the world," which presumably has not been done. It is perhaps merely fanning thin air to talk in a campaign year about contained and considerate discussion of public affairs. Almost, the citizen must ask himself—are we not all agitators? Sometimes we put reformers in a class apart, exalted in purpose, and exultant in action. The real "agitator," however, we have come to characterize as the man who wants "action," direct or otherwise,

who is not only dissatisfied, but willing to tear down without knowing or caring how he is going to build up. Yet the fact is we are, every one of us, more or less, in a "stew about something" all the time. We are saving the country. And we forget that trait of our very human nature, to want to have our own way and prove we are right. So, in politics, and these days in economics, we are forever discussing something, save for the intervals when we are cussing everything. The net result of it all is a constant "agitation."

What we wish to emphasize, as a political and economic fact of importance at this time, is that there is a wide difference between talking about a thing and doing it. You may take any neighborhood topic that runs from lip to lip, and it not only grows portentous and distorted by discussion, but it disturbs the equanimity of the community, and the poise of the citizen. If the secret ballot could be preceded by a sort of "solemn referendum" to the unexpressed thought, reason and judgment of the people, we have such faith in our "democracy" as to believe it would survive. Apparently we are continually engaged in saving it from itself. We not only demand the right of free speech, but having it we proceed to exercise it without limit, and not seldom to abuse it.

In saying this we are not unmindful of the necessity of public discussion, of the general good to be derived from that pervasive knowledge of public affairs which is our safeguard against "invisible government." But when a people hesitates to go forward toward the manifest destiny of increased production, because continually in a muddle over economic principles and theories, it is time to recall the fact that millions engaged individually in what we term active "business" are going forward whether they know it or not. And here lies one of the chief indictments against the labor unions. They enter politics now to accomplish fulfillment of economic views (held almost exclusively by themselves) at a time when the imperative duty of the whole people is to buckle down to business and actually produce more than ever. The only increase likely to result from this is increase of talk and diminution of work. It projects into view an insidious form of "overturn," peaceful though it may be. It distracts from concentration on the "main chance." It raises fresh doubts of the future. And all these things, aside from possible provocation to new strikes and lock-outs. The time is not propitious for calm discussion.

Whatever definition we may place upon "democracy," under the ordinary conditions of life freedom of action in material production should not be thwarted by freedom of discussion as to how, in economic and political theory, we and the peoples of the world *ought* to live. In fact the necessary relations cannot abrogate in favor of the so-called "proper relations." And we can sooner make the necessary relations "proper" by action, in the light of mature thought, rather than by continual discussion in the light of fanciful theory. Here is the difference between a bird in the hand and two in the bush; between the half loaf and the whole loaf; between common trade functioning under difficulties in the natural way, and a proposed sublimated harmony between capital and labor, only rushing apart by the new obstructions interposed by theory and discussion, to say nothing of the selfishness, which grows by emphasis upon supposed grievances,

There are elements of discord in "democracy." And it will always need to be made "safe for the world." But we should not as a free people continually plunge ourselves into an anarchy of ideas and ideals. We should *work* in the living present.

It is our sober second sense that saves us, and we believe it will do so in the present crisis and in this campaign year. We have had our full day of glorious imaginings. They will have done us good and not harm if we come to perceive them at their worth. Ideals are a precious possession—as ideals. They are not, they will never become, realities. We have said this before. But it will bear repeating. As we advance, they recede. Applying, then, to "democracy" common sense and sober second thought, we seize the present opportunity to labor, feeling that it will, by its very exercise, improve its conditions, and we do not refuse to live simply because life is not perfect. The span of one life is brief in which to harmonize political, social and economic relations that are continually compelled to fit themselves to a new environment, and to one that is old and really immovable. Already (the idea is taking hold) the onerous requirements imposed upon a defeated foe by the Treaty of Versailles are being questioned *in the light of their economic effect upon other peoples* suddenly ushered unprepared into democratic governments. It is coming to be believed that the League will early have to undo some of the things brought about by the very treaty which brought it into existence. Some believe that crushing Germany may shatter Europe. It is an illustration of the necessity of accepting the present, of being willing to make the best of things as they are, of the futility of circumscribing the natural growth of any people, and of clasping the unsubstantial dream while the helping deed is at hand.

Is it not true, then, that already we are pouring old-world problems upon our own, and that we are constantly exaggerating our own? Our very democracy devours us. We are "carried away" by our own freedom. We are confused by our own voices. We are continually "talking about" something or other—and usually remote from our daily living. When the wild-eyed orator of the soap-box harrangues the crowd—we can see how far he is from knowing himself—but we do not so clearly perceive the intensity of our own political and economic beliefs—we do not, for example, perceive that pronouncements of labor unions ringing the changes on imaginary 'lost liberties and hard oppressions are forms of *agitation* inimical to our common peace.

The time was when men were saying "it would be better if Congress would meet once in ten years." Now it is in continuous session. And that time was before the world war, before the "new era" opened. There were too many theories, laws, changes. Well—Congress must be in session, it must debate, it must grapple these problems. But should every man constitute himself a savior of the world, call himself a Democrat, a Republican, maybe a "working man" pure and undefiled, mayhap a Socialist, Communist, Syndicalist, or some other impossible thing, and spend all his time and energy trying to convert his fellow man to his own *belief*? Until manna falls from heaven, until the millenium comes, it will be "root, hog or die" with most of us.

Shall "democracy," of the world variety or of the home kind, be converted into an old-fashioned campaigning, where there are only two classes, exhorters

and "mourners," but all crying in a discordant unison "what shall we do to be saved?" Would not a little less agitation against "agitators" be a good thing? Not in our time, but sometime, the "world war" itself will attain the proportions of a "nine days' wonder." Meanwhile, and then, men will be working for a living. "Work, save,"—the people were never so avid to do so, excluding a minority who dream and spend, or beat the tom-toms of reform and right relations. Yet we agitate the agitators; we grow doubtful and afraid of the spectres of our own evoking, and turn the democracy of effort into that of debate. What the people want is to be let alone to work, produce, exchange—only it is becoming increasingly necessary that they know themselves, and teach themselves.

THE SELF DESTRUCTION OF THE AMERICAN WORKINGMAN.

Considerable effort is being put forth to spread the conviction that the American workingman is "square," that he asks only his just dues, coupled with a proper recognition of what he is as a man. It is a pleasant affirmation, one full of courage for facing present problems, and of hope for the future, one that we would all gladly accept.

Unfortunately there is reason for wide-spread and serious doubt of its accuracy. Indeed, for a good while there has been a growing conviction in the community that the workman with whom one has to do, and for that matter the work-women also, whether singly or in groups, is just the opposite of this, so often is their manifest purpose to do the least possible work in the fewest hours for the most money, a policy which the labor unions have advocated time and again as in the interest of workingmen.

It is a spirit as manifest in the plumber or painter who comes to do a job in one's house as it is in the work people in almost any factory. Of course there are exceptions. But it is a long day since what is now the exception was the rule, and the manner and the method of the workman showed that he was "square," or still more, that he was contented and proud of his work.

Whatever the cause may be we are living in the midst of a new moral, or rather unmoral, atmosphere which envelopes the world of the workingman, and which no "gas mask" can shut out.

"If you should ask what pleases best,
To get the most and do the least,
What fittest for? You know, I'm sure,
I'm fittest for a sinecure."

To find that these lines written nearly two centuries ago of the social idlers of that time should apply to the sturdy, self-respecting workingman of our day certainly marks a new situation.

In these conditions of course there will be unrest; and its centre will be in the better-paid men. Economic pressure will contribute to it, felt in the high cost of living, the fear of unemployment and the possible lowering of wages; so will the increased importance of the individual and consciousness of power, the result of the war. Envy of men better off and the reaching out for Utopia are always disturbing.

But these, one and all, are not such fruitful sources of discontent as is the loss of self-respect which comes with a man's living below himself. This has already destroyed for labor all pride or satisfaction in one's work. A derisive laugh was the recent response of an audience of workingmen to a

speaker who declared that all work should give pleasure. While it is easy to see that this response might occur anywhere to-day, it is none the less true that if a man cannot have some sense of achievement and feel delight in his work he is an object of pity.

What this leads to is perhaps to be seen in the fact that we are raising a new generation of young people who will be bred in this attitude toward work, a contingency full of evil both to them and to the country.

It is by taking advantage of men who are in the mood we have described and possessed with their conceptions that Mr. Gompers and the Federation of Labor are seeking to build up an oligarchy as obnoxious and evil as is any military dictatorship. It not only perpetuates as it fosters and feeds upon the unrest of the men, but it is a growing peril to the State. The nation can no more exist half governed by the lords of labor and half by its own chosen representatives than it could "half slave and half free."

Be one's theory what it may, we are up against a condition which cannot be disregarded, and the question as to what can be done to change it is pressing.

Happily the situation is coming to be recognized and much thorough work is doing to meet it. Great corporations like the Midvale Steel Co., the Colorado Iron & Coal Co., the Procter & Gamble Co., the Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co. and a hundred similar concerns have already put into effect various constructive methods of giving their employees representation and first-hand knowledge of the business which has awakened a new interest in the minds of the men and an entirely new sense of their own importance.

The results already are seen in such instances as the recent strike of the steel workers. The strike took effect, for example, in only one of the mills of the Midvale Co., that at Youngstown. There Foster, the now famous strike promoter of the I. W. W., had been busy for six months "boring from within." A relatively small section of the men were foreigners upon whom he had spent his main attack. They obeyed the strike order and by their threats of violence intimidated so many of the men that the company chose to close the mill rather than contest the issue, especially as their other mills were undisturbed. The strike as a whole failed, and when the mill reopened the men returned.

During the strike great efforts were also made by the leaders to call out the men of the Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co. at Canton, Ohio, and when the procession of outside strikers was marched by the mills at the hour of changing shifts, not a man joined them.

These instances are referred to only because they were critical cases in the midst of a powerful attack. They suffice to show that methods of securing permanent contentment on the part of their employees are in effective operation. They differ in detail but have certain features in common which are now recognized and adopted by not a few both large and small employers of labor.

One great underlying fact of chief importance in modern industry is the paralyzing effect of the monotony of specialized work. The man who all day does nothing but feed pieces of metal into a machine to have a hole punched in them, or to perform some similar task, comes to feel himself a part of the machine. He seems to lose not only his power

of thought but all sense of his identity. He is material for a disturbing unrest which may be taken advantage of by a hostile interest, and he is of relatively low value as a producer. With the wide use of automatic machinery this condition tends to become general among operatives. It constitutes one of the basic facts in modern industry.

To change the attitude of labor devices have advanced from bonuses to profit-sharing and to stock distribution, with welfare work, social betterment, better pay and shorter hours; and all with but partial success.

At last it has been recognized that the main difficulty lies within, and not outside the worker. His employment, whatever it may be, must awaken an interest and give opportunity for self-expression.

Representation is one method of creating individual interest and has been tried sufficiently to be now recognized as effective. It is sure to be extensively applied. It is linked up with various devices of profit-sharing or of management and extended in some instances even to office management.

Some years ago a simple device of arousing interest was introduced into the paper mills at Berlin, N. H., by Mr. Robert Wolf, a mechanical engineer, which was at once found successful and is now in wide use. A graphic chart of his work was set up before each workman, which made possible a comparison with that of his neighbor, and even with himself on different days. It has the competitive effect, found for example in the game of golf, a competition that is without envy, but, on the contrary, arouses a generous mutual appreciation.

It not only produces unlooked-for inventiveness, but has a surprising effect in changing the whole attitude of the man. "This is great fun," was one day the comment of an employee, who for two years had been so stupid and dull that his discharge was always in mind, but who was aroused by having connected with his work some recording devices, of gauge and thermometer, which enabled him to follow results going on inside the closed kettles which he tended. This so aroused his interest and challenged his attention with its record of his own intelligence and care that he became another man. He began to be proud of his work, because he could see its value and ensure its accuracy himself. His growing interest and self-respect expressed itself before long in his personal appearance and even in his clothes.

Here is the line then of the new industry. By every means that proves effective the individual interest of the workman is to be aroused and maintained. By his understanding of its method and value he is made to see that his work is worth doing, and he is worthy to do it. He understands it and can perfect it. He can do it better than he once could and possibly better than others. He will benefit by it, as will those with whom he works. There is both a common interest and a common pride. He knows nothing of altruism, but he becomes unconsciously a better citizen, as he is better workman, because he is a better man.

This is the aim of the new industry. It is wedded to no particular device. Any method that will produce the desired result is sufficient. If any proves to be the best it will be adopted. The day of the "hand" has passed, as has the day of the arbitrary and self-sufficient employer. Man now deals with man. There is chance for each to know and understand the other, and a better day dawns.

Twelve strong men, six representatives of labor and six leading employers, recently faced one another across a table. Arguments went back and forth for half an hour. Suddenly a labor representative who had remained silent spoke. Addressing the leader of the employers, he said: "I think we can trust you. Let us take up our differences. I am ready to meet you and do whatever you say."

That personal interview had brought confidence and peace. The man in one had found the man in the other.

CANADA AND HER ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 27 1920.

United States readers have probably noticed the publicity given to a frantic but much localized movement in Canada to "correct" the exchange situation by a boycott on American manufactured products. This has even had the recognition of one or two Federal Cabinet Ministers, but beyond that it has not been permitted to go. Within the past two weeks public meetings have been held, resolutions passed and campaigns partly inaugurated to such futile purposes as restricting Canadian railway passengers to the Canadian side of the border for at least the coming summer, swearing off the use of American-made textiles and foodstuffs, &c. Happily, better counsels have prevailed and new solutions for the exchange problem are occupying public attention.

Aside from a few politicians, Canadian business leaders recognize thoroughly that the United States has played a purely passive role in the present exchange development. The adverse trade balance with the United States now amounts to about 290 million dollars. At the same time we have a favorable balance with Britain of 441 million dollars. It is, of course, impossible at the present time to offset the American balance with our British credit because of our inability to obtain British exports of gold. It is not improbable that the Canadian Minister of Finance will endeavor before long to induce Britain in Canada's interests to allow gold shipments to this country. Canada, of course, does not presume to be on a gold basis any more than Britain. In 1919 this country had 298 million dollars in Dominion notes not redeemable in gold; 237 million in bank notes, not redeemable in gold and 1,866 million in bank deposits not redeemable except into paper money.

In the minds of many leading financiers the most urgent problem facing the Government at the session of Parliament which opened on Feb. 26 is to get the Canadian nation back to a gold basis as quickly as possible. Our national income for the ten months of the fiscal year ending last month and derived from customs, excise, post office, works and railways was 288½ millions in round figures, showing an advance of about 40 millions above the corresponding period last year. Our expenditures, however, over the same ten month period were almost 606 millions, of which the capital outlay, such as expenditure on public works, &c., amounted only to 35½ millions. It will be seen, therefore, that the country's expenditure is not represented in capital account. Furthermore, the estimates for the 1920 fiscal year denote a much larger outlay from the Federal Treasury. With these facts before him the Canadian business man cannot long remain in doubt as to the reasons for

the unpalatable phenomenon of American exchange. Schemes of picturesque and foolish reprisal are sure to give way to the advice recently offered by the London "Times":

"There is no heroic solution of adverse exchanges. The remedy lies in a drastic curtailment of public and private expenditure in the countries concerned, higher taxation where possible and a stoppage of further Government borrowing, which alone can prevent any further manufacture of paper money."

THE TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE.

Continuing the practice begun by us a long time ago, we again present our annual comparative returns of the trust companies in this city (Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs) and also those in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, bringing forward the results so as to include the figures for a year later. For this city the figures, as far as the liabilities and assets of the different companies are concerned, are those furnished to the Superintendent of Banking at Albany, under his latest call, namely Nov. 12 1919. As has been many times pointed out by us, it was the practice of the Banking Department for a quarter of a century or more to require reports for the closing day of the year, but this was changed in December 1911 by the then executive head of the Department, and from that time to 1914 various dates in December were fixed as the time of the return, while in December 1915 the last day was again chosen, but for 1916 the date was dropped back to Nov. 29, for 1917 to Nov. 14, for 1918 to Nov. 1, and for 1919 was fixed at Nov. 12. The Superintendent who inaugurated the departure evidently contemplated that there should always be a return for some date in December, though the date was not to be known beforehand. Succeeding incumbents of the office have not felt bound by any such rule, and accordingly have named a day in November, aggravating the effects of the original change.

The chief feature in the return of the trust companies is the further growth in their deposits and resources and consequently in their operations. In the figures a year ago it appeared that further growth in at least the deposits had been arrested and a retrograde movement set in. Nor was there anything strange about the falling off then recorded. The deposits of the trust companies differ considerably from the commercial deposits of the ordinary business banks, partaking largely of the nature of savings deposits or consisting of funds awaiting permanent investment. In the prosecution of the war the U. S. Government had during the year and a half preceding been making enormous demands upon the investment and money markets and it was but natural under these circumstances that the deposits of the trust companies should be drawn down, the depositors using the money for the purpose of making investments in Government obligations. At all events the deposits did register a considerable decrease, but during the twelve months since then Government requirements in the shape of further borrowing have been considerably reduced, with the result that the deposits of the trust companies have resumed their onward march.

Not only has the loss of 1918 in the deposits been completely recovered, but a new high record established by a wide margin. In this we have reference both to the returns of the New York City instituti

and also to the returns of the trust companies as a whole throughout the State. In the present article we shall confine ourselves to the aggregates for the whole State unless otherwise stated, these latter being the more comprehensive. Between Dec. 24 1914 and Nov. 14 1917, a period of less than three years, the deposits of the New York State trust companies rose from \$1,437,030,984 to \$2,630,085,223; in 1918 there was a decrease to \$2,516,751,340; now for Nov. 12 1919 the aggregate of the deposits is up to \$2,885,355,813. It will be observed that in this five-year period the total has been fully doubled, the addition having been \$1,448,324,829.

Like other banking institutions, the trust companies have had a prosperous year. Money rates have ruled high. Nearly all the trust companies, at least in this city, are members of the Federal Reserve system and have freely availed of its facilities, the proceeds of their borrowings being of course placed at the disposal of the community and yielding a remunerative return. In this state of things the trust companies have made large profits and the circumstance is reflected in a large increase in the item of surplus and undivided profits. This item in the year from Nov. 1 1918 to Nov. 12 1919 rose from \$188,886,678 to \$211,441,830.

The comparisons are significant as showing that the effect of the long decline in security values has at last been overcome. As has been previously pointed out by us, the trust companies are like the savings bank in that they hold a mass of gilt-edge securities in which a material shrinkage in values began when the United States entered the war and put out huge amounts of Government obligations at 4 and 4½% on Liberty loan issues and at 4½% on Treasury certificates of indebtedness. With U. S. obligations obtainable so as to yield such a good return a readjustment in the prices of other classes of high-grade securities necessarily followed. In other words, the market value of the investments of the trust companies underwent considerable shrinkage, and this involved reduction in surplus and profit, since that item is figured on the basis of the market value of the securities held. During 1918 and 1919 a part of the depreciation has been recovered, though in the case of municipal securities, where there had been a recovery in values in the early part of the year, there was renewed decline the latter part, in harmony with the downward tendency in the prices of United States obligations.

On Nov. 29 1916 the total of surplus and profits of the New York State trust companies was reported at \$198,865,173. From this there was a decline to \$183,176,027 by Nov. 14 1917 with a further shrinkage in the early part of 1918, but with a recovery to \$188,886,678 by Nov. 1 1918, and now to \$211,441,830 on Nov. 12 1919 as already stated.

Possibly it will be supposed that a considerable part of the increase in surplus has come from new stock put out at a premium, but as far as the New York City companies are concerned, which contribute the bulk of the increase in surplus, this has not been the case. There have been some noteworthy increases in the capital of several institutions, but the stock has all been sold at par with the exception of some shares offered by the Irving Trust Co. at 125.

During the period covered by the comparison between 1919 and 1918, the Bankers Trust Co. increased its capital from \$11,250,000 to \$15,000,000, the new shares being offered to share

holders, however, at par. Since the date of the 1919 return this company has still further increased its capital to \$20,000,000, the additional stock also going to the shareholders at par. The Empire Trust Co. increased its capital from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, the stock being offered at par. Then the Irving Trust Co. doubled its stock from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 as a result of various consolidations—the name of the Broadway Trust having been changed to the Irving Trust; the Market and Fulton National Bank having been taken over, likewise the National City Bank of Brooklyn.

For all the trust companies in the State aggregate capital increased from \$119,932,200 Nov. 1 1918 to \$135,050,000 Nov. 12 1919. Here in this city besides the increases in capital just referred to the American Trust Co. with \$1,000,000 capital has come in as a new institution and likewise the Italian Discount and Trust Company with \$500,000 capital.

We have spoken above of the complete identification of the trust companies with the Federal Reserve banking system. This is shown on the one hand by the large and growing amount of reserve kept with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and on the other hand by the liberal use made of the facilities which membership in the Reserve system confers. The New York State trust companies on Nov. 12 1919 had on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York no less than \$256,843,778 against \$192,033,330 Nov. 1 1918. A year earlier, or Nov. 14 1917, the trust companies reported \$147,732,182 of reserve with the Federal Reserve Bank, that being the first date which showed this as a separate item. The trust companies are keeping less and less cash in their own vaults. Thus for Nov. 12 1919 the item of specie is given as only \$13,277,342 and other currency as \$32,633,548. On Nov. 1 1918 they held \$13,874,275 specie and \$28,233,821 of other currency. On Nov. 14 1917 the trust companies held \$48,157,471 of specie in their own vaults and \$21,393,115 of legal tenders and bank notes. We need go back only a year further to show how complete has been the change in the cash position of the companies by reason of their having joined the Federal Reserve system. In brief, on Nov. 29 1916, the trust companies had in their own vaults \$143,119,311 of specie and \$19,757,285 of legal tenders, &c. The great reduction in the vault holdings since then illustrates how important has been the contribution of the trust companies in support of the Federal Reserve system.

As already stated, the trust companies have also availed freely of the facilities which connection with the Reserve system affords. Thus the returns for Nov. 12 1919 show rediscounts to amount of \$130,505,118 and bills payable to an aggregate of \$147,568,728. The two combined make over \$278,073,846. On Nov. 1 1918 rediscounts aggregated \$118,211,329 and bills payable \$90,336,679, making over \$208,000,000 together. The year before, on Nov. 14 1917, the rediscounts were only \$30,585,248 and the bills payable or borrowed money \$63,711,200. If we go back a year further to Nov. 29 1916 we find the rediscounts hardly more than nominal, or only \$27,254, and the bills payable but \$75,000. Thus the trust companies, in the ways indicated, enlarged their facilities for accommodating their patrons in amount of considerably over \$200,000,000.

Another line of business which the trust companies have been developing has been the acceptance business. This item appears for corresponding amounts

on the two sides of the balance sheet. On the liability side we find "acceptances of drafts payable at a future date or authorized by commercial letters of credit" for \$136,170,589; on the asset side there is the corresponding item of "customers' liability on acceptances" for \$138,846,805. The previous year the acceptance total was \$129,001,489; in 1917 it was \$96,342,346; in 1916 \$78,767,347, and in December 1914 only \$23,542,185.

As to the investments of the trust companies, the stock and bond holdings show no very great changes during the twelve months. The total of the public securities has been reduced somewhat, but is still of good size at \$401,821,982 in 1919, comparing with \$413,221,939 in 1918. This item would include U. S. bonds and U. S. certificates of indebtedness and by reason of the inclusion of the latter would necessarily fluctuate between the date of one return and the date of another, accordingly as issues of Treasury certificates of indebtedness were being put out or retired. On Nov. 14 1917 the total of "Public Securities" stood at \$443,486,907. We need only go a year further back to see how greatly the facilities of the trust companies have apparently been used in support of the Government's loan operations, for on Nov. 29 1916 the aggregate investment in "Public Securities" was no more than \$166,233,694. On the other hand, the investment in "Private Securities," which had been declining, is again increasing. For Nov. 12 1919 the total is \$364,629,439 as against \$335,721,543 Nov. 1 1918, \$417,197,381 Nov. 24 1917, \$405,853,187 Nov. 29 1916 and \$433,945,679 March 17 1916.

Loans on collateral security have always been a favorite form of investment with the trust companies, and the amount employed in that way is larger than ever and may now be supposed to reflect loans, more or less, on Government obligations. For Nov. 12 1919 the amount stands at \$1,255,080,663, which compares with \$1,042,921,704 Nov. 1 1918, \$900,975,589 Nov. 14 1917, and with \$960,764,762 Nov. 29 1916. "Loans, discounts and bills purchased, not secured by collateral" has risen in recent years to the dimensions of an important item, and for Nov. 12 1919 was \$593,108,914 as against \$521,322,959 Nov. 1 1918, \$508,697,327 Nov. 14 1917, and \$346,273,321 Nov. 29, 1916; the item includes presumably much paper eligible for rediscount at the Federal Reserve Bank. Other forms of investment do not vary greatly from year to year, real estate mortgages for instance being \$92,443,429 Nov. 12 1919, \$93,377,100 Nov. 1 1918, and \$94,131,424 Nov. 14 1917.

In the foregoing we have been dealing with the trust companies as a whole. As far as the separate companies are concerned, the elaborate statements on subsequent pages will enable the reader to ascertain what the experience of each company has been as between 1919 and 1917. To furnish a sort of general survey we introduce here the following table comprising all the companies in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn and showing the deposits on Aug. 22 1907 (before the panic of that year) and on Dec. 9 1913, Nov. 14 1917, Nov. 1 1918 and Nov. 12 1919. The number of institutions in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn has not changed during the last twelve months. The American Trust Co. and the Italian Discount & Trust Co. appear as new institutions; on the other hand, the Scandinavian Trust Co. has been consolidated with the Liberty National Bank and the Transatlantic Trust Co.

has gone out of existence. During the latter part of the year the American Trust Co. absorbed the Queens County Trust Co. of Jamaica, Long Island.

Borough of Manhattan.	Aug. 22 1907.	Dec. 9 1913.	Nov. 14 1917.	Nov. 1 1918.	Nov. 12 1919.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American.....					
Queens County.....	1,934,491	1,919,001	2,077,118	2,780,472	9,082,733
Bankers.....	23,861,606				
Mercantile.....	35,119,131	129,848,542			
Manhattan.....	10,975,957		302,999,353	294,678,516	317,536,146
Astor.....	8,965,745	20,067,490			
Carnegie.....	7,923,242	Defunct	Defunct	Defunct	Defunct
Central.....	42,137,580	83,432,013			
Union Trust.....	48,231,644	55,256,528	77,918,175	235,815,136	211,438,902
Columbia.....	6,774,339				
Knickerbocker.....	62,114,990	54,089,632	100,564,532	88,699,314	95,643,900
Financial.....	3,876,980	3,882,530	4,961,157	4,873,448	5,717,627
Commonwealth (defunct).....	516	458	Defunct	Defunct	Defunct
Empire.....	8,898,940				
Guardian.....	4,185,255	22,359,030	47,758,314	51,060,671	50,412,043
Windsor.....	11,162,536				
Equitable.....	17,381,123				
Bowling Green.....	16,233,629				
Madison or Van Norden.....	8,161,340	66,870,535	266,027,883	271,862,383	234,016,518
Trust Co. of Am.....	84,124,995				
Farmers' L. & T.....	81,702,613	112,181,300	170,304,293	176,330,461	166,688,021
Fidelity.....	3,028,403	7,641,801	13,201,352	11,859,187	12,944,106
Fulton.....	7,423,429	8,391,843	8,644,457	7,559,341	9,312,365
Guaranty.....	41,996,504				
Fifth Avenue.....	17,532,796	149,456,212	523,509,340	551,232,895	725,510,455
Morton.....	40,510,828				
Standard.....	12,884,258				
Hudson.....	2,066,175	3,556,973	6,038,162	5,017,144	5,268,864
Irving.....					
Broadway.....	3,932,749				
Flatbush.....	3,104,410	14,420,483	36,327,937	45,824,910	70,278,940
Savoy.....	1,569,287				
Italian Dis. & Tr.....	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	17,372,888
Lawyers' T. I. & T.....	8,624,049	12,075,457			
Home.....	2,636,974	2,695,951	19,148,035	15,145,872	19,542,725
Lincoln.....	22,400,958	11,601,761	15,324,911	19,629,601	26,622,504
Mercantile Tr. & Dep. h.....			7,486,603	15,189,296	16,249,446
Metropolitan.....	23,747,751	17,094,371	54,349,341	36,912,859	39,022,670
Mutual Alliance.....	5,763,501	8,344,532			
N. Y. L. I. & T.....	33,782,456	32,582,070	28,027,672	23,701,797	23,483,267
New York.....	33,517,360	37,635,428	63,928,242	78,404,988	67,956,267
Scandinavian.....			14,019,775	27,595,288	33,070,973
Title Guar. & Tr.....	28,495,980	26,921,794	32,137,226	29,679,154	
Transatlantic.....		2,617,687	6,498,979	6,748,795	
U. S. Mfg. & Tr.....	30,982,562	40,459,470	51,074,707	67,347,647	61,722,175
United States.....	59,394,159	54,882,451	63,968,195	36,047,435	49,639,976
Washington.....	9,798,340	9,702,666	(d)	(d)	(d)
Total b. Borough of Brooklyn.....	849,123,619	985,843,077	2,150,960,384	2,047,236,082	2,280,534,271
Brooklyn.....	15,363,635	23,456,096	634,569,361	33,836,932	37,744,025
Long Is. L. & T.....	7,055,368				
Franklin.....	10,929,960	9,290,277	32,047,793	20,894,517	25,278,174
Hamilton.....	6,734,731	7,137,485	11,512,139	7,646,257	8,500,656
Kings County.....	12,346,322	15,936,890	25,675,566	21,004,430	24,941,377
Lafayette.....	4,344,881		Defunct	Defunct	Defunct
Manufacturers' Citizens.....	1,592,398	5,896,416	14,392,274	28,083,285	31,784,319
Nassau.....	8,290,228	5,831,878	(f)	(f)	(f)
People's.....	14,946,702	19,037,583	28,907,592	27,207,492	34,304,249
Williamsburgh.....	8,206,663	Defunct	Defunct	Defunct	Defunct
Total c. Borough of Queens.....	95,552,272	89,282,546	147,104,725	138,672,913	162,552,800
Total Greater New York.....	944,610,382	1,077,044,624	2,300,742,227	2,185,698,473	2,443,087,071

a Transatlantic began business May 28 1912 and liquidated by U. S. Government agents in 1919.
 b For Aug. 22 1907 the total does not include deposits of Flatbush of Brooklyn, which was consolidated with Broadway of N. Y. City March 6 1912. The Broadway changed title to Irving Trust Nov. 30 1917 and Market & Fulton Nat. consolidated with Irving in March 1918.
 c The total for Dec. 9 1913 does not include Home Trust Co. of Brooklyn, consolidated with Lawyers' Title Insurance & Trust Co. of N. Y. City February 1915.
 d The total for Aug. 22 1907 includes deposits of Flatbush and the total for Dec. 9 1913 includes deposits of Home Trust Co.
 e Washington Trust Co. absorbed by Corn Exchange Bank on Jan. 26 1914.
 f Citizens' Trust Co. and Manufacturers' Nat. Bank consolidated in Aug. 1914.
 g Manufacturers' Trust absorbed the West Side Bank, New York City, June 15 1918.
 h Nassau Trust Co. merged into the Mechanics Bank June 27 1914.
 i Mutual Alliance taken over by Chatham-Phoenix Nat. and Century banks January 1915.
 j Mercantile Trust & Deposit began business May 1 1917.
 k Scandinavian began business June 11 1917 and taken over by Liberty National Bank Oct. 1919.
 l Central and Union consolidated June 18 1918.
 m American Trust organized Jan. 27 1919, absorbed Queens Co. Trust Sept. 1919.
 n Italian Dis. & Tr. began business Nov. 11 1918.

TRUST COMPANIES AT OTHER POINTS.

In the case of the trust companies at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, the figures as presented on subsequent pages for the different institutions are all our own, we having in each instance made direct application for them to the companies, though in a few instances, where our requests met with no response, we have had to have recourse to official statements made in pursuance of calls of the public authorities. In the nature of things, as we are entirely dependent upon the companies themselves for the figures and no general data of an official kind are available, comprehensive totals and elaborate details, such as are possible for the institutions of New York, are out of the question. Our summaries for these other centres are such as we have been able to prepare ourselves and necessarily are limited to a few leading items. Nor are the returns in those instances cast on uniform

lines, nearly every company having its own distinct method of classification, making general footings out of the question, except as regards those few common things treated alike by all, and which have definite, established meaning, such as capital, surplus and deposits.

As in the case of the New York companies, the record of the Boston trust companies is one of further large gains. The number of companies in our compilation has increased by only one, but two new companies were organized and two have disappeared. Also numerous changes in capital have been made. The new companies are the Hub Trust Co., capital \$200,000, which began business June 19 1919, and the Roxbury Trust Co., capital \$200,000, which succeeded the Roxbury National Bank. The Old South Trust Co., capital \$200,000, was temporarily closed late in the year and is to be reorganized as the Hamilton Trust Co., with the intention to open for business in February 1920. The Puritan Trust Co., capital \$200,000, was merged with the Tremont Trust Co. We have included in our record one of the already established companies, the Revere Trust Co., capital \$100,000, not heretofore given by us. Increases in capital have been as follows: Cosmopolitan, from \$200,000 to \$600,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$200,000 to \$500,000; Fidelity Trust Co., \$2,000,000 to \$2,777,000; Market Trust Co., \$250,000 to \$400,000; Massachusetts Trust Co., \$500,000 to \$1,000,000; Metropolitan Trust Co., \$300,000 to \$500,000; Old Colony Trust Co., \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000, and State Street Trust Co., \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. These various changes have caused an increase in the total capital from \$21,650,000 to \$26,077,000, while surplus and profits have risen from \$29,107,018 to \$33,978,583.

Both deposits and aggregate resources have again heavily increased, the former rising from \$415,355,824 to \$503,450,567, and aggregate resources from \$466,298,772 to \$560,096,234. The following furnishes a comparison for the various items for the last twenty years:

Table with 5 columns: BOSTON, Capital, Surplus and Profits, Deposits, Aggregate Resources. It shows financial data for various years from Dec. 31 1900 to Dec. 31 1919.

The Philadelphia trust companies also show noteworthy additions to all the items included in our compilation. One new company has been added, the American Bank & Trust Co., organized during the year with \$297,250 capital paid in on Dec. 31 1919. Increases in capital have been numerous—Aldine Trust increased from \$200,000 to \$385,700; Commercial from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000; Franklin from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000; Land Title & Trust from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000; Market Street Title & Trust from \$224,810 to \$249,950, and Northern Central from \$148,630 to \$150,000. These, with the reduction in the capital of the Mortgage Trust from \$125,000 to \$50,000, account for the increase of \$2,834,460 in the item of capital during the year.

Surplus and profits during the twelve months have increased from \$78,408,601 to \$81,801,490, deposits from \$335,093,397 to \$405,373,275, and aggregate resources from \$505,489,017 to \$576,019,954. The following furnishes a comparison of the totals of the different items from Dec. 31 1900 to Dec. 31 1919, inclusive:

Table with 5 columns: PHILADELPHIA, Capital, Surplus and Profits, Deposits, Aggregate Resources. It shows financial data for various years from Dec. 31 1900 to Dec. 31 1919.

In the case of Baltimore our compilations were only begun seven years ago and cover the returns at the end of 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. Here the increase in capital from \$8,650,000 to \$9,150,000 is accounted for by the addition of one new company, the Commerce Trust Co., capital \$500,000, which began business in July 1919. The gains in deposits and resources surpass any previous year in our record, deposits rising from \$85,714,838 to \$116,199,900 and total resources from \$107,773,988 to \$140,749,413. In tabular form the comparisons are as follows:

Table with 5 columns: BALTIMORE, Capital, Surplus and Profits, Deposits, Aggregate Resources. It shows financial data for various years from Dec. 31 1913 to Dec. 31 1919.

At St. Louis the number of companies remains unchanged; while one new company began business in 1919, the Union Station Trust Co., with capital of \$200,000, one other company was liquidated, the Jefferson-Gravois Trust Co., capital \$100,000, whose deposits were taken over by the Jefferson-Gravois Bank. This accounts for the increase of \$100,000 in the aggregate capital during 1919. Deposits and aggregate resources were substantially added to, the former having increased from \$102,137,663 to \$121,424,904, and the latter from \$123,397,168 to \$153,394,692. In 1915 our totals of deposits and resources were greatly reduced by the fact that the banking business of the St. Louis Union Trust Co. was taken over by the then newly organized St. Louis Union Bank. In the four years since then the reduction in deposits and resources has been more than recovered.

Table with 5 columns: ST. LOUIS, Capital, Surplus and Profits, Deposits, Aggregate Resources. It shows financial data for various years from Dec. 31 1901 to Dec. 31 1919.

*Reduction in totals due to the elimination of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., whose banking business was taken over by the newly organized St. Louis Union Bank. The Trust Co. reported no deposits on Dec. 31 1915 against \$25,710,275 on Dec. 31 1914 and \$11,244,321 aggregate resources Dec. 31 1915 against \$36,935,227 on Dec. 31 1914.

Current Events and Discussions

CONTINUED OFFERING OF BRITISH TREASURY BILLS.

The usual offering of ninety-day British Treasury bills was disposed of this week by J. P. Morgan & Co. on a discount basis of 6%, the same as in other recent weeks. The bills in this week's offering are dated Feb. 23.

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 Feb. 27.

PARIS EXCHANGE TO CLOSE ON SATURDAYS.

It was announced Feb. 19 that the decision has been reached by the Governors of the Paris Stock Exchange to close on Saturdays, beginning Feb. 21, until Sept. 25. The only exception to the rule, it is stated, will be the Saturdays falling on May 15 and July 31.

OFFERING OF \$25,000,000 KINGDOM OF ITALY BONDS.

Kidder, Peabody & Co., of New York and Boston have offered this week the \$25,000,000 Kingdom of Italy Royal Treasury five year 6½ gold bonds (Series A) at 97½ and interest to net about 7¼%. These bonds, which are dated Feb. 1 1920, and are due Feb. 1 1925, were referred to in our issue of Jan. 17, page 203, wherein it was announced that they had been authorized for floatation in this country by the United States Treasury Department. In the "Chronicle" of Jan. 24, page 305, a further reference to the bonds appeared. The bonds will be issued in coupon bearer form in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000, which may be registered as to principal at the Lincoln Trust Company, New York. Principal and interest will be payable in New York in United States gold coin, or, at the option of the holder, principal may be made payable in Rome in lire at the fixed rate of seven lire per dollar; it is also stated that principal and interest will be payable without deduction for any Italian taxes, present or future. The offering also states:

The proceeds of the loan will be used by the Italian Government in payment for purchases made in the United States, which purchasers will aid greatly in the industrial and economic development of Italy. To this end a national policy of rigorous economy has already been adopted.

The privilege of taking payments, at maturity, in Rome at the fixed rate of seven lire to the dollars adds to a sound and conservative investment the possibility of a substantial profit in exchange.

ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING FRENCH CITY BONDS — LYONS, MARSEILLES AND BORDEAUX.

It has been announced within the past few days that the managers of the syndicate which underwrote the \$45,000,000 bonds of the cities of Lyons, Marseilles and Bordeaux, France, have been advised that the French Government will take up, on Feb. 1 1921, any unsold portion not to exceed \$25,000,000, on five days notice, at 89 and interest. The offering of these bonds was referred to in our issue of Nov. 8, page 1741, and in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 7, page 508 the extension of the life of the syndicate to March 1 was noted. In stating that under the new plan the syndicate will be further extended to Feb. 1 1921, when the unsold portion of the bonds will be taken back by the French Government, the New York "Times" of yesterday (Feb. 27) added:

Meanwhile, the syndicate managers who have been financing the unsold bonds in an amount said to range between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000, are to distribute these securities to all the members of the syndicate, on a pro rata basis according to their participation in the venture. This will relieve the syndicate managers and, under the terms of the agreement with the French interests, really assure the syndicate participants against loss and against being left with the bonds on their hands for more than one year after the date for completing the original syndicate agreement. In other words, the members of the organization which was got together to market this offering have the alternative of selling their bonds at the offering price of 90½, or of holding what virtually amounts to a one-year note which will yield them approximately 7¼%.

The price at which these bonds were first offered was 92½. At that price the yield basis of 6.80%. On Feb. 1, when the original syndicate was extended, the offering price was reduced to 90½, at which figure the yield to the investor was 7.10%. It is understood the syndicate got the bonds at a price to yield about 7¼%.

This, so far as known, marks a new method of handling bond financing. The offering, when it was first made, met with a satisfactory response and the relatively high yield, coupled with the unusually good security behind the bonds, was expected to assure complete success of the transaction. But the money market recently has become so tight that the bonds, in bond

selling parlance, were "out of line" with the rest of the market. This was given as the reason for the reduction of 2 points in the offering price a month ago, and is also supposed to be the chief reason for the adoption of this new and unprecedented expedient in disposing of the unsold portion.

PARIS COUNCIL VOTES TO FLOAT \$20,000,000 LOAN IN CANADA.

Paris cablegrams of Feb. 22 state that it has been decided by the City Council of Paris to float a municipal loan of \$20,000,000 in Canada. The proceeds are to be used for the purchase of foodstuffs and other essentials in the Canadian market.

PURCHASE BY FRANCE OF CANADIAN ASBESTOS THROUGH BOND ISSUE.

Arrangements were concluded, according to Ottawa advices Feb. 12, whereby Canadian firms will furnish \$1,250,000 worth of asbestos roofing for use in the north of France. It was stated that the credits are on the usual basis by which the French Government issues bonds, of which the Canadian manufacturers take three-eighths, and the Government, through the Trade Commission, the remainder. Asbestos roofing manufactured from Canadian asbestos and Canadian cement is finding a large export market at the present time. It was also said:

Parliament last year provided credits of \$100,000,000 to enable the financing of purchases in Canada by Greece, France, Rumania and Belgium. These credits expired at the end of the year, and they will be renewed, if at all, only under special circumstances to each country mentioned; \$25,000,000 was applied, Rumania taking \$20,000,000 and Greece considerable of its part, but France and Belgium very little.

To what degree these credits may be extended now is problematical, but it is increasingly evident that Canadian manufacturers will have to rely in future very largely upon their own resources unless the case for assistance be peculiarly strong.

READJUSTMENT OF VICTORY BOND PRICES.

The readjustment of the prices of Victory Bonds by the Victory Loan Committee in Canada whereby new official levels are established, at which the various issues of these bonds will hereafter be dealt in, was announced on Feb. 23. The "Toronto Globe" of the 24th had the following to say in the matter:

Great interest was taken in the financial district yesterday in the news from Ottawa that the prices of Victory bonds had been readjusted to conform with the changed conditions, particularly following the selling of so many sterling and other outside securities in the Canadian market of late. It had been observed for some weeks that this flood of overseas bonds and stocks was having an upsetting effect in Canadian finance. The most obvious effect was to lower the price of bonds and stocks and thus send up the yield. The Market Committee, in whose hands the selling of Victory bonds had been placed early in January, had been in the difficult position of trying to sell Victory bonds at a price to yield much lower than other first-class securities. It is believed that under the readjustment of prices Victory bonds can hold their own and find ready absorption.

What Ottawa Says.

In the announcement from Ottawa of the change in prices was evidently authorized by the Minister of Finance after conference with Canadian financial interests, and the new schedule went into effect yesterday. The Government announcements said that, owing to the decline in foreign exchange, the income return obtainable on high-grade securities had risen substantially, and it has, therefore, been decided to adjust the prices for Canadian Victory bonds, so that the investment returns from these securities will be increased accordingly. This is in line with the policy followed from the beginning of the war of making the Canadian Government securities the most attractive investments obtainable in Canada.

The change in prices means a reduction of around 1 to above 4 points. A comparison of prices in the open market just before the Market Committee took over the Victories on Jan. 21, the fixed price in the Market Committee for that month, the new price (to seller and buyer respectively), and the yield under the new price, is as follows:

	Close Jan. 21.	Fixed Price to Feb. 23.	Present Price.	Present Yield.
1922	99¾	100	98 - 89	5.85
1923	99¾	100	98 - 90	5.80
1927	100½	101½	99 - 100	5.50
1933	102¼	102¼	99 - 100	5.50
1937	104	104¼	100 - 101	5.40
1924	99-100	96½	97½	6.10
1934	99-100	96	97	5.80

Prices Have Changed.

The scarcity of money, both in Canada and the United States, which has been apparent for some weeks past, has affected the bond business, sending prices down and yields up. This was seen in the case of Canadian municipalities, where the yield was more than 10% higher. These, with the host of sterling bonds and stocks that came from overseas, many of them guaranteed securities, with a yield of 6% to 7% and more, embarrassed the bond dealers.

CANADA'S EMBARGO AGAINST "DUMPING" OF DOMINION'S SECURITIES.

On Feb. 25 there were reports from Toronto to the effect that an embargo on trading in stocks, bonds or other securities from countries outside of Canada would become effective on the 26th, the action having been taken by the financial interests of the Dominion at the request of Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, to protect the home secur

market. On the 26th inst. a Montreal dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" gave the following account as to the action taken in Canada:

Finance Minister of Canada has not placed any embargo on trading in securities outside of Canada. What has occurred is that the Minister of Finance has consulted with the stock exchanges of Canada and with the Bond Dealers' Association with a view to reducing importation of Canadian securities into Canada. Under exchange conditions which have existed it has been possible to buy Canadian securities in London market, pay for them on the present basis of pound sterling, and dispose of them in Canada on dollar basis at prices which were very attractive as compared with other Canadian securities. This development, however, has hurt the Canadian market and made it necessary to reduce quotations on Canadian Victory Loans.

Bond houses and brokers have agreed not to continue their activity in bringing securities from Great Britain and banks have been requested to co-operate in this direction. The Government does not place any embargo, but it has been seeking for some solution which would prevent the market for further issues in Canada from being impeded to a great extent by importation of old issues that should only be met at maturity.

FRANCE TO WITHDRAW FROM LATIN MONETARY UNION.

A cablegram (Havas) from Paris Feb. 24 to the New York "Evening Post" said:

France gave notice yesterday at a meeting of representatives of member nations of the Latin Monetary Union that from Dec. 23 next she will not consider valid the monetary convention of Dec. 23 1865. By this compact France, Italy, Belgium and Sweden agreed to the use of the same coinage, so that their metal money might be mutually interchangeable. The reason given in the notice was that French silver coins are no longer current in the other countries concerned.

REGULATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE ABANDONED IN GREECE.

The following cablegram, dated Feb. 10 1920, was received by the Department of Commerce at Washington from the American Legation at Athens:

All regulation of foreign exchange by the Hellenic Government has been abandoned. The Government proposes, however, to discourage or prohibit the purchase of luxuries from abroad, and it is understood that its bank balances in the United States and Canada will be utilized solely for wheat, flour, sugar and other absolute necessities. It is very difficult to finance imports into Greece at the present time, as recently the price of dollar drafts has risen to about 8 drachmas.

GREEK EXCHANGE FLUCTUATING.

The Department of Commerce at Washington announced on Feb. 17 the receipt of the following cablegram from the American Consulate at Athens:

Exchange is fluctuating between 7.20 and 9.50 drachmas for purchase of dollar drafts and between 7.25 and 10.25 drachmas on the sales of these drafts. These unusual fluctuations and the general disturbance in the exchange market here follow a decision of the Government about a week ago to sanction transactions in foreign exchange by all banks alike, subject only to the requirement of 20% deposit.

PROTEST BY SENATOR OWEN TO PRESIDENT WILSON AGAINST HIGH INTEREST RATES.

In the Senate on Feb. 16, Senator Robert L. Owen had incorporated in the "Congressional Record" a letter which he had addressed to President Wilson on the 13th inst. in protest against the present high interest rates on stock collateral loans in New York. The rates on these loans, he said, "have been fluctuating from normal to 25% and 30%, with the most unhappy consequences upon interest rates, injuriously affecting our commercial business throughout the United States." In his remarks leading up to the insertion of the letter in the "Record," Senator Owen said:

The high [call] loan rate is fixed avowedly to check speculation, but speculation can be otherwise checked by raising the margins and declining to loan beyond a reasonable proportion of the bank's resources, and by limiting the loans of the Federal Reserve bank to banks which persist in this harmful policy.

These high rates on call loans on the Stock Exchange have seriously affected the interest rate in our vast commercial business, and even the Federal Reserve Board has raised the rates of the Federal Reserve banks to 6% for member banks, which means 7 and 8% for the customers of the member banks.

Against this destructive policy, which adds to the high cost of living, I protest.

Senator Owen's letter to the President follows:

February 13 1920,

Subject: Interest rates.

The President,

The White House,

My Dear Mr. President—I deem it my duty to call your attention and the attention of your administration to the importance of moderate interest rates and stability therein in the United States and the important part which the influence of the Government can exert in accomplishing these ends through the Treasury Department, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Reserve Board.

Before the Great War Belgium had a fixed, stable rate of 3% for fifty years, and the rate in France was practically the same, and United States Government bonds with the circulation privilege were sold at and above par when they bore only 2% interest.

During the World War London merchants have enjoyed a 3 1/4% rate on acceptances.

Our manufacturers, our merchants, our business men are entitled to reliable, stable, reasonable rates of interest.

The productive and distributive processes so essential to restore the equilibrium of the world depend upon such rates in order to function most efficiently.

I call your attention to the unreasonable manner in which the interest rates on the stock collateral loans in New York have been fluctuating from normal to 25 and 30%, with the most unhappy consequences upon interest rates, injuriously affecting our commercial business throughout the United States.

The Federal Reserve Board has been induced to raise the rate of discount of the Federal Reserve banks to a high point as a supposed check on the extraordinary speculation which has been taking place on the Stock Exchange.

These artificially unreasonable high rates of interest charged by the banks in the central cities on stock collateral call loans have had the effect of drawing to these cities from different parts of the country funds which ought to be exclusively used in commerce, and this process went to a point where recently the amount of stock collateral exchange loans on call or short time reached a volume in New York City of \$1,000,000,000, withdrawing for speculative purposes these credits which should be used in the industrial and commercial life of the country.

The investing and speculating public has been attracted to the stock exchange by the policy of narrow margins and low rates of interest; but after the public has taken on these speculative purchases the interest rates are raised to a high point and the margins are increased from 10% to 20 and 30%, with the effect of squeezing out the people who, in the language of the day, "can't hold on."

These loans, which were \$1,000,000,000 sixty days ago, have now been reduced to \$1,000,000,000, and the stock market has gone through a very severe depression; and this is the second upheaval of this kind within two months. I enclose an exhibit showing the violent fluctuations which have taken place contrary to a wise public policy, to the ruin of many weak and foolish speculators; but, above all, to the injury of the manufacturers, merchants, and business men who are entitled to have stable, moderate interest rates.

The manufacturers, merchants and business men are entitled to stability. They can not otherwise transact the business of the country with safety; and in their name and on their behalf I respectfully and very earnestly insist that the Government shall establish a policy which will give stability to interest rates, prevent these violent fluctuations, and lead to lower interest rates.

Will the question be asked, How can it be done? I venture to answer:

First. That the influence of the Comptroller of the Currency and of the Federal Reserve Board be exerted to require a limitation upon loans made by member banks or banks engaged in inter-State commerce, so that only a reasonable percentage of the deposits of such banks shall be permitted to be used for the accommodation of those who are buying stocks for speculative purposes.

Second. That a margin of not less than 25% shall be required in such transactions.

Third. That an interest rate not exceeding 8% shall be permitted in such transactions.

Fourth. That the Reserve Board shall charge a special rate of interest to those banks who are using the accommodations of the discount privileges with the Reserve banks in excess of their rightful proportionate part of such accommodation, so that the normal discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks shall not exceed 4%, but the special rate for banks desiring to use more than their rightful proportion of the reserves with the Reserve banks shall be at a progressively higher rate. In this way banks that put up Liberty bonds for the purpose of getting more than their proportionate part and lending this money out on very high rates of interest will find it less profitable to engage in such a policy.

The discount rates of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, for example, effective January 23 1920, included the following:

	15 Days and Under.	16 to 90 Days.	91 Days to 6 Months.
Member banks:			
Secured by United States certificate of debt	4 1/4	---	---
Secured by Liberty bonds	5 1/2	---	---
Secured by eligible paper	6	---	---
Secured by War Finance Corporation bonds	7	---	---
Rediscounts:			
Customers' notes—			
Secured by United States certificates of debt	4 1/4	4 1/4	---
Secured by Liberty bonds	5 1/2	5 1/2	---
Secured by War Finance Corporation bonds	7	7	---
Trade acceptances	6	6	---
Commercial paper	6	6	---
Agricultural or live-stock paper	6	6	---

You will observe from these discount rates that eligible paper—that is, the notes of manufacturers, merchants and business men engaged in production and distribution—would be compelled to pay around 8% if the member bank is permitted any margin over and above what they themselves have to pay the Reserve bank. This is true even on trade acceptances, which in London have a rate of 3 1/4%. In other words, our manufacturers, merchants and business men engaged in production and distribution are compelled to pay by this policy twice as much as they do in London, charging the interest, of course, upon the cost of the goods, and thus raising the cost of living. Against this policy I enter my resolute and solemn protest.

I heartily approve the evident purpose of the Federal Reserve Board to reduce the excessive speculative loans on the stock market and divert such credits to the benefit of commerce; but this can be accomplished without raising the rate of interest by requiring larger collateral margins and by limiting stock collateral loans to a reasonable part of the reserves of the member banks, and all loans to a proportionate part of the reserves with the Federal Reserve banks.

Liberty Loan and Victory Loan Bonds.

When the American people were engaged in the war the Treasury Department organized Liberty and Victory Loan drives, and every citizen was urged to buy these bonds; if necessary to sell his property and buy the bonds; to borrow money and buy the bonds. The bonds were sold at par. It was a patriotic duty to buy the bonds, but the high rates of interest which have resulted from the unrestrained speculation on the Stock Exchange, and the high rates of interest which the Reserve banks have established, have had the effect of having these bonds appear as a poor investment, and these bonds have shrunk so that in the case of the bonds, which have not the non-taxable feature, have fallen off in value almost 10%, including many persons who are poor and who borrowed money to

carry these bonds to sell them at a loss, and many more will be induced to sell them at a loss, contrary to a wise and just public policy.

If the normal discount rate of the Federal Reserve banks were put at 4% and the banks were discouraged from abusing the privileges of the Reserve banks for stock speculative purposes in the manner which I have pointed out, these bonds would come back to par, and they should be brought back to par. The people who bought these bonds ought not to suffer a loss, and the credit of the United States ought to be preserved by the policy which I have taken the liberty to suggest to you and to your administration.

The result of these speculative stock loans has been such that the New York Federal Reserve Bank has had its reserve very seriously impaired, so that the New York Reserve Bank has been borrowing money on a large scale from other Reserve banks who do not suffer from this strain.

There is no adequate reason why the rates of the Reserve banks should not be uniform; why they ought to be higher in one part of the country and lower in another part of the country. The loans are as reliable in one part of the country as in another, and every part of the country is entitled to a uniform rate.

The high cost of living demands for its solution stability in interest rates in order to encourage production and distribution, and to reduce the high cost of living demands a moderate rate of interest.

The Federal Reserve banks were not established as money-making institutions, but for the purpose of giving stability and a reasonable stable interest to the productive enterprises of the nation.

The Federal Reserve banks last year made a profit of about 100% of their capital, but this in no way measures the added expense on the cost of living, because the high rate of interest charged by the Federal Reserve banks is reflected upon loans and discounts of other banks, running into the billions, since it affects the interest rates in all parts of the country.

I regard this matter as a matter of national importance, and I would not feel that I had discharged my duty to the country if I had failed to call your attention to it in these explicit terms.

Yours, very respectfully,

ROBERT L. OWEN.

PRESIDENT OF FORT SMITH (ARK.) BANK PROTESTS AGAINST INCREASE IN FEDERAL RESERVE DISCOUNT RATES.

Besides the protest of Senator Owen against high interest rates, a complaint against the raising of the discount rates by the Federal Reserve banks was registered in a letter which I. H. Nakdimen, President of the City National Bank of Fort Smith, Ark., sent to Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board on Feb. 17. Mr. Nakdimen characterizes the raising of the rate as "the most dangerous step the Federal Reserve Bank has ever taken." By raising the rate of interest, he says, "you are punishing the country banker who is furnishing the money to the farmer for increased production and in addition he is the one who furnishes the money to the city bank and the money to the Federal Reserve banks." He argues that "raising the rate to 6% is going to cause a lot of banks in States to charge usurer's interest." Mr. Nakdimen takes exception to the action of the Federal Reserve Board "in telling the banks that all the notes secured by Liberty bonds must be taken out of their note case." He insists that the Government should stop the sale of Liberty bonds at the present prices, and the only solution, he says "is for the Federal Reserve banks to make a special low rate of interest on loans secured by Liberty bonds." Mr. Nakdimen's letter to Governor Harding reads:

Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 17 1920.

Hon. W. P. G. Harding, Governor Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:—Your letter of Feb. 7 received.

In regard to raising the rate, I think it is the most dangerous step the Federal Reserve Bank has ever taken. Raising the rate causes fear, causes excitement. People don't know what is going to happen. They are suspicious. They have their eyes wide open and watching for something to happen.

If the purpose of raising the rate is to stop depletion of the reserves and speculation, in my opinion there is an easier way to accomplish it. As a banker, suppose your reserve were to go down in your own bank, what remedy would you apply? Would you apply a remedy by raising the rate? No—but what would you do—the proper and logical way? You could cut down on some of your loans and call in some of the loans which wouldn't affect the customer or the community.

I have noticed in the "Financial America" of New York where it states the reason the rate of interest has been raised and I shall quote it:

"Unexpectedly further action was taken by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday in compliance with the request of the Eastern banking institutions in again increasing discount rates."

Now has the rate of interest been increased by the request of some of the Eastern banking institutions?

In my opinion, it is inconsistent for a bank or bankers or any one with knowledge of banking to contend that by raising the rate of interest it will stop speculation.

Is the Federal Reserve Bank making loans to speculators? No—they are loaning money direct to banks on a class of security specified by the Federal Reserve Board; on a class of securities which are absolutely safe without question or doubt. The Federal Reserve banks do not loan money to banks upon curb securities.

I noticed especially in a letter issued by the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, dated Jan. 26 1920, on the second page, third paragraph and second line, calling the attention of the bankers:

"That all banks must be made liquid by gradually and as rapidly as possible getting the Liberty bonds out of their note case and deflating credits until they are back to something like normal proportions."

Now how inconsistent that is. To insist upon banks to cut out the best collateral they have in their note case—the quickest asset they have in their note case—the flower and the beauty, the Stars and the Stripes must go from the note case—the real shining note in the note case.

Only a few months ago, the Government with all of its power, the churches and the schools and the banks with all their influence, pleaded with the masses to buy Liberty bonds. We for one advertised that we would loan

money secured by Liberty bonds at 4½%. Would give them plenty of time to pay it in order to encourage them to buy the bonds.

That was only a few days back and now we have a letter coming from the Federal Reserve Board, a Government institution, saying you must get your Stars and Stripes out of the note case because a few and only a few banks in the United States are loaning money on speculative securities.

We are going to have a big demand for money direct from the farmers. The farmer is going to comply with the Government's preaching for increased production. By doing so, he is compelled to have more money. Where a farmer has planted fifty acres crop, he is going to plant one hundred acres crop. Naturally, that will cause him to borrow double what he borrowed last year and no doubt that will cause the country banker to do likewise.

The farmer in increasing his production will have to borrow more money and in doing so he is confronted with a high rate of interest by reason of the Federal Reserve Bank raising the rate.

By raising the rate of interest, you are punishing the country banker who is furnishing the money to the farmer for increased production and in addition, he is the one who furnishes the money to the city bank and the money to the Federal Reserve banks.

The high rate of interest is going to cause a good many State banks and trust companies not to join the Federal Reserve banks. The high rate of interest will cause lots of trust companies and State banks to get out of the system. The low rate of interest charged by the Federal Reserve banks is the only inducement for a bank to belong to the Federal Reserve system.

Raising the rate to 6% is going to cause a lot of banks in States to charge usurer's interest. Take a State where the legal rate is 6% and if the bank has to pay you 6%, you are fully aware he has to charge 8% in order to make something. When he does, he conflicts with the law as a usurer.

Mr. Harding, I want you to know that I am not against the Federal Reserve Bank. I am one among the very few bankers who have been for the Federal Reserve Bank ever since its infancy. I was its friend before it was born and I have been its friend ever since. I think the Federal Reserve Bank has been a salvation to the country, especially during the war. I have said time and time again in public talks that the name of the Federal Reserve Bank should be placed in every man's house upon his door so I don't want you to feel that I am fighting the Federal Reserve Bank. No; I am its friend. And I would dislike to see any officer in charge of the Federal Reserve Bank make a mistake even if it is an honest mistake.

If the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank were to continue to make radical rulings, it would be bound in time to affect the good of the cause.

In my opinion, raising the rate of interest is inconsistent if you stop and consider the amount of money the Federal Reserve banks have made. I understand the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City has four million capital and made \$3,600,000. Suppose any other institution in the United States had made that much money on that much capital, don't you know they would have had them arrested on general principles for highway robbery. Usury wouldn't be in it. That alone should discourage the Board from raising the rate.

The strongest argument that I can make against raising the rate is first—the danger of it—scaring the public into a panic. Second, 99% of the banks in the United States are not loaning money to speculators. Third, if the Federal Reserve Bank attempts to make more money than it has made, it will be more serious than loaning money for speculation. It is worse than profiteering.

Conditions especially in this country have never been any better than they are now. The merchants, the farmers and the jobbers are less in debt than they have ever been before.

I wish to call your attention to the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" of November 1919, on page 1082, where the Federal Reserve Bank in New York purchased in August, 194 million of bills of exchange and in September, 205 million; of which 75% was based upon foreign trade transactions.

On Sept. 30 1919 the Federal Reserve Bank reported a total of over 300 million of purchased bills on hand compared with 367 million on Aug. 31 1919; and only 33 million was held by private banks and bankers and 21 million by foreign banks and their agencies.

Also wish to call your attention to the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" of December 1919, on page 1180. Total loans made to all national banks by the Federal Reserve banks was 977 million. Three-fourths of it was loaned by the New York Federal Reserve Bank alone.

From the above statements, it seems like the Federal Reserve Bank and the New York banks are doing all the speculating and they are placing the responsibility and the blame upon the banks in general.

The loans made by the Federal Reserve Bank to the banks in New York are entirely out of proportion to the amount of deposits held by the New York banks.

If my figures are correct, the New York banks hold 25% of the total deposits of all banks in the United States and the New York banks are borrowing 75% of the total loans that have been made to all the banks in the United States. That seems out of proportion.

Also wish to call your attention to Section 409 National Bank Act; also wish to call your attention to Section 619 Federal Reserve Act remedy for increasing reserve.

Raising the rate and scaring the people will not do any good. What we need now is encouragement like the circular letter issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, Hon. John Skelton Williams, dated Feb. 5 1920, and statements made by the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. D. P. Houston, on Feb. 12. The idea of the Federal Reserve Bank telling the banks that all the notes secured by Liberty bonds must be taken out of their note case when the three billion Treasury certificates now outstanding according to statement made by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Glass, will be paid within a year.

Now, after three billion Treasury certificates are taken off the market and out of the way and paid for by the Government, don't you believe that Liberty bonds will then come back to par basis? I know they will.

The Comptroller's letter and the statement of Mr. Houston has injected more confidence in the people to hold their bonds and not sacrifice them than raising the rate will ever do.

The Government should stop the sale of Liberty Bonds at the present prices. There is a way to do it and the only solution is for the Federal Reserve banks to make a special low rate of interest on loans secured by Liberty bonds; and you will see how quickly Liberty bonds will go back to where they belong instead of being sold for ninety cents on the dollar. It is a disgrace to the country and a disgrace to each community. It is a disgrace to every man in America—the idea of Government bonds selling at a lower basis than municipal bonds. That alone is inconsistent and causes discontent. It is not normal. It is not based on sound judgment. It only encourages speculation, wild cat schemes and radicalism.

Mr. Harding, for the good of the country, recall the ruling that you have made increasing the rate of interest, and limit loans of the Federal Reserve banks to productive agencies only and not for speculative purposes.

Respectfully yours,

I. H. NAKDIMEN, President.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN ANNUAL REPORT ON CONTROL OF CREDITS.—RECOMMENDATIONS.

A conspicuous feature of the annual report of the Federal Reserve Board, made public on Tuesday of this week, is its observations under the heading "Discount Policy and Credit Control." The expansion of credit set in motion by the war, says the Board, must be checked. Credit, it adds, must be brought under effective control and its flow be once more regulated and governed with careful regard to the economic welfare of the country and the needs of its producing industries. A recommendation for the adoption of an amendment to the Federal Reserve Act, whereby, in the opinion of the Board, "it would be possible to reduce excessive borrowings of member banks and to induce them to hold their own large borrowers in check without raising the basic rate," is proposed by the Board, which further states that "the Federal Reserve Banks would thus be provided with an effective method of dealing with credit expansion. More nearly at the sources than is now practicable, and without unnecessary hardships to banks and borrowers who are conducting their affairs within the bounds of moderation." The Board's recommendation as to new legislation is that "an additional power be granted it, by adding to sub-division D, Section 14, a proviso that each Federal Reserve Bank may, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, determine by uniform rule, applicable to all its members alike, the normal maximum rediscount line of each member bank and that it may submit for the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board graduated rates on an ascending scale to apply equally and ratably to all its member banks rediscounting amounts in excess of the normal line so determined." As indicated elsewhere in to-day's issue of our paper bills proposing the amendment sought by the Board were introduced in the House and Senate this week. The following is what the Board's has to say on the subject of "discount policy and credit control" in its annual report:

The experience of the past three years has demonstrated the expansive power of the Federal Reserve system. It should be understood, however, that an elastic system of reserve credit and note issue implies capacity to control and the ability to curtail credit. The ability of the system to check expansion under present circumstances and to induce healthy liquidation is now to be tested.

Owing to the abnormal ease of money throughout the year 1915 and during the greater part of the year 1916 the Board had little opportunity to test the efficiency of what is conceived to be the correct discount policy. The principle had been adhered to consistently that the Federal Reserve banks should not encourage rediscounting by members for the sake of profit, but that their own resources should be kept liquid and their reserve position strong.

Although section 5202 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that no national banking association shall at any time be in any way liable for borrowed money to any amount exceeding the amount of its capital stock, had been amended by excepting liabilities incurred under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act, it was not contemplated by the Board that the member banks would, except to meet seasonal requirements or emergencies, avail themselves of this amendment in order to extend their rediscount lines beyond the original limitations. It was the Board's view also that as a rule the discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks should be higher than current market rates, thus offering no incentive to members bank to rediscount for the sake of making profit in the transaction.

Because of this policy and of the conditions which prevailed up to the time when it began to appear that the United States would be drawn into the war, the reserve position of the Federal Reserve banks was so strong as to suggest an analogy between the system and a safe deposit vault.

In his address to Congress, urging the declaration of a state of war with Germany, the President pledged all the resources of the nation—which, of course, include its man-power, money, credit and goods—to the successful conduct of the war. By an overwhelming vote the Congress of the United States carried out the recommendation of the President, thus committing the country to the principles and policies outlined in his address.

Normal policies had to be subordinated, just as private business was subordinated, to Government business, and discount rates were of necessity fixed with the primary object of assisting the Treasury operations. How effective this policy was is now a matter of history. As has already been pointed out, the Federal Reserve Banks became great bond-distributing organizations; firms and corporations, large and small, men and women in every walk of life, were urged to subscribe for bonds, and the credit facilities of the Federal Reserve Banks were placed at the disposal of member and non-member banks in order that they might lend freely on bonds for which the subscribers were unable to pay. The public was urged to borrow and it was found after the close of the Victory loan in May, 1919, that more than 20,000,000 subscriptions had been received in response to this appeal.

But in addition to the appeal to borrow and buy there was also added the injunction to save and pay. To assist this process, during the 18 months when the war was in progress there was established a rigid control of such credits as were not essential, directly or indirectly, to the prosecution of the war, and the American people proved their ability to economize and to co-operate in the nation-wide policy of conservation. As a result of this control of non-essential credits, and of the co-operation of the bank and the public, the Treasury was able to float within a period of two years \$25,000,000,000 of interest-bearing obligations without reducing the reserves of the Federal Reserve Banks below a point which in normal pre-war times would have been regarded as a very strong reserve for a central bank.

The combined reserves of the 12 Federal Reserve banks on Jan. 3 1919 amounted to 51.2% of their liability for deposits and note issues. Due partly to the gold embargo, this percentage was well maintained during all the period of uncertainty which preceded the flotation of the Victory loan and for some time thereafter, for not until July 9, after the gold embargo had been removed, did the reserves fall even fractionally below 50%. On Sept. 26 the reserves stood at 51%, after which date they show a steady and continuous decline to 44.8% on Dec. 26

Although the period of war financing did not terminate with the year 1918 and the Federal Reserve system was consequently under the continued strain of war finance, that strain had to be met without the aid of war restrictions. The safeguards afforded by these restrictions were removed, for it was impracticable to continue them in time of peace. There is no longer an embargo on exports of gold nor any regulation or control of foreign exchange, with the trifling exceptions already noted; the controls set up over exports and imports, production and consumption, with a view of conserving the national resources and reducing waste, have practically disappeared. As a result the problems of the Federal Reserve System have been greatly increased, more particularly the problem of controlling credit.

The Federal Reserve System has met the requirements of war and readjustment by expanding without, however, encroaching upon its legal reserves; it is capable, if need be, of expanding still further without having recourse to the emergency provisions of the act, and very much further by availing itself of those provisions. But the time has come for it to demonstrate its power to move in the opposite direction, and to prove its ability to do so without shock and with a minimum disturbance of business and industry.

Fortunately, the condition of the Treasury is such that the Board can now feel free to inaugurate discount policies adjusted to peace-time conditions and needs. The large volume of Government bonds looking for permanent ownership during the year was, however, an important factor in the situation and retarded the adoption of a normal discount policy. Until the absorption of Liberty bonds is fairly complete the Federal Reserve System will be in a transition stage, and normal banking policies cannot be made entirely effective. The absorption by investors of Government bonds, as indicated by the figures cited earlier in this report, is a gratifying step in this direction. It should, however, be repeated that the time has come for the system, in the interest of commerce and business, to exercise its power to regulate and control the credit situation.

The normal and traditional method of credit control has been the discount rate; its efficacy, however, presupposes normal conditions. An advance in rate operates under normal conditions not only to diminish the demand for credit by making certain activities unprofitable but as well to increase the supply of credit by attracting it from other centers or countries. The conditions that make this traditional control effective do not all exist at the present time. The United States stands almost alone as an important free gold market. Other countries are seeking and have obtained large credits in the United States, as is evidenced by the fact that our exports exceeded imports during the year by about four billions of dollars, and we have paid our adverse balances in gold. It should be recognized that credits extended to Europe create a demand for commodities that competes with the domestic demand and this competition is one of the potent causes of high prices. The demand for commodities from domestic as well as foreign sources is so far in excess of the supply that the increased cost of credit due to an advance in rates is absorbed in the price, and speculation, anticipating large profits, is checked by any reasonable advance in rates of interest. These conditions are all adverse to an easy and effective operation of credit control by means of discount rates.

Nevertheless, the discount rate is an indispensable factor in the regulation and control of credit. When there are legal limitations on the rates member banks may charge a high reserve bank rate has a restraining influence upon them and upon their customers.

Although there are no specific limitations imposed upon the amount of borrowings by member banks at the Federal Reserve banks, there is a potential limitation provided for in the Act. In that part of section 4 which relates to the duties of the board of directors of a Federal Reserve bank there is the following: "Said board shall administer the affairs of said bank fairly and impartially and without discrimination in favor of or against any member bank or banks, and shall, subject to the provisions of law and the orders of the Federal Reserve Board, extend to each member bank such discounts, advances and accommodations as may be safely and reasonably made with due regard for the claims of other member banks."

Should all the member banks of a Federal Reserve bank be borrowers, and should all ask for accommodations proportionate to those which may have been advanced to a few, the Federal Reserve bank would not be able out of its own resources to meet the demand. Therefore it is possible to determine theoretically what a fair line of accommodation for any member bank would be; that is, what amount of accommodation can be granted "safely and reasonably . . . with due regard for the claims of other member banks."

Any attempt, however, to control credit by the application of this rule is subject to serious administrative difficulties. If the paper offered is eligible and good, it would be better for a Reserve bank to grant accommodation at a price rather than to refuse it entirely, but the Act, sub-division (D), Section 14, provides that a Federal Reserve bank shall have power to establish from time to time, subject to review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve bank for each class of paper, which shall be fixed with a view of accommodating commerce and business. There is no authority, however, for establishing graduated rates based upon the total borrowings of a member bank, and, consequently, when it becomes necessary to advance the discount rate in order to curb the demands of those banks rediscounting with the Federal Reserve banks in very large amounts, the same rate would have to apply to the moderate requirements of other member banks who may rediscount with the Federal Reserve banks infrequently and never excessively. Thus the application of rate advances as a corrective or deterrent to certain banks tends to raise the level of current rates to all.

The Board, therefore, recommends to Congress that an additional power be granted it, by adding to sub-division (D), Section 14, a proviso that each Federal Reserve bank may, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, determine by uniform rule, applicable to all its member banks alike, the normal maximum rediscount line of each member bank, and that it may submit for the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board graduated rates on an ascending scale, to apply equally and ratably to all its member banks rediscounting amounts in excess of the normal line so determined. In this way, in the opinion of the Board, it would be possible to reduce excessive borrowings of member banks, and to induce them to hold their own large borrowers in check without raising the basic rate. The Federal Reserve banks would thus be provided with an effective method of dealing with credit expansion more nearly at the source than is now practicable, and without unnecessary hardship to banks and borrowers who are conducting their affairs within the bounds of moderation.

The expansion of credit set in motion by the war must be checked. Credit must be brought under effective control and its flow be once more regulated and governed with careful regard to the economic welfare of the country and the needs of its producing industries.

Deflation, however, merely for the sake of deflation and a speedy return to "normal"—deflation merely for the sake of restoring security values and commodity prices to their pre-war levels without regard to other consequences—would be an insensate proceeding in the existing posture of national and world affairs.

It must never be forgotten that productive industry is profoundly affected by credit conditions. Modern business is done on credit. One of its life-giving principles is credit. The mood and temper of the business community are deeply affected by the state of credit, and may easily be disturbed by ill-considered or precipitate action. A system of credit control must always be judged by what it does to maintain a healthy condition of mind on the part of all sections and classes of the producing community. The ultimate test of the functioning of a credit system must be found in what it does to promote and increase the production of goods. True in general, the truth of this observation deserves to be particularly emphasized in the present deranged state of world industry and world trade, when production is the crying need of the hour everywhere.

Too rapid or too drastic deflation would defeat the very purpose of a well-regulated credit system by the needless unsettlement of mind it would produce and the disastrous reaction that such unsettlement would have upon productive industry.

Radical and drastic deflation is not, therefore, in contemplation, nor is a policy of further expansion. Either course would in the end lead only to disaster and must not be permitted to develop. The credit situation in the United States is at bottom sound and safe. Our economic and financial position is essentially strong. There need be no occasion for apprehension as to our ability to effect the transition from wartime to peacetime conditions if reasonable safeguards against the abuse of credit are respected. There is, however, no need for precipitate action or extreme measures. Extremes must be avoided, the process of adjusting the volume of credit to a normal basis should be effected in an orderly manner, and its rapidity must be governed by conditions and circumstances as they develop. Much will depend upon the co-operation of the business and general community. Indeed, without such co-operation progress can neither be rapid nor substantial. Much will depend also upon the rapidity with which the unabsorbed portion of the outstanding issues of war securities passes into the hands of permanent holders. As the national debt is thus absorbed, and as it is reduced through the operation of the sinking fund, the loan accounts of the banks should be reduced correspondingly until the proper balance between the volume of credit and the volume of concrete things, which credit helped to produce and which are the normal basis of credit, is restored. This equilibrium, it cannot be too frequently or too emphatically stated, can be restored only by speeding up the processes of production, by the orderly distribution of goods, by the avoidance of wasteful consumption, and by the increased accumulation of savings. These are the fundamental economic processes upon which the proper functioning of the Federal Reserve banks must depend. The Federal Reserve system can do much to assist these processes, but it cannot of itself and alone compel them. Efficacious action along these lines involves the intelligent and earnest co-operation of the business and general community. While the Federal Reserve Board will always be mindful of the interdependence of credit and industry and of the influence exerted on prices by the general volume of credit, the Board nevertheless cannot assume to be an arbiter of industry or prices. Its primary duty, as the guardian of the Nation's ultimate banking reserve, is to see that the banks under its supervision function effectually and properly as reserve banks.

AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL RESERVE ACT TO PROVIDE GRADUATED RATES OF DISCOUNT—LOANS TO STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Bills designed to meet the recommendation made by the Federal Reserve Board in its annual report this week for legislation authorizing the Board to establish graduated rates of discount "on the basis of the amount of the rediscount accommodations by the Federal Reserve Bank to the borrowing bank," were introduced in the House on the 23d inst. by Representative Phelan and in the Senate on the 24th by Senator McLean. On Feb. 26 the House Committee on Banking and Currency voted to favorably report the Phelan bill. In its report the Committee said:

The Board has undertaken to check the expansion of credit which has taken place during and since the war by raising its discount rates, but in the present abnormal conditions this uniform increase of rates does not fully control the situation. A high discount rate has a restraining influence on the member banks and on their customers, but most of the rediscounting, as a matter of fact, is done by a comparatively few banks in each district. Before the passage of the Federal Reserve Act no national bank could incur indebtedness beyond the amount of its capital stock for rediscounts, but the Act contained an amendment to Section 5202, R. S., making an exception of "liabilities incurred under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act."

Thus the limit was removed and rediscounts to any amount may be lawfully made with Federal Reserve banks. Some banks have rediscounted several times their capital and surplus, and it is obvious that there should be a method of checking them short of actually refusing them further extensions and without increasing too much the rate applicable to all member banks. This will give each Federal Reserve bank authority to make uniform rules determining for each member bank a normal maximum rediscount line based upon some such standard as its legal reserve, or possible upon capital and surplus, with graduated rates on an ascending scale to apply equally and ratably to all of its member banks rediscounting amounts in excess of the normal lines.

For instance, if a bank's normal line of rediscounts was \$1,000,000, the rate might be raised $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on each \$250,000 asked for above that amount. In this way the abnormal rediscounting of a comparatively few banks can be checked, without at the same time raising rates on all rediscounts to a figure that would be unjust to banks which had not even rediscounted up to their normal line and without seriously hampering business.

The Phelan bill (H. R. 12711) amends subparagraph *d* of Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act by striking out the semi-colon after the word "business" and adding the following "and which, subject to the approval, review, and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, may be graduated or progressed on the basis of the amount of the rediscount and discount accommodations extended by the Federal Reserve Bank to the borrowing bank," so as to make the paragraph read:

(*d*) To establish from time to time, subject to review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve Bank for each class of paper, which shall be fixed with a view accommodating commerce and business and which, subject to the

approval, review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, may be graduated or progressed on the basis of the amount of the rediscount and discount accommodations extended by the Federal Reserve Bank to the borrowing bank.

Senator McLean, who presented in the Senate a bill similar to the above, also introduced on the 24th inst. a bill which would prevent the Federal Reserve Banks from extending greater accommodation to a State bank or trust company than can be extended to a national bank. This bill would amend paragraph 10 of Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act, by adding thereto the proviso:

Provided that no Federal Reserve bank shall be permitted to discount for any State bank or trust company notes, drafts, or bills of exchange of any one borrower who is liable for borrowed money to such State bank or trust company, in an amount greater than that which could be borrowed lawfully from State bank or trust company, were it a national banking association.

DEFICIT IN RESERVES SHOWN BY NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

The deficit in reserves shown in the statement issued last Saturday (Feb. 21) by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has occasioned no little attention, especially since it is the first time any of the Reserve banks has failed to meet the legal reserve requirements. In its reference to the matter the New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 24 said:

No information had been received in financial circles to-day or at the New York Reserve Bank as to what action the Federal Reserve Board intends to take as a consequence of the deficit in reserves reported last Saturday by the New York institution. The law stipulates that 40% in gold shall be "kept good" against circulating note issues and 35% in cash against deposits. The New York Bank at the end of last week, after setting aside 40% in gold to cover its notes, showed cash on hand equal to only 33.9% of its deposits, which was 1.1% below the legal minimum.

It was pointed out to-day that under the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, a period of thirty days may elapse before the penalties provided by law are made to apply. On the other hand, there was much uncertainty expressed over the provision of the law that the Federal Reserve Board shall have power to suspend reserve requirements for thirty days, at the same time imposing a tax on the deficit. In some quarters it was held that the mere fact that reserves had fallen below the minimum would compel the board to suspend the legal requirements.

Up to last week the New York Reserve Bank published its ratio of gold held as a reserve for note issues, after setting aside 35% as cover for its deposits. Last Saturday, however, it changed this practice and first deducted 40% in gold as reserve for its note issues, leaving the balance to apply to deposits. Had the deficit occurred in connection with note issues, the law would have required that the Board impose a tax of 1% annually on the deficit. Should the reserve fall as low as 32 $\frac{1}{2}\%$, the tax would have risen to 1 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on each 2 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ decline below 32 $\frac{1}{2}\%$.

It is understood that the local Reserve Bank holds the view that a sharp presentation of the facts, such as was made in last week's statement, was preferable to any attempt to disguise the position. It would have been possible for the New York bank to maintain its reserve by borrowing from other Reserve banks, as it has done in the past. But the attitude was taken that the present occasion did not warrant the use of this expedient.

The "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 26, had the following to say:

Further light was shed yesterday on the alteration in the method of making up the local Reserve Bank's statement noted last Saturday. This involves the provision of the required 40% gold reserve against notes before providing for the reserve against the deposit liabilities. In this way the deficit in reserves was made to appear in the latter rather than the former. The intimation obtained from authoritative quarters was that the change in the statement was in accordance with a policy determined upon by the Federal Reserve Board.

The suggestion that such a policy had been decided upon was discussed with much interest in banking circles, where the point was made that, whereas a specific penalty was provided in the Federal Reserve Act for a deficit in reserve against notes, no definite penalty was established for deficits in reserve against deposits. While the act states that a penalty shall apply to deficits in reserve, it was asserted, the section dealing with this subject is not altogether clear, and the Board apparently interprets the penalty for deficits in reserve against deposit liabilities as discretionary. By this method the automatic increase in discount rates which the penalty for deficits in note reserves would incur is avoided it was said.

If the Board has adopted any such policy as this would indicate, bankers say that it would be open to considerable criticism.

INCREASE BY N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK IN RATES FOR ADVANCES ON TREASURY CERTIFICATES.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank increased on Feb. 25, from 4 $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 5% the discount rate on advances, not exceeding 15 days, secured by Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness and on rediscounts of customers' notes so secured not exceeding ninety days. Notice of the change in the rate has been made as follows by the bank:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK,

(Circular No. 255, Feb. 25 1920.)

Rates of Discount.

To All Member Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

Dear Sirs:—You are advised that the rate on advances and rediscounts at this bank, secured by United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, has been increased from 4 $\frac{3}{4}\%$ (as announced in our Circular No. 247 of Jan. 22 1920) to 5%. All other rates therein announced remain unchanged.

The following therefore are the rates of discount effective after the close of business to-day and until further notice:

Commercial Paper.

For advances not exceeding 15 days secured by all classes of eligible commercial paper, excepting bankers acceptances, and for rediscounts of such paper.....6%

Liberty Loan Bonds and Victory Notes.

For advances not exceeding 15 days on Liberty Loan bonds, Victory notes and customers notes secured by either of the foregoing, and for rediscounts of customers notes, so secured, for periods not exceeding 90 days.....5½%

Bankers Acceptances.

For advances not exceeding 15 days secured by bankers acceptances, and for rediscounts of same not exceeding 90 days.....5%

U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness.

For advances not exceeding 15 days secured by U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, and for rediscounts of customers notes so secured not exceeding 90 days.....5%

Yours very truly,

J. H. CASE, Acting Governor.

Other Federal Reserve banks which have made similar increases are Boston, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta and Kansas City. Doubtless the remaining Reserve banks will also follow suit, but up to last night there were no definite advices to that effect. Commenting on the rate advance made by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, the New York "Times" of Feb. 26 said:

The action of the bank yesterday was not unexpected. The only surprise expressed by any one was that the advance was not greater. In more than a few places it was felt that a rate even higher than 5% should be charged for rediscounts and advances on Treasury certificates. Some critics of the Reserve Bank hold the opinion that all rates, including those on bills secured by Liberty bonds and Victory notes, should be advanced to a parity with the 6% rate now charged on commercial paper rediscounts.

Prior to the changes in rates made on Jan. 22 the bank was exacting a uniform rate on all rediscounts. Then it advanced rates on commercial paper to 6% and rates on bills secured by Liberty bonds at 5½%, but left unchanged at 4¼% the rates on paper secured by Treasury certificates of indebtedness. The Reserve Bank's loans to member banks had been diminishing from the first of the year to the week before the Jan. 22 changes were made. Loans on Government paper, including war bonds and certificates of indebtedness, had fallen \$152,618,000 from Jan. 2, when they were \$571,822,000, while member banks' borrowings on commercial paper had gone up \$48,605,000 to \$288,504,000 in the statement of Jan. 16.

But after the preferential differential was established in favor of Government obligations, there was a sharp switch. In the two following weeks, or to Jan. 30, borrowings on Government paper increased \$175,691,000, while borrowings on commercial paper contracted \$121,872,000, so that despite the raising of the commercial paper rate to 6%, an advance of 1¼%, the total loans to member banks had risen \$53,819,000. Since then there has been further expansion of loans, those based on Government paper by \$21,215,000 and those predicated on ordinary commercial paper by \$36,053,000. In short, since the advancing of rates on Jan. 22 loans to member banks have expanded in the aggregate by \$111,087,000.

The fact that this expansion has taken place in the way it has—by an increase of \$196,906,000 in loans on Government obligations, against a decrease in other loans of \$85,819,000—has caused no small amount of unfavorable comment in banking circles aent the differential in favor of the Government's securities, and many bankers have insisted that the Reserve Bank would never bring about real contraction and deflation un it abolished the differential. Yesterday's action was interpreted as a first step in this direction.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM IN WEEK ENDING FEB. 20 1920.

The Federal Reserve Board reports the admission to the Federal Reserve system of the following institutions during the week ending Feb. 20:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources
District No. 2—			
Bank of Coney Island, Coney Island, New York City.....	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$3,081,778
District No. 5—			
People's Bank of Floyd County, Floyd, Va.....	35,000	25,000	279,160
District No. 8—			
Tower Grove Bank of St. Louis, Mo.....	200,000	50,000	3,268,121
District No. 12—			
First Bank of Homedale, Homedale, Idaho.....	25,000	-----	27,500
Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, Rupert, Idaho.....	35,000	-----	42,237
Buena State Bank, Buena, Wash.....	25,000	-----	190,556

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES ADVISED AS TO LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

A letter calling the attention of the banks and trust companies of the country to the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange has been issued as follows, under date of Feb. 17 by E. V. D. Cox, Secretary of the Exchange:

The above is accompanied by the circular of the Committee on Stock List, dated Jan. 1 1919 in which the listing requirements are given in detail.

The purpose of this letter addressed to the banks and trust companies of the country is to call their officers' attention and thereby to the attention of the investing public the accessibility of essential information with respect to the securities dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange.

Before a security can be bought and sold on the New York Stock Exchange an application for listing must be filed by a corporation or its representative reciting all material facts of its affairs. The enclosed copy of "Requirements for Original Listing" shows the searching nature of the information that must be disclosed as a condition precedent to the admission to dealing on the Board. All listed corporations are required to publish balance sheets and income accounts.

Listing applications are on file and open to inspection. There is on hand a limited supply of copies of these applications which are available for distribution. Upon request a copy will be mailed to those unable to inspect them here.

Many of the corporations now being listed have issued capital stock without nominal or par value. It is not always understood in dealing in such that there should be no consideration given to the traditional price of par. In order to obtain the market value of properties having shares of no par value it is necessary to multiply the price at which the stock is selling by

the number of shares outstanding. For instance, a property capitalized at 200,000 shares no par value, and quoted at \$40, represents a market value of the property of \$8,000,000.

F. A. VANDERLIP'S CRITICISM OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The domination of political influence in the Federal Reserve Board, was charged by Frank A. Vanderlip, in an address at last Saturday's non-partisan discussion under the auspices of the National Republican Club in this city, and to the failure of the Treasury Department "to see the consequences of continued low rates," he ascribed the present inflation of credit. From the New York "Tribune" of Feb. 22, we take the following account of Mr. Vanderlip's remarks

The Federal Reserve Board was organized to make impossible the inflation of the nation's currency. In the light of the five years' experience we have just been through, it is plain that some things are wrong with it that were not contemplated when the Aldrich plan was drafted.

The management of the system, under the Aldrich conception, was much better than it has been in actual operation. The main trouble appears to be with administration rather than with the system itself.

Political influence has been injected into the activities of the board at the top. The head of the board is the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller of the Currency is an ex-officio member of the body.

The act originally provided for a brake that was expected to prevent undue inflation. If credit was being extended at too great a rate it was contemplated that an increase in interest rates should prevent such a situation. Borrowing then would be kept down automatically.

But the Treasury Department failed to see the consequences of continued low rates, and the present difficulties have grown out of this situation. The government was a big borrower at low rates, and the public profited by the opportunities offered as well.

Deflation must come soon, however. Unless it does come soon, and we recognize our opportunities and obligations, things will go badly indeed. We may get down from the present dangerously high altitude without a crash. But the tendency is still upward, and the end is not in sight.

The "Times" reports Mr. Vanderlip as saying:

Our fate lies largely in the hands of the Federal Reserve Board and the decision of that body. Heretofore their decisions have been directed between the political voice and banking judgment. The campaign managers now at work ought to consider whether we should not have a removal of politics from the Federal Reserve banking system.

Mr. Vanderlip's remarks were presented under the head "Our Foreign Commerce and International Banking," and in his recommendations respecting the furnishing of financial aid to Europe, the New York "Sun and Herald," of Nov. 22, announces him as saying:

Secretary Glass told us that Europe's salvation lies largely in her own hands: that Europe must go to work, that she must cut down her government expenditures and increase her taxation in order to restore her national credit. That sounds well, and much of it is true. Europe cannot be saved by charity; she must go to work. But there is another view.

The economic structure of European society has been built up on the growth of industrial communities in the last twenty years. There is now a very complete disorganization of all those industrial and trade relations. There are to-day countries actually starving. Taking this view of the situation, there is a good deal of irony in the Secretary's assertion that Europe must go to work, must curtail government expenditures, increase taxation and stop printing paper money.

Do we wish to build up our European trade competitors or do we want to compete with them with a view of capturing from them the markets of the world? I believe our right policy is to build up a busy, prosperous Europe rather than to tolerate an idle, revolutionary Europe.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO BRANCHES OF NATIONAL BANKS.

In its recommendations respecting branches of National banks, the Federal Reserve Board in its annual report made public this week, says:

The Board has on several occasions recommended to Congress that the Federal Reserve Act be amended so as to prevent National banks under certain conditions to establish branches within the corporate limits of cities in which they are located. Under the present law National banks cannot afford the same facilities to the public as are given by State banks having branches, except in cases where State banks and trust companies operating branches have merged with National banks, when existing branches may be continued by the National banks. The Senate has passed a bill authorizing National banks located in cities of not less than 500,000 inhabitants and having a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 or more to establish branches not exceeding 10 in number within the corporate limits of the cities in which they are located, provided the laws of the State extend a similar privilege to banking institutions operating under State charters. While the Board would prefer to have this privilege extended to National banks in cities of not less than 100,000 inhabitants or falling that, have the population limit raised to 200,000, it wishes to point out that the limit fixed in the Senate bill does not affect the principle involved, and it therefore respectfully recommends once more that National banks be permitted to establish branches in the cities in which they are located under such limitations as in the wisdom of Congress may be deemed desirable.

EARNINGS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO FOR 1919 AND SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Total earnings of \$7,021,224 are reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for the year 1919, as compared with \$4,187,785 for 1918. Since the organization of the bank on Nov. 14 1914, the earnings have amounted to \$12,527,223, while the expenses in this five year period have totaled \$3,257,277, making the net profit since 1914, \$9,269,947. The details of earnings and expenses covering all

the years the bank has been in operation are furnished by Governor Jno. U. Calkins as follows:

	*1914-16.	1917.	1918.	1919.	Total since Organization.
Earnings—					
Discount on bills discounted	\$85,150	\$292,982	\$2,475,551	\$3,687,951	\$6,721,634
Discount on bills purchased	146,454	308,595	1,097,630	2,870,367	4,423,046
Int. on Municipal warrants	68,205	11,935	None	None	80,140
Interest on U. S. securities	85,961	147,355	135,268	238,385	606,969
Profit on U. S. securities sold	14,488	11,250	294	None	26,031
Domestic transfers bought & sold—net	23,337	64,363	127,388	178,410	393,498
Service charges collected	7,600	31,047	19,862	None	58,509
Penalties on deficient reserves	1,158	18,222	96,409	65,970	181,759
Commissions	None	52	35,383	141	35,576
Total	\$432,412	\$885,802	\$4,187,785	\$7,021,224	\$12,527,223
Expenses—					
Assessm' for Fed. Res. Board	\$268,891	\$259,038	\$704,151	\$1,112,668	\$2,404,748
Cost of Fed. Res. currency	35,474	10,560	22,277	33,306	107,617
Furniture and equipment	56,304	34,998	248,424	215,897	555,623
Total	\$373,259	\$338,768	\$1,080,021	\$1,465,239	\$3,257,377
Profit	\$59,153	\$547,044	\$3,107,764	\$5,555,985	\$9,269,846
Profit and Loss Account—					
Gross earnings since organization					\$12,527,223
Less expenses since organization					\$3,257,377
Depreciation on bank premises					413,225
Dividends paid to Dec. 31 1919					1,232,348
Reserved for depreciation					85,600
Carried to surplus fund					7,539,374
					\$12,527,223

*From November 16, 1914, only.

There are five branches of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, namely, the Spokane branch, the Seattle branch, the Portland branch, the Salt Lake City branch and the Los Angeles branch.

N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON EXCHANGE OF TEMPORARY COUPON LIBERTY BONDS FOR PERMANENT BONDS.

J. H. Case, Acting Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, has issued under date of Feb. 20 a circular to the banking institutions in the local Reserve District indicating the methods whereby the temporary 4% and 4½% coupon Liberty bonds may be exchanged for permanent bonds in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Department Circular No. 164, which latter was given in our issue of Jan. 10, page 125. The following are the advices conveyed to the banks, trust companies and savings banks by Mr. Case in his circular (No. 255) of the 20th inst.:

Dear Sirs—Enclosed is a copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 164, dated Dec. 15 1919, regarding the exchange of temporary 4% and 4½% coupon Liberty bonds for permanent bonds.

Methods of Handling Exchanges through Banking Institutions.

In accordance with the provisions of that circular there are two methods which may be used by the banks, which are as follows:

Delivering permanent Bonds to Incorporated Banks and Trust Companies.

First—Paragraph 8 of the circular provides that incorporated banks and trust companies designated as special depositories of public moneys pursuant to Treasury Department Circular No. 92, may receive a supply of permanent bonds on consignment by the pledging of collateral security in the form of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the United States. This method will enable banks to make immediate exchanges of temporary bonds presented to them by their customers.

Receiving from Customers Temporary Bonds to be Sent to Federal Reserve Bank for Exchange.

Second—Incorporated banks and trust companies not wishing to adopt the first method may, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7 of Circular No. 164, receive from their customers temporary bonds and forward them to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for exchange.

The advantage in receiving bonds on consignment, as outlined in the first method, will enable banks to make immediate exchanges of all temporary bonds presented by their customers thereby eliminating the necessity of issuing a receipt. The same result, however, may be accomplished if banks holding temporary bonds for their own account exchange them and use the permanent bonds for making immediate exchanges of temporary bonds surrendered.

Reimbursement for Transportation Charges.

The postage, registration fee and risk upon shipments in connection with the exchange of temporary for permanent bonds, between incorporated banks and trust companies and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will be borne by the United States Government provided the following procedure is strictly adhered to:

(a) All temporary bonds and collateral security forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, by an incorporated bank or trust company, must be listed by issue and serial number on triplicate forms which will be supplied for its use; the original to be forwarded by regular mail under separate cover, the duplicate to be enclosed with the securities and the triplicate to be retained by the forwarding bank for its files.

Upon receipt of the original advice of shipment the insurance will be effected by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and banks will be reimbursed for postage and registration fees by check, which will be forwarded as soon as possible after the first of each month for shipments received during the preceding month.

(b) All temporary bonds surrendered to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for credit to permanent bond consignment account under the first method must be stamped on the face with a legend reading:

"Accepted in exchange for permanent bonds of the same issue and receivable only for credit of:

....."
(Name of Bank or Trust Company.)

All temporary bonds surrendered for exchange under the second method must be stamped with a legend reading:

"Presented for exchange for permanent bonds by:

....."
(Name of Bank or Trust Company.)

Rubber stamps for this purpose will be furnished by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

(c) Delivery record by serial number should be maintained of all bonds delivered in order that the ultimate delivery of a permanent bond may be determined if occasion arises.

The forms to be used in handling the transactions between banks and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York are now in the course of preparation and, in order that we may be informed as to the method each bank wishes to adopt and to enable us to supply the proper rubber stamp for its use, we would appreciate your indicating on the enclosed form the method you wish to pursue, forwarding it to us as promptly as possible in the enclosed return envelope.

In further advices to savings banks Feb. 26 (Circular No. 257) Mr. Case says:

With respect to our Circular No. 255, dated Feb. 20 1920, relative to the exchange of temporary 4% and 4½% coupon Liberty bonds for permanent bonds, we have been advised by the Treasury Department that any savings bank which is incorporated under the Banking Law of the State may be designated as a special depository and, as such, may qualify to receive deliveries of permanent bonds on consignment against collateral pledged with this bank.

To facilitate qualifying as a consignment agent, we would suggest that each incorporated savings bank desiring to qualify for this purpose secure its designation as a special depository in advance by filing with us on the enclosed form a certified copy of resolutions of its board of Trustees. The same result, however, may be accomplished if savings banks holding temporary bonds for their own account exchange them and use the permanent bonds for making immediate exchanges of temporary bonds surrendered.

Such savings banks do not wish to adopt either of the above methods may follow the second method outlined in our Circular No. 255.

PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH SUB-TREASURIES.

The House of Representatives on Feb. 25 declined to strike from the Legislative Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill a provision calling for the abolition on Dec. 31 of the sub-treasuries at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cincinnati and Chicago, and by a vote of 57 to 14 adopted an amendment transferring their duties to the jurisdiction of the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury. A bill having a like purpose has been introduced in the House by Representative Platt and referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency. The following is the text of the Platt Bill:

H. R. 12721.

A BILL to abolish the sub-treasuries and to provide for the transfer of the coin, currency, and bullion, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 3595 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, providing for the appointment of an Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cincinnati, and Chicago, and all laws or parts of laws so far as they authorize the establishment of maintenance of offices of such assistant treasurers or of sub-treasuries of the United States are hereby repealed from and after July 1 1921; and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to discontinue from and after such date or at such earlier date or dates as he may deem advisable, such sub-treasuries and the exercise of all duties and functions by such assistant treasurers or their offices. The office of each assistant treasurer specified above and the services of any officers or other employees assigned to duty at his office shall terminate upon the discontinuance of the functions of that office by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to transfer any or all of the duties and functions performed or authorized to be performed by the assistant treasurers above enumerated, or their offices, to the Treasurer of the United States or the mints or assay offices of the United States, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, or to utilize any of the Federal Reserve banks acting as depositories or fiscal agents of the United States, as provided by existing law, for the purpose of performing any or all of such duties and functions. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, or any other provisions of law, the Secretary of the Treasury may deposit or carry with any Federal Reserve bank any securities, moneys, bullion, or funds authorized by law to be deposited or carried with the Treasurer of the United States or with any of the assistant treasurers: *Provided, however,* That any such trust funds or other special funds or special deposits of securities, moneys, or bullion deposited or carried with a Federal Reserve bank shall, when required by the Secretary of the Treasury, be kept separate and distinct from the assets, funds, and securities of the Federal Reserve bank and be held in the joint custody of the Federal Reserve Agent and the Federal Reserve Bank.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to assign any or all the rooms, vaults, equipment, and safes or space in the buildings used by the sub-treasuries to any Federal Reserve bank acting as fiscal agent of the United States.

Sec. 4. That all employees in the sub-treasuries in the classified civil service of the United States shall be eligible for transfer to classified civil-service positions under the control of the Treasury Department, or if their services are not required in and under such department, for transfer to fill vacancies in or under any other executive department, with the consent of such department. Any officer or employ in the classified civil service assigned to duty in the office of any assistant treasurer, who may be employed by any Federal Reserve bank upon the discontinuance of the office of the assistant treasurer to which he was assigned, shall retain his civil-service status for such period as he remains in the employ of any Federal Reserve Bank and for one year thereafter.

Sec. 5. The sum of \$150,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, for the purpose of meeting any and all necessary expenses, including rent, arising in connection with any operations under this Act, such appropriation to be available from the date of this Act until the end of the fiscal year beginning July 1 1921. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be constructed and erected, and there is hereby further authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of constructing and erecting, in the north court of the Treasury

Building, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, a three-story structure, consisting of a two-story vault with office space above, including all necessary mechanical and vault equipment therefor and all incidental changes required to the Treasury Building in connection therewith.

Sec. 6. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed in so far as inconsistent herewith.

EXCHANGE RATES CAUSE INCREASE IN WHEAT PRICES ABROAD.

The uneven exchange rates have served to increase the cost of American wheat to the principal countries abroad from 12 to 25% since last December, says the bulletin of the International Institute of Agriculture, issued at Rome, Italy, on Feb. 21, and this enhancement, it is pointed out, "naturally acts as a barrier to new business." The bulletin says:

As a consequence of the dislocation of rates of exchange, applicable to the grain trade, the principal importing countries have to submit to an increase in the cost at the port of shipment, varying from 12 to 25%, according to the country of destination and as compared with the amounts payable in December last.

This enhancement naturally acts as a barrier to new business. America with a larger crop of wheat in process of distribution shipped nearly 1,000,000 tons less during the last six months of 1919 than for the corresponding period of 1918. Besides, the wheat stocks in the hands of farmers, millers and dealers were in January 1920 larger by three and three-quarters million metric tons than in January 1919.

It is estimated that the American stocks of rye also are 400,000 tons greater than last season.

The cereal harvests of the Southern Hemisphere were large. The yield of barley in Argentina amounted to 240,000 tons, or 22% beyond the yearly average. This increase was partly due to the increased area under cultivation, this being 37% over the average, but it was chiefly the result of the good season.

No information has been received about the actual yield in Chile, but it is reported the wheat crop is in excellent condition and that other cereals promise well.

The area under wheat in America has been much reduced, the area now under crop being 77% of last year. Decreases in the area sown also are reported from Spain, Rumania and Egypt. While intensive cultivation has occurred in France and Algeria, it is most noticeable in British India, where it is 15% more than last year.

Crop conditions are reported to be fairly favorable in Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, Spain and Italy and average in Egypt. The approaching harvest in British India is expected to be good.

BORDEN CO. NOT TO CHANGE PRICE OF MILK IN MARCH—FARMERS WILL RECEIVE LESS.

The price of milk sold by the Borden Farm Products Co. in March will be the same as in February, it was announced on Feb. 25. This company has during the present month been selling Grade B bottled milk through retail grocery and dairy stores at 16 cents a quart, 1 cent below the price asked by the other large distributors.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Borden Co. will maintain its old price, the farmer will receive for 3% milk in March \$3 36 a hundred pounds at the 201-210 mile freight zone, a reduction of about one-quarter of a cent a quart from the price for this month, according to an announcement on Feb. 21 by the Dairymen's League. Officials of the League were quoted as having said that the price was less than it cost the farmer to produce the milk.

CONTROL OF SUGAR PRICE ABANDONED IN CANADA.

The Canadian Board of Commerce, it became known on Feb. 20, had relinquished its control over the price of sugar. This action was taken, it is understood, to determine whether the policy of price-fixing has actually been beneficial and also whether the orders of the Board of Commerce have been effective. The price of 16 cents a pound at the refineries is no longer in force, it was said, owing to the Board's decision.

WEEKLY REPORTS DISCONTINUED BY UNITED STATES SUGAR EQUALIZATION BOARD.

Announcement has been made by Joshua Benhart, chief of the statistical department of the United States Sugar Equalization Board, Inc., that after Feb. 28 1920 the weekly report of stocks, receipts and meltings of cane sugar will be discontinued. This action, it was said, was made necessary by the refusal of one refiner to submit his figures to the Board, and since that body did not desire to issue incomplete or partially estimated data, the statistics will be discontinued after the date mentioned.

The contract between the Government and the refiners expired Dec. 31 1919, but reports voluntarily given by all refineries had been issued subsequently because of their general utility.

SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS OF SHIP REGISTRY ACT.

It was announced on Feb. 16 that President Wilson had signed an executive order, in pursuance of the authority

conferred upon him by Section 2 of the Act approved Au 18 1914, entitled "An Act to provide for the admission foreign built ships to American registry for the foreign trade and for other purposes," suspending provisions of the Act with reference to watch officers being citizens of the United States, as follows:

1. That the provisions of law prescribing that the watch officers of vessels of the United States shall be citizens of the United States are hereby suspended so far and for such length of time as will permit alien watch officers who now hold United States provisional licenses, and who heretofore have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States to serve on American vessels engaged in the foreign trade until three years three months shall have elapsed after the date of making their respective declarations.

2. That all executive orders heretofore issued suspending the provisions of law prescribing that all watch officers of vessels of the United States shall be citizens of the United States are hereby revoked.

BAINBRIDGE COLBY NAMED BY PRESIDENT WILSON AS SUCCESSOR TO ROBERT LANSING AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

The nomination of Bainbridge Colby as Secretary of State, succeeding Robert Lansing resigned, was sent to the Senate by President Wilson on Feb. 25. Mr. Lansing's resignation was noted in our issue of Saturday last, page 736. The appointment of Mr. Colby as his successor came as a surprise, the one perhaps most talked of as a possible successor to Mr. Lansing having been Frank L. Polk, then Acting Secretary. In a statement to newspaper men in Washington on the 25th, following the announcement of his appointment, Mr. Colby said:

I think good taste counsels only the briefest of statements until such time as the Senate acts upon my nomination. I may say that I had a long and unburdened conference with the President which impressed me with the great confidence he reposed in me. I hope I shall not prove inadequate for the great duties of this new office. There is nothing more that I can say until my nomination has been acted on. I am sure that courtesy is due to the Senate.

Mr. Colby was born in St. Louis in 1869. In the pre-convention campaign of 1912 he was active in Theodore Roosevelt's behalf and was in charge of contests to seat the Roosevelt delegates in the Republican National Convention at Chicago in that year, and was a delegate to the Progressive National Convention at Chicago in 1912. In the 1916 election Mr. Colby campaigned for Woodrow Wilson after the Progressive Party Convention of that year endorsed Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee. In 1917 Mr. Colby was made a member of the United States Shipping Board; he served in that post for two years, during which time he participated in the Allied Maritime Conference in Europe. The New York "Times" of Feb. 2 in stating that Mr. Colby has been a consistent supporter of President Wilson since 1916 and a warm advocate of the League of Nations, reported him as having stated in one of his latest addresses, delivered on Feb. 19 before the National Retail Dry Goods Association at the Hotel Pennsylvania:

I have gathered the impression from sources that I regard as dependable that the treaty of peace may almost be said to be dead.

Mr. Colby is also said to have added:

My heart and thought go out to that great man who sees the product of his vision, of his brain, of his hand underestimated, misprized, despitefully used, aye, brought even to the verge of rejection by his people.

BILL FOR RETURN OF RAILROADS TO PRIVATE CONTROL, PASSED BY CONGRESS.

Congress quickly disposed of the Conference report on the railroad bill; on Saturday last (Feb. 21), the House by a vote of 250 to 150 agreed to its adoption, after a motion of Representative Barkley to recommend the report to the Committee on Conference had been rejected by a vote of 229 yeas to 171 nays. On Monday of this week, Feb. 23 the Senate adopted the Conference report on the bill by a vote of 47 to 17. The bill was sent to President Wilson on Feb. 25, and on that date it was forwarded by him to the Department of Justice for an opinion by the Attorney General as to its validity. The bill was returned to the White House yesterday (Feb. 27) by Attorney General Palmer, who, it is stated, informed the President that he saw no Constitutional objection to the bill. The President later sent the bill to Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines for an expression of view, the latter's opinion, it is believed, being sought on the labor provisions. As we note elsewhere in to-day's issue of the "Chronicle," the Railroad Brotherhoods have filed with the President a protest against the bill. The complete text of the bill as agreed to in conference, and since accepted by both branches of Congress, was given in our issue of Saturday last, pages 720 to 732, inclusive. We also gave last week, pages 716 to 719, inclusive, the statements

made by the conferees of the House in submitting the report. The vote whereby the Conference report was adopted by the House was, as above stated, 250 to 150; the affirmative votes were cast by 205 Republicans and 45 Democrats; the votes in opposition were registered by 125 Democrats, 23 Republicans, 1 Independent and 1 Prohibitionist. The 47 Senators whose votes brought about the adoption of the Conference report in the Senate included 32 Republicans and 15 Democrats. The 17 votes in the Senate against the adoption of the report came from 14 Democrats and 3 Republicans. Representative Esch, Chairman of the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce, who led the factions in support of the bill when it was brought before the House on the 21st inst., outlined the chief features of the bill in particular reviewing its financial provisions. In approving the appropriation of \$200,000,000 carried in the bill to provide a working capital for the railroads for a temporary period, Chairman Esch, the New York "Times" states, read a letter from Swager Sherley, Director of the Division of Finance of the Railroad Administration, which said this amount was "urgently necessary." Mr. Esch is also quoted as saying:

Unless this money is made available on Mar. 1 the railroads will not be able to meet their current accounts as they come due. This provision of the bill will not add a dollar to the expense of the Government, as it will be part of a payment of \$636,000,000 which must be made to wind up Government control.

The Government's total expenditures for additions and betterments up to Mar. 1, when Federal control ends, amount in even numbers to \$1,152,000,000. The Government expended \$372,000,000 for new equipment, which included 100,000 freight cars and 1,900 locomotives, all of which were allocated to the several carriers. Of this sum, \$15,000,000 has been paid in cash by some carriers, leaving a balance for equipment of \$357,000,000, which the Government has expended.

The net excess of operating expenses and compensation to the carriers over the operating revenues of all the roads up to Mar. 1 is \$854,000,000. There is due the corporations in interest and open accounts \$1,442,000,000, against which can be applied interest due on Government notes and open accounts and additions to betterment and indebtedness of \$709,000,000, making the net sum that must be paid the roads under the terms of the bill \$733,000,000.

After set-offs there will be owing the Government on account of additions and betterments \$319,000,000, allocated equipment \$357,000,000, and other indebtedness which will be represented in long time notes or one-year notes \$239,000,000 a total of \$915,000,000. The total amount which the Government must appropriate to make up what may be considered a shortage of \$636,000,000. If the \$200,000,000 herein appropriated is made it will leave \$436,000,000 to be appropriated.

In short, the Government as a result of our experience under Federal control, will have appropriated \$1,900,000,000 and over. Of that sum, \$1,250,000,000 represents what already has been appropriated, and \$200,000,000, and will make it \$1,450,000,000. The difference would approximately be what I have already stated, the amount which the Government must appropriate. This additional sum of \$636,000,000 will practically have to be charged off as a war cost.

Mr. Esch is also said to have stated that prior to Government operation only 60% of the roads earned dividends and paid interest, adding:

During Federal control 108 of the 175 Class 1 roads did not earn interest. In 1916 the roads lacked \$60,000,000 of paying interest on their indebtedness.

Fifty per cent of the roads in this country would go into the hands of receivers in three months without the Government guarantee and I want to warn you that receiverships for railroads means receiverships for industrial enterprises and other business.

Mr. Esch denied that the Government under the compromise bill, guaranteed a return of $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ on railroad investment. He explained that the rate of return was to apply on actual value. "It is up to the railroads to earn by efficiency," he said. "The Government is losing nothing," he added. "Commerce is stimulated. This plan is the best practical solution for a most difficult problem."

Representative Barkley, one of the conferees who dissented from the conference report, and whose opposing views were indicated in these columns last week, page 732, said on the 21st during consideration of the bill:

The result of this legislation means that the American people must pay \$2,500,000,000 to the railroads in order that roads, manipulated by special interests, may pay dividends. They have attempted to write into this bill a semblance of decency by providing that if any honest road, under just rates, earns more than 6%, we will take half of the excess and devote it to a fund to loan inefficiently managed roads or to purchase equipment to be leased to them.

Mr. Barkley argued that the bill was unconstitutional because of the provision taking half of the excess earnings over a 6% return. He concluded by "protesting against compelling 100,000,000 people to pay tribute to specially favored interests, and said defeat of the conference report would not prevent enactment of legislation by March 1 for the objectionable provisions could be "eliminated in 24 hours."

In the Senate on the 23rd Senator Cummins pointed out fundamental differences between the two bills, and in part, further below, we quote what he had to say. In this statement the Senator commented on the so-called "guaranty of income" in which he declared that "not a dollar is to be paid from the Treasury" on account of the provisions of the

bill, and "no obligation whatever on the part of the Government is created." He also said in his remarks on the bill that "we have heretofore appropriated for expenditure by the Railroad Administration \$1,250,000,000. We are now in this bill appropriating \$500,000,000 more, and before the close of the present fiscal year we will be compelled to make another appropriation of not less than \$400,000,000—in all \$2,150,000,000. Of this vast sum it is expected that the railways will at various times during the next decade—10 years is the limit of the credit extended by the Government to the railroads—pay to the Government of the advances so made sums which in the aggregate will reduce the Government's expenditures to something like \$850,000,000, and this will represent the loss incurred in two years and two months of Government operation." The following is, in part, Senator Cummins' comments:

Mr. President, in submitting the conference report upon H. R. 10453, the railroad bill, I shall not attempt to review in detail the many differences which have been composed by the conference committee and which did not involve underlying principles of railway regulation. A very large part of the two bills, as they passed the Senate and House, had a common purpose and differed only in what may fairly be called details, although a large proportion of these details were of great importance and required the most painstaking consideration. In this field I may mention the provisions relating to the adjustment and settlement of the accounts between the Government and the railway companies growing out of Federal control, the funding of indebtedness due from the railway companies to the Government, the extent to which immediate set-offs should be allowed, the payment of deficits to railways which were dismissed from Federal control prior to July 1 1918, the guaranty for six months after March 1 1920, and the arrangement for proper remedies against the United States in cases of action arising during Federal control. All these things presented tremendous difficulties and imposed upon the committee an inquiry into every phase of Government operation. Happily, however, we have been able to reach a conclusion which is fairly satisfactory to the conferees—a conclusion which lies somewhere between the position taken by the Senate and House with regard to these most important subjects. There were numerous controversies of a vital character with respect to the sections which may properly be called amendments to the act to regulate commerce, such as the car-service act, the regulation by Federal authority of the issuance of railway securities, the power on the part of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to deal with instances of congestion in transportation by diversion of traffic, the common use of terminals and other facilities, the division of earnings and of joint rates for the protection of short-line roads, the procedure in cases of conflict between inter-state and State rates, and many other very much needed modifications of the present law. I will not comment upon the changes which have been agreed upon in such matters, for they were thoroughly discussed while the bill was on its passage through the Senate and the conference report does not depart from the Senate bill sufficiently to warrant a review. I hold myself, however, in readiness to answer any question that may be propounded touching these less distinctive points of difference between the action of the Senate and House.

It is, I think, my duty to call your attention specifically to those parts of the two measures wherein the differences were fundamental and could not be settled by compromise, but, in the nature of things, had to be reconciled either by the Senate or House receding from the action it had taken.

First, The bill, as it passed the Senate, proposed the organization of an additional tribunal, known as the transportation board, to which was to be committed certain very important functions in the administration of the law. I need not enlarge upon these functions nor further describe them, because the Senate conferees found it necessary to recede from this provision; and, in the future as in the past, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, increased by two members, will exercise all the authority conferred by the law for the regulation and control of railways.

Second, The Senate bill provided, under certain conditions, for Federal incorporation of railway companies, either by reincorporation of existing companies or original organization under Federal law. The House conferees were so inflexibly opposed to this principle that in order to reach any conclusion the Senate conferees were compelled to yield; and the bill as now reported contains no authority for Federal incorporation in any form.

Third, The Senate bill proceeded upon the declared theory that in order to make rate regulation completely successful and absolutely just as between the public and railway owners the railway properties of the United States should be divided for ownership and operation into not less than 20 nor more than 35 systems, preserving fully the competition in service now existing and the established channels of trade and commerce. It provided that the transportation board should, after hearing, make and publish a plan of consolidation; that for seven years consolidations in harmony with the plan so prescribed should be voluntary, and that thereafter necessary measures should be taken by the Government to complete the execution of the plan. It further prescribed that in all consolidations the capitalization of the consolidated companies should not exceed the actual value of the railway properties involved in the consolidation.

In so far as the Senate bill contemplated compulsory consolidations, the Senate conferees have found it necessary to recede, but the real principle embodied in the Senate bill has been preserved. The substitute found in the conference report upon this subject provides that the commission shall, as soon as practicable, adopt and publish a plan for the consolidation of our railways into a limited number of systems, with the same requirements as to competitive service and the observance of existing routes of commerce as were laid down in the Senate bill. With the approval of the commission, guided solely by the public interest, consolidations are to be permitted, but they are to be voluntary and must be consistent with and in furtherance of the plan adopted by the commission. Furthermore, in whatever consolidations may take place, the properties consolidated must be treated as of their true value, and the commission is charged with the duty of determining this value under the valuation act of 1913.

While I regret that the House conferees could not be brought to a complete acceptance of the Senate bill upon this subject, I feel that the provisions agreed upon are a tremendous advance toward the desired end; and will eventually result in such a readjustment of our railway systems that it will be possible for the Inter-State Commerce Commission to establish charges for the service of transportation that will fairly sustain all our railways without giving to any one of them an excessive return upon the value of the property rendering the service.

Fourth, That part of the Senate bill known as "section 6" was accepted by the House conferees with two principal modifications. The entire section was rewritten and now appears in the conference report as section 15a of the act to regulate commerce, but while its phraseology has been some-

what changed it is essentially the same, with two exceptions, namely, the period in which the 5½% basis is to continue as a direction to the Interstate Commerce Commission has been reduced from five years to two years, and the division of excess earnings or income instead of being one-half between 6 and 7% of the value of the property and one-quarter above 7% is now one-half to the company and one-half to the Government throughout.

Inasmuch as this section has been the subject of the grossest misrepresentation on the part of some critics and the most mysterious misunderstanding on the part of many sincere people I deem it my duty to submit a brief comment upon it. In order to prejudice it among the people it has been termed "a guaranty of income." This is not true in any sense of that phrase. There is a guaranty in the bill of the standard return and against deficits, continuing for six months after the railways are returned to their owners, but this was in substance in both bills and apparently has not excited any considerable criticism, for in view of the circumstances its necessity is obvious.

Section 6, now 15A, is, however, not a guaranty, nor does it approach a guaranty even remotely. Not a dollar is to be paid from the Treasury on account of its provisions, and no obligation whatever on the part of the Government is created. It is a direction to an administrative tribunal that in so far as it may be practicable the commission shall make rates that will yield a net operating income of 5½% upon the true value of the railway property held for and used in the service of transportation considered as a whole. The assumption of this basis by the commission does not promise to any given railway company any given net operating income, for the income depends wholly upon the location of the railway, the population it serves, the volume of its traffic, and the conditions under which it is operated. Under this basis some railways will earn 2% upon the value of their property some 4%, some 6%, some 8%; a few more than 8% and a few less than 2%. This basis takes no account of either stocks or bonds, but is concerned solely with the value of the property as a whole. It is a basis about \$50,000,000 less in the aggregate than the basis of 1917 and about \$50,000,000 more than the basis of the test period, as defined in the Federal control act. To call it a guaranty is to be either maliciously false or stupidly ignorant. Its value is found in its tendency to give stability to railway credit in the unsettled period through which we are passing. It is a legislative declaration of a rule by which we may assume the commission will be guided in the difficult duties which are to be immediately imposed upon it.

It gives the investing world the assurance that the commission will, during these two years, make an honest effort to adjust rates upon this basis. There are enough uncertainties attending the administration of the law without adding to them an uncertain basis of rate making. For the sole purpose of showing how absurd it is to speak of the rule as a guarantee I may be permitted to suggest that in applying it the commission must conjecture or estimate the volume of traffic which the railroads will carry in a future year, and, furthermore, it must conjecture or estimate the cost of maintaining and operating the railways during a time in the future.

If this provision accomplishes its purpose it will not be accomplished because it gives to railway companies undue profit but because it establishes a measure of confidence in the minds of those who have money to invest, which is now, unfortunately, lacking. I take it for granted that the chief desire of the American people is that their commerce may be supplied with adequate facilities for transportation. The country has suffered more in the last year on account of the inability of producers to reach their markets freely and promptly than from any other one cause, and while they want transportation at the lowest practicable cost, their overwhelming demand is for transportation itself.

Without entering into the details of the situation, it is well known to every observer that we need from 100,000 to 200,000 additional cars, we need more main tracks, more sidetracks, more warehouses, and more terminal facilities of all kinds. If the railroads are to succeed in giving to the people what they must have, if we are to prosper, these companies must borrow or secure in some way not less than \$600,000,000 this year and \$1,000,000,000 next year. In preparing the section about which I have been speaking, I was not thinking so much about the return upon capital already invested in the railway enterprise as about men who have money to loan or to invest and the conditions upon which they would be likely to make loans or investments in railway properties. It is my deliberate judgment that those Members of Congress who fail to take into consideration this problem in all its aspects, and who use their influence either to delay or defeat this bill will in the end deeply disappoint the great body of the people intent upon marketing their products and in developing to the highest point our social and industrial systems.

One word with reference to the much-maligned requirement that a railway company receiving in any year a net operating income of more than 6% upon the value of its property used in the service of transportation shall pay to the Government one-half of the excess.

This regulation is founded upon one of the long-established principles in the regulation of public utilities. It has been in common use from the very beginning of public control. It is neither socialistic nor confiscatory in its character. Some lawyers, looking at the question from the standpoint of their clients, may doubt its constitutionality, but the great majority of the legal profession find no difficulty in defending its validity. If we are to look upon transportation as a national subject and accept it as our duty to sustain railway carriers in all communities which are rendering an indispensable service, we must impose some such limitation. I predict that this feature of the Senate bill, preserved in the conference report, will meet with almost universal approval and that the immediate future will vindicate its justice and efficiency.

Fifth. The Senate conferees discovered very early in the conference that the House would not accept that part of the Senate bill which undertook to create tribunals for the adjudication of disputes between railway employees and railway employers, and to make it unlawful, through combination or conspiracy on the part of either employees or employers, to punish the public in order to maintain their disputes.

I confess that I yielded upon these provisions of the Senate bill with extreme reluctance. The procedure, established in our bill may have been susceptible of improvement, but the principle is everlastingly right. That there will come a time when railway workers will see that this principle protects them more perfectly than they can ever hope to be protected through the strike, I have no more doubt than I have in the ultimate triumph of justice in all the fields of human endeavor. Is it not possible that in the progress of affairs we can discover some way in which to prevent these disputes ripening into an interruption of commerce which menaces the lives, the health, and the peaceful, orderly development of society? To me, the thought is abhorrent that the judgment of a governmental tribunal composed of fair, high-minded men—a tribunal which takes into consideration the rights of man and speaks for the public welfare—can be overthrown or disregarded by any class of our citizens. Whenever the public interest requires the Government to assume jurisdiction over a dispute and to enter its decree expressing the very right of the matter, all of us, no matter how we work or where we work ought to respect and abide the decision.

So much I have felt that I must say in vindication of the action of the Senate in receding from the so-called "anti-strike" sections of the Senate

bill. The Senate conferees yielded simply to supreme necessity, for we all recognized that a railroad bill must be passed before March 1, or chaos would ensue.

With respect to the labor provisions of the conference report, I am utterly unable to understand the opposition which they have aroused among labor leaders, for they leave all men free, whether employees or employers, to do whatsoever they please at any time, at any place, or under any circumstances. All that I can say to them is that they are the best we could devise under the conditions which confronted us.

The voluntary formation of boards of adjustment to consider and settle, if possible, all disputes except those relating to wages, is authorized and encouraged.

A governmental tribunal is established, composed of nine members, with a tenure of office of five years and an annual compensation of \$10,000. It is to be known as the "railroad labor board." All of the members are to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate—three of its members upon the nomination of employees, three upon the nomination of the employers, and three, without restriction, to represent the public. All controversies respecting wages or salaries are to be submitted to this board, and also all other disputes not decided by the boards of adjustment which seem likely to result in a substantial interruption of commerce. Decisions by the railroad labor board are to be made by a majority vote but no decision can be made unless at least one of the members representing the public joins in the decision. It is my sincere hope that this board may command the confidence of railway wageworkers, railway carriers, and, above all, the public. I earnestly hope that through its intervention justice may be done, and especially that the wageworkers shall receive the full measure of compensation which alone can make men happy, contented, and progressive. Let us at least try the experiment with faith and courage in the abiding belief that whatever defects may be revealed in the plan as time passes on we will have the intelligence and patriotism to remove.

Finally, inasmuch as the conference report carries an appropriation of \$300,000,000 for loans by railway companies and \$200,000,000 for immediate use in making settlements with railway companies, I submit a very brief statement of the results of the two years and two months of Government operation of the railroads.

I submit this statement, Mr. President, because from time to time the development in the Railroad Administration—and I am not criticizing that administration—have changed the financial conditions.

We have heretofore appropriated for expenditure by the Railroad Administration \$1,250,000,000. We are now in this bill appropriating \$500,000,000 more, and before the close of the present fiscal year we will be compelled to make another appropriation of not less than \$100,000,000; in all, \$2,150,000,000. Of this vast sum it is expected that the railroads will at various times during the next decade—10 years is the limit of the credit extended by the Government to the railroads—pay to the Government of the advances so made sums which in the aggregate will reduce the Government's expenditures to something like \$850,000,000, and this will represent the loss incurred in two years and two months of Government operation.

The bill was opposed by Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, who predicted that "turmoil and chaos" in the industrial world would follow close upon its enactment. Senator Pittman said:

"I think it would be far better to return the roads without any legislation than to return them with legislation framed to meet a political expediency. I am opposed to Government ownership and have been at all times, and yet I believe confidently that if there is anything on earth that will bring the Government to Government ownership it is passage of this bill. It will not be six months in my opinion before the railroad owners, the laborers, and the shippers and every one else, except the bondholders will be complaining against the turmoil and chaos that the bill is going to bring about. It does not provide for Government ownership, but it provides for Government responsibility. It throws all the obligations and burdens and liabilities on the Government, and at the same time denies the Government the ownership of the property. I would prefer Government ownership to individual ownership and Government paternalism.

Senator Pittman raised against the bill the old issue arising out of the long and short haul clause of the Interstate Commerce Act.

RAILROAD UNIONS PETITION PRESIDENT WILSON TO VETO THE CUMMINS-ESCH BILL—FARMERS COUNCIL AND OTHERS TAKE SIMILAR ACTION.

A committee representing the principal railroad unions, which have made demands for increased wages, called at the White House on Feb. 26 and urged in the form of a written communication that President Wilson veto the Cummins-Esch bill for return of the railroads to private ownership.

The measure, as noted elsewhere, passed both Houses of Congress—with less delay than the labor unions were said to have anticipated and therefore rather much to their surprise.

The committee that went to the White House Feb. 26 "by direction of two million railroad employees" presented a resolution adopted by the union which charged that the provisions of the railroad bill violate the fundamental principles of American government in that they guarantee to the owners of railroad securities a right to charge for the service which railroads afford the public, such charge to produce a minimum net return of 5½% upon that uncertain and intangible thing described as the "aggregate value of the railroad properties of such carriers." This, it is charged is a grant of an exclusive and distinct privilege from those enjoyed by investors in securities in other industries.

Such a grant is merely an exercise of governmental powers for the private interests of owners of railroad securities, it is contended.

The resolution protests against the proposed wage adjustment tribunal, claiming that it deprives them of their former inherent rights to determine the amount of wages they should receive by negotiation between employee and employer. The railroad men have been advised, the resolution sets forth, that under the provisions of the bill they may be forced to submit to an indefinite and unreasonable delay in the settlement of their pending wage questions and that they might be compelled to take up separately with each of the more than 2,000 privately owned roads, such questions. Numerous other objections were set forth in the railroad union's memorial urging veto of the bill.

Coincidentally, on the same day, representatives of the Farmers' National Council and the American Society of Equity—both of which organizations have been latterly working in co-operation with organized labor—also called at the White House to urge that the President veto the Cummins-Esch bill. Three days before (i. e., Feb. 23) a protest against the provisions of the bill was sent to the President by Max S. Hayes, national chairman of the Labor Party of the United States. The latter's communication was sent in the form of a telegram from Cleveland. All of the delegates who called at the White House on Feb. 26 to ask that the President veto the bill presented their petitions to Secretary Tumulty. George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, in behalf of that body made the allegation that the legislation would result in a big jump in living costs. He said:

There is widespread industrial economic discontent on account of the high cost of living and the apprehension that large interests and profiteers are exerting a dominant influence in determining the nation's policies. The return of the roads will involve an increase in freight rates of 25 to 40%, which will result in an increase of four or five billion dollars in the cost of living, according to the best authorities, or nearly \$200 per family.

H. L. Bissonette, president of the Iowa State branch of the American Society of Equity, presented a memorial, saying:

Farmers have taken risks of crop failures every year in order to feed the nation. The outstanding debt against farm values is between six and seven billion dollars, and the average rate of interest is nearly 8%. The Government doesn't guarantee this interest charge of about \$300,000,000 a year to farmers. Why should the Government underwrite the whole investment of the railroads?

The resolution presented by the railroad unions and a letter presented in connection with the resolution follow:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25 1920.

The President, the White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President: By direction of two million railroad employees, parties to the negotiations now in progress with yourself, represented by their duly accredited committeemen now assembled in this city, we the undersigned special committee have been delegated to convey to you in connection with our letter of Feb. 24, the individual action taken by each organization in meeting assembled as expressed in the following resolution and respectfully urge your thoughtful consideration and favorable action thereon.

By order of the Affiliated Railroad Labor Organizations.

(Signed) B. M. JEWELL,
TIMOTHY SHEA,
E. J. MANION.

Resolution Unanimously Adopted by the Standard Reorganized Railroad Organizations.

Whereas, The Congress of the United States has passed a bill known as the "Transportation Act—1920" now before you for your consideration, and,

Whereas, this bill violates in its provisions the fundamental principles of American Government in that it guarantees to the owners of railroad securities a right to charge for the service which railroads afford the public such rates as will produce a minimum net return of 5 1/2% upon that uncertain and intangible thing described in said bill as the "aggregate value of the railroad properties of such carriers," and,

Whereas, this is a grant of a particular exclusive and special privilege distinct from those enjoyed by investors in other securities in other industries, and,

Whereas, this grant of privilege is not based upon a consideration of service rendered to the public or upon the value rendered by any particular carrier but is an exercise of Governmental power for the private interest of a particular class of men, viz: those who own railroad securities, and,

Whereas, this bill establishes a tribunal authorized to fix prices to be paid for labor in the operation of such railroads so privately owned, thereby attempting to deprive the employees of railroads of their former inherent right to determine the amount of wages they should receive by negotiation between employer and employee, and,

Whereas, such provisions create an invidious class distinction against labor employed upon railroads in contrast with the beneficial class distinction conferred upon investors in railroad securities, and,

Whereas, said bill singles out from the board field of labor employed in other industries labor employed on railroads being subjected to this method of Governmental price fixing, and,

Whereas, we, as American citizens believe that this marks a departure from the principles of American democracy as established in our Constitution, and,

Whereas, we are advised that in order to settle the pending wage question now undetermined, we might under the provisions of this bill be compelled to submit to indefinite and unreasonable delays in that we maybe required to originate anew with each one of the more than two thousand privately owned railroads the wage questions now under consideration and only after it had been determined in each of such negotiations that an agreement could

not be reached could we present such issues to the Labor Board created by said bill.

It is apparent that if the adjustment of these questions is long delayed it will result in great numbers of railway employees leaving the service of the railroads and obtaining employment in other industries under more satisfactory conditions and that such results will seriously hamper the efficient operations of the railroads, and,

Whereas, the provisions of said bill creating the Labor Board permit indefinite delays in the creation of the Board, in that:

- 1—The Inter-State Commerce Commission must first prescribe the regulations under which nominations shall be made and before they can prescribe such regulations they must give notice and hold hearings for the purpose of determining the rank and class of subordinate officials and employees who come within the provisions of this bill, and,
- 2—Thereafter, appointments must be made by the President, and,
- 3—Such appointments must be ratified by the Senate, thereby affording further possibility of delay, and,
- 4—The Board then created must establish offices in Chicago, complete its organization and prepare for the beginning of hearings before the solution of any questions can be entertained, and,
- 5—It is further provided that in case an agreement is reached between officials and employees, or a decision by the Adjustment Boards (should such Adjustment Boards be mutually agreed to and established) said Labor Board shall have the power to suspend such agreements or decisions if in the opinion of the Labor Board such agreements or decisions involve "such an increase of wages or salaries as will be likely to necessitate a substantial readjustment in the rates of the carrier," and,
- 6—The bill provides that any decision of the Labor Board affecting increased wages or salaries or improved working conditions cannot become effective unless such decision is concurred in by at least one of the public representatives on said Board, thereby conferring upon the representative of the public the arbitrary power to annul any decision that may be unanimously agreed upon by the representatives of the officials and employees, and,

Whereas, we further believe that the inequities, uncertainties, delays and ambiguities of this bill will promote unrest and intensify existing causes of disagreement and prevent the orderly adjustment of grievances between labor employed upon railroads, and,

Whereas, the provisions of this bill abrogate the right and freedom of collective bargaining and substitutes therefor an indefinite and uncertain method of compulsory adjustment or arbitration of disputes, now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that we, the organized body of employees, making possible the operation of the railway systems of the United States, with a full sense of our responsibility to ourselves, our families and the people of our country, and wholly desirous of assisting in a definite orderly manner consistent with American constitutions and principles, the reaching of an equitable solution of this problem, do now request that you veto this bill and return it to the Congress of the United States without your approval, firmly believing that only by such course can an orderly solution of the problem now confronting the American people be achieved, and we respectfully request that you consider this resolution in connection with the memorial addressed to Congress, a copy of which was placed in your hands on Feb. 21.

The railroad unions and the Farmers' National Council had previously made protests to the President against the railroad bill. Union delegates on Feb. 21 called at the White House and presented a letter setting forth their attitude on the subject. Accompanying the letter to the President was a copy of the memorial which the railroad men recently sent to members of Congress. The President was asked to give this careful consideration. The letter to the President said:

In our analysis of the labor provisions of the act, we have set forth reasons, coupled with our years of practical application and experience in negotiating wage adjustments, which to us seem sufficient to warrant the definite conclusion that the Congress has not proposed a method of procedure acceptable at any time, and entirely inadequate to meet the present situation.

We feel sure that you can agree with us to the extent that there is little likelihood that Congress will be able to reach an agreement that will insure a prompt disposition of the question.

On Feb. 24 Director Hampton of the Farmers' National Council had asked President Wilson to veto the railroad bill on the "grounds of public policy." Mr. Hampton's request was by letter. He asked that the President personally, or through Secretary Tumulty, receive a delegation Feb. 26, and that he defer action on the bill until the farmers' representatives had had a chance to express more fully their reasons for opposing it. This the Council did, as we have noted further above.

Mr. Hampton made public on Feb. 20 an open letter, which had been sent to members of Congress prior to the adoption of the conference report on the railroad bill, urging that the bill be defeated and that the Federal control of the roads be extended two years. He also issued a statement in connection with this letter. A summary of the statement was given in Washington advices of Feb. 20 to the N. Y. "Tribune" as follows:

"As managing director of the Farmers' National Council," says a statement issued by Mr. Hampton, "and on behalf of the 750,000 members of the farm organizations united in this council to carry out their reconstruction program," Mr. Hampton calls the attention of Congress to the precarious position of agriculture. He cites the fact found by the Department of Agriculture that 24,000 farms were abandoned in the State of New York alone during the last year, and the primary cause was that they were unprofitable.

He says that scores of thousands of the farmers are leaving their farms because farming is not a paying proposition, and says the return of the roads under the pending bill "would be a most serious blow to our basic industry—agriculture," because "it would involve an increase in freight rates of 25% to 40%, which would compel farmers to pay the railroads at least \$200,000,000 a year more merely for carrying farm products than if the roads remain under government operation." About \$1,000,000,000 additional revenue would be needed if the roads are returned, which, as the Director-General of Railroads estimates, would mean an increase in living costs of about \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000. Of this increased cost of living the farmers would have to pay their proportion, or at least \$1,000,000,000.

Mr. Hampton warns Congress that the return of the roads under the pending bill would place an additional burden upon the farmers of at least \$1,250,000,000 a year, and states that the guaranteed dividend will "encourage waste and inefficiency."

We also give herewith Mr. Hampton's letter to the members of Congress:

Gentlemen of the Congress:—On behalf of the 750,000 members of the farmers' organizations united in the Farmers' National Council to carry out their reconstruction program, I most earnestly request you to defeat the pending conference railroad bill.

Nearly every national farm organization of any size, regardless of its position on the return of the railroads, has opposed the Government guarantee of dividends or Government subsidy, which is specifically provided in section 15a (3) of this railroad bill, wherein the Interstate Commerce Commission is instructed to fix rates which will yield 5½% on the aggregate value of the railroads and permitted to add not to exceed one-half of 1% of such aggregate value.

May I repeat that the overwhelming majority of the organized farmers of America, and in my judgment, of the unorganized farmers, are opposed to the return of the roads under the pending bill, and I express the hope that you will oppose such legislation and work for the two-year extension of Government operation, so that a plan fair to all the interests involved may be worked out for the final disposal of the railroads.

Yours sincerely,

The Farmers' National Council.
GEORGE P. HAMPTON,
Managing Director.

February 20 1920.

NATIONAL FARM ORGANIZATIONS ASK PRESIDENT WILSON TO APPROVE THE CUMMINS-ESCH BILL.

While the railroad unions and some farmers' organizations this week asked President Wilson to veto the Cummins-Esch railroad bill, the National Grange—probably the most representative farmers' body in the country—and the International Farm Congress have asked the President to approve the measure. In a letter presented at the White House on Feb. 25 these organizations asked the President to sign the bill because it had "intrinsic merit."

The letter was signed by W. I. Drummond, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Farm Congress, and T. C. Atkeson, Washington representative of the National Grange. It pointed to a memorial to Congress, drawn up at the recent meeting in Washington of representatives of the International Farm Congress, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Grange, National Farmers' Union, Farmers' National Congress, National Milk Producers' Federation, American Cotton Association, several State farmers' unions and the Dairymen's League of New York.

The memorial declared for the safeguarding and protection of every right of private property and against Government ownership or continued operation of the railroads by the Government.

In their letter to the President the farmers' bodies said:

We believe the spirit of these two principles is embodied in the proposed legislation now before you awaiting your signature. We earnestly petition you to give this legislation your approval both because of the intrinsic merit of most of the provisions and because of the necessity for settled conditions in transportation before the next season for crop movements.

The memorial to Congress contended that the farmers were emphatically opposed to Government ownership and operation of railroads on the ground that it is "against good policy and the principles of sound Americanism." Congress was called upon to expedite the enactment of legislation providing for the return of the railroads to private ownership with as few restrictions as are necessary to protect the public interest.

The memorial sets forth that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with the Government of the United States and there is no need of change in existing social standards and economic laws.

"The frequent assertion," the memorial states, "that the war has brought fundamental economic and industrial changes and that we are born into a new world is without foundation. The same social standards and economic laws will continue to prevail."

The practice of indiscriminate striking for trivial causes and regardless of distress or damage is indefensible, the memorial says, but the right to cease work, individually or collectively, is unassailable.

"This is the best country the sun shines on," the memorial concludes. "Its opportunities are boundless and are open to every citizen who cares to avail himself of them. Its Government is the best in the world. There is nothing fundamentally wrong with it, and a man who would injure or destroy it is unfit to live under the protection of its flag."

The memorial in part was as follows:

The right to cease work, individually or collectively, for adequate reasons, is unassailable. But the practice of indiscriminate striking, for trivial causes, and regardless of distress or damage caused, is indefensible. No right exists to compel men to strike, or to prevent others from working. Neither does the right to strike or cease work in unison extend to those in Federal, State and municipal service.

To attempt to thwart natural economic laws by legislation is useless. The law of supply and demand should have full sway. Government price-fixing interferes with the operation of the law of supply and demand and disturbs

the equilibrium established by such laws. If a price so fixed is higher than that fixed by supply and demand it is unjust to the consumer; if less, it is unjust to the producer.

We are therefore opposed to Governmental price-fixing, and insist that if the State fixes the price of any essential commodity it should at the same time fix prices on all other essential commodities. The application of price-fixing in an effort to reduce the cost of living has militated against the producer without giving the anticipated relief to the consumer, and this has resulted in the reduction in the production of wheat, pork and other farm products so that a serious shortage of food in 1920 is threatened.

To compel any group of citizens to sell their products in a regulated market and to buy their supplies and necessities in an unregulated market is an unjust and dangerous discrimination.

It is only by the safeguarding and protection of every right of private property that there can be perpetuated the full measure of individual initiative and emulation upon which a democracy is based and by which its future is assured.

We condemn in unmeasured terms those who, ignoring the distress their actions cause, and unmindful of the danger signals that are only too apparent, continue to exact excessive profits in dealing in the necessities of life. The sharing of the profits with employees does not correct the evil. The purchasing public itself is largely to blame for the existing high prices and high cost of living, by reason of its unchecked orgy of useless and senseless buying.

We favor the greatest possible degree of official publicity, not only regarding the cost of producing farm products, but also the cost of producing, manufacturing, distribution, and selling, wholesale and retail, all commodities to the end that the consuming public may be able to determine who are the profiteers.

The Government ownership or continued operation of railroads is most emphatically opposed. It is against good public policy and the principles of sound Americanism. We are convinced that any possible emergency calling for such operation has passed; that its continuance is costly, inefficient and inadvisable. We urge Congress to expedite the enactment of legislation providing for the proper reorganization, reequipment and control of the railroads under private ownership, that this legislation be as plain as possible, and providing as few restrictions and complications as will properly protect the superior interest of the public in the operation of railroads. We are opposed to a Government guarantee of dividends or a Government subsidy.

Strict economy in public expenditures for all departments of the Government is essential, as is the cutting out of such customs in the transaction of public affairs as add expense and delay in rendering efficient service, and the discontinuance of all departments or employees which are not rendering efficient service.

We urge such amendments of laws, both State and Federal, as will restore to farmers the clear right of collectively marketing their products, in accordance with the principle of the Capper-Hersman bill now pending in Congress.

We are opposed to compulsory military training and a large standing army in time of peace.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF RAILROADS HINES AND THE LABOR PROVISIONS OF THE RAILROAD BILL.

A letter bearing on the labor provisions of the railroad bill and the interest therein of Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines was submitted to the House of Representatives by Representative Barkeley, to whom the communication was addressed. In presenting the letter Mr. Barkeley said:

I desire to say that a few nights ago I was invited to a conference for the purpose of explaining some of the features of this bill. During the discussion I made the remark that the labor section of this bill did not represent the mature judgment of those who framed it, and I referred to a fact which was true as carried in the newspapers of this city the day following the day on which the conference report was agreed to, that the substance of the labor section was redrafted by the Director-General and adopted by the conferees. Mr. Hines this morning called me up and said that he was sending me a letter explaining his connection with it, because somebody had told him I said he was the original writer of the section, which I did not say, and I did not seek to create any such impression. I now ask unanimous consent to be allowed to insert in the Record the letter from the Director-General to me in order that it may be understood.

The following is Mr. Hines letter to Representative Barkeley:

United States Railroad Administration,
Washington, Feb. 21 1920.

Hon. A. W. Barkeley, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
My Dear Sir I am told that the impression has been created, as the result of a remark made by you in a recent conference of Members of Congress and others, that I originated the labor provisions in the railroad bill.

If this impression has been drawn from what you said, I am sure what you said was misconstrued, because I am satisfied any statement you may have made on the subject was accurate.

In order to prevent the possibility of the situation being confused and of the idea prevailing in any quarter that the labor provisions represent a policy originated by me instead of by Congress, I shall appreciate it if you will be good enough to read this letter to the House.

Through the courtesy of the conference committee, I received last Saturday a draft of the labor provisions, showing that the conference committee had definitely adopted two leading principles. The first was that there ought to be a wage board upon which the public, the employees, and the carriers would be represented. The other was that statutory provision ought to be made for boards of adjustment to deal with grievances.

I took the action to the conference committee on these two leading principles as indicating its final conviction that these two principles should be incorporated in the legislation. Taking this as the foundation for my consideration in the matter, I addressed myself exclusively to the question whether the details of the provisions agreed upon by the conference would satisfactorily carry out these fundamental principles.

In transmitting my suggestions to Senator Cummins I stated that "this redraft is not designed to propose any independent view of my own on this subject but is designed simply to take the general scheme of the draft as already agreed upon and modify it so as to incorporate therein the suggestions made in my letter of the 14th instant."

As to the wage board, I found that, while the conference had adopted the three-party principle—that is, representation of the public, labor, and carriers—it had provided for only one representative of labor and one of the carriers, as against three of the public. I therefore advised that a more satisfactory and reasonable application of the principle of three-party

representation would be to have three representatives of labor and of the carriers, as well as of the public, making a board of nine instead of five.

As to the adjustment boards, I found that the provision agreed upon by the conference undertook to specify the organizations of employees which should be represented upon these boards, and would result that the board of adjustment which would pass upon grievances would be dependent upon that particular organization to which the employees belonged, thus producing a great deal of confusion and endless jurisdictional conflicts between different organizations. I therefore advised that the entire matter of boards of adjustment be left to the agreement of the carriers and the employees instead of being made rigid and inelastic by statutory specifications.

In the original draft which came to me I found that the boards of adjustment created thereunder were to handle not only grievances but wage matters also. My experiences with the railway boards of adjustment and with wage matters in the Railroad Administration convince me that it will be impracticable for such boards to handle both grievances and wage matters because of the enormous amount of work involved, and I therefore suggested that the adjustment boards devote themselves solely to grievance matters.

There were various minor features which I suggested. One was that a man ought not to be disqualified, as he was by the provision agreed on in conference, from being a public representative of the wage board because he might theretofore have been an officer or member of a labor organization or an officer of a carrier. I also advised that representatives of the employees on the wage board should not be required, as they were in effect by the provision agreed on in conference, to give up honorary membership in their labor organizations. I also advised that there be added to the standards provided in the provision which the conference had agreed to for testing the reasonableness of wages the further standard of correcting inequalities due to former wage orders and adjustments.

I requested our Division of Law to take the provision as agreed on by the conference and to make such changes therein as would be necessary to express the changes in detail which I above suggested, and I submitted this revised draft of the provision as agreed on in conference to the conference committee.

I think I should and that the draft of these labor provisions as it came to me provided that a dispute could be taken up by the adjustment board under several alternative conditions, which included among others a written petition signed by 100 unorganized employees or subordinate officials directly interested in the dispute.

I think it important thus to make it clear that the fundamental principles of the labor provisions are the principles agreed on by the conference committee, and that my action was simply to suggest changes in detail which in my opinion would make the principles already adopted by the conference committee more workable than they would otherwise be. Copies of my letters on this subject to the representatives of the conference committee are attached.

Sincerely yours,
WALKER D. HINES.

ALFRED P. THOM DENIES STATEMENT ON CUMMINS-ESCH BILL ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY SAMUEL GOMPERS.

Alfred P. Thom, general counsel of the Association of Railway Executives, issued a statement on Feb. 20 denying that, as had been asserted by Samuel Gompers at a meeting with House members the previous day, Mr. Thom had telegraphed railroad officials that the only difference between the anti-strike clauses of the Cummins and conference railroad bills was in the legal method of imposing penalties for violation.

In his statement at Washington Mr. Thom said:

I am sorry that Mr. Gompers did not take the trouble to find out from me whether or not I had sent such a telegram. I was in the city and readily available.

There is not the slightest foundation for any such statement. I have sent no such telegrams and have written nothing, and have said nothing which could be construed into the slightest foundation for the statement.

THE PEACE TREATY IN THE SENATE.

The first of the Lodge reservations to the Peace Treaty to be adopted since the reintroduction of the treaty in the Senate was accepted by that body on the 21st inst. by a vote of 45 to 20; 35 Republicans and 10 Democrats voted for its adoption, while all the negative votes were those of Democrats. The reservation concerns the withdrawal of the United States from the League of Nations, and reads as follows:

The United States so understands and construes Article I that in case of notice of withdrawal from the League of Nations as provided in said article, the United States shall be the sole judge as to whether all its international obligations and all its obligations under the said covenant have been fulfilled, and notice of withdrawal by the United States may be given by a concurrent resolution of the Congress of the United States.

A motion by Senator Hitchcock to amend the reservation by calling for a "joint" resolution of Congress instead of as above, a "concurrent" resolution, was defeated by a vote of 38 to 26. An amendment of Senator Lodge, which was lost by a vote of 33 to 32, would have permitted the President, as well as Congress, to give notice of the withdrawal of the United States from the League. On the 24th, Senator Lodge gave notice on the floor of the Senate, of his intention to call up the treaty on Thursday of this week, the 26th, and to press its consideration until it is finally disposed of. In his statement he said:

I understood yesterday that the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Hitchcock], was not to be here to-day, and I assented, therefore, to the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. Sterling], bringing up his bill. I also, so far as I have the power, gave advice to taking up the dyestuffs bill tomorrow, because that is an emergency measure which ought to pass.

I dislike extremely to have any delay in regard to the treaty. I hope that the bill for retirement in the classified Civil Service will be disposed of to-day in some way, and the dyestuffs bill will have to be disposed of tomorrow.

I now give notice that I shall call up the treaty on Thursday, and I shall ask the Senate to continue to consider it until a final disposition is made of it. I shall have to yield for conference reports, of course, but otherwise I shall ask the Senate to continue consideration of the treaty until some disposition is made of it.

On the same day the Democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, made known that he had vetoed for the present the proposal for a party caucus, sponsored by Democratic Senators desirous of ending the long controversy by taking the Republican reservations as they stand. Senator Hitchcock said he had talked to those who differed with him as to the course to be adopted, and had about decided that to call a caucus would be inadvisable. There were on the 25th inst., reports to the effect that a caucus of the Senate indicated that enough Senators favored a reservation introduced by Senator Owen of Oklahoma regarding the British protectorate over Egypt to insure its adoption. This reservation reads:

The protectorate of Great Britain over Egypt is understood to be merely a means through which the nominal suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt shall be transferred to the Egyptian people, and shall not be construed by the United States as vesting in Great Britain any sovereign rights over the Egyptian people or as depriving the people of Egypt of any of their rights of self government.

With the resumption of consideration of the treaty by the Senate on the 26th, the Lodge reservation prohibiting the acceptance of mandatories except by action of Congress was adopted by a vote of 68 to 4. This reservation which had been among others adopted last November, reads:

No mandate shall be accepted by the United States under Article 22, Part I, or any other provision of the treaty of peace with Germany, except by action of the Congress of the United States.

The adoption of the reservation came after the treaty had been subjected to an all-day attack by its opponents. Senators J. I. France, Republican, Maryland, and J. A. Reed, Democrat, Missouri, led the assault. Although the Article X reservation preceded that relating to mandatories in the Senate's order of business, it was put over on motion by Senator Lodge to be considered after all the others have been voted on. There are four on the list, and action has been taken so far on only two. The reservation on Article X, which is the main stumbling block in the way of an agreement, was passed over without a roll call, and Senator Knox of Pennsylvania asked Senator Lodge before the vote was taken what his reason was for seeking his move. Senator Lodge replied that he believed it would expedite the consideration of the treaty since the other reservations would have to be acted on regardless of what was done on reservation on Article X. Senator France of Maryland, one of the opponents of the treaty, introduced a resolution providing for the re-establishment of peace and for calling an international conference "to institute a concert of nations to advise concerning international co-operation as a substitute for the League of Nations and for a national referendum." During the consideration of the treaty, Senator Reed of Missouri in commenting on the treaty took occasion to dwell somewhat on the political situation, and especially criticising the appointment of Bainbridge Colby as Secretary of State.

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.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was reported posted for transfer the consideration being \$95,000. The last previous sale was reported at \$93,000.

The value of the little Broad Street Hospital, recently founded by the bankers and business men of Wall Street and the neighborhood, was strikingly shown during the time of the ice-bound streets, when many accidents occurred. The hospital kept its ambulances running and the hospital was kept crowded beyond capacity.

Cable advices have just been received from London to the effect that Lee, Higginson & Co. deny the report that Sir Eric Geddes, British Minister of Transport, has been approached, to join their firm.

Harry S. Ronaldson has been appointed manager of the bond department of the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Mr. Ronaldson entered the employ of the bank in July 1916 in the bond department. He was made assist-

ant manager of the department in June 1919. J. Sylvester MacDermott and Harvey A. Strong have been appointed Assistant Managers of the department.

At a meeting of the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States last week, Frederick H. Goff, President of the Cleveland Trust Company, was elected a member of the board. Mr. Goff is a former President of the Trust Companies Section of the American Bankers Association. During the war he acted as Vice-Chairman of the Capital Issues Committee at Washington, and is also widely known throughout the United States because of his development of the Cleveland Foundation, a community trust plan which has been adopted in nearly every large city in the country.

In announcing that group life insurance has been provided for the employees of the Chase National Bank of this city, the February Magazine of the bank, says:

A most welcome surprise was in store for every employee of the Bank on Jan. 31 1920. In each one's pay envelope there appeared an announcement that the bank had taken out a group life insurance policy covering the lives of every officer and employee in the bank who had been there at least 3 months.

The minimum amount of insurance under this policy is \$1,000 for each individual. For each completed five years of service an extra \$1,000 of insurance is given, the maximum amount for any individual being \$5,000. No medical examination is necessary.

Each person names his own beneficiary. Should occasion arise he may change his beneficiary from the person originally named to some other person.

The fact that one does not need to die in order to benefit from this insurance is one of its most attractive features. In addition to a nursing service which extends right into the homes of employees who may be ill, there are benefits payable for total and permanent disability occurring before the age of sixty.

This insurance announcement comes as a climax to a series of moves on the part of the bank looking toward the happiness of all of us. The 10% increase in November, the Medical Department, continuation of the 20% high cost of living bonus, a somewhat improved dining-room service with promise of entirely new facilities soon, completion of plans for new club rooms, and now this insurance will help to make 1920 a pleasant year for members of the Chase family.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Greenwich Bank of this city held on Feb. 17 the proposal to increase the capital from \$500,000 to \$800,000 was ratified. Previous reference with regard thereto was made in these columns Feb. 17. The new stock will be disposed of at par, namely, \$100 per share. The enlarged capital is to become effective March 5 1920.

Lewis Brown Gawtry, who resigned as Vice-President of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York at a meeting of the trustees on Feb. 26, has been elected First Vice-President of the Bank for Savings in the City of New York, 4th Ave and 22d St., and as such Mr. Gawtry will take an active part in that institution's business. Mr. Gawtry will retain his membership in the boards of trustees and directors of the several gas and electric light companies, but has resigned his secretaryship of those companies. The Bank for Savings in the City of New York was chartered in 1819 and is the oldest savings bank in the country and the third in point of wealth. Mr. Gawtry has just completed twenty-five years with the Consolidated Gas Co. He has been the senior Vice-President since 1902. His father, the late Harrison E. Gawtry, was the prime mover in the organization of the Consolidated Gas Co. and its first President, and just previous to his death on Jan. 29 1919, resigned as Chairman of the executive committee.

Theodore Rousseau, a director of the Italian Discount and Trust Co., has been awarded the decoration of the Crown of Italy. The citation, sent from the King through Baron Avezzana, Italian Ambassador to the United States, commends Mr. Rousseau's activity as Secretary of the Italy America Society, of which Charles E. Hughes and Thomas W. Lamont are President and Treasurer, respectively. Mr. Rousseau is secretary to Charles H. Sabin, President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and for four years was secretary to the late Mayor Mitchell.

Colonel Grayson M.P. Murphy has been elected a director and appointed a member of the executive committee of the Liberty National Bank of this city.

In the year 1919 small lendings by the companies operating The Morris Plan of industrial loans throughout the United States showed an increase of nearly 50% over the previous year. Of the total of about \$52,000,000, nearly one-half was lent by twelve of the 103 banks in the system. The

New York company headed the list, with loans aggregating \$7,252,638. The Detroit company lent over \$3,000,000, Cleveland almost \$3,000,000 and Chicago nearly \$2,500,000. St. Louis' loans aggregated nearly \$2,000,000 and Rhode Island's exceeded \$1,500,000. Buffalo, Richmond, Los Angeles and Boston topped \$1,000,000 each, while San Francisco and New Haven fell just short of that figure. The total for the twelve companies was \$25,532,053—an average of \$2,127,671.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Guaranty Trust Company of this city, on Feb. 19, James Steel was appointed an Assistant Secretary of the company. Mr. Steel was born in Scotland. He came to America in 1892, and for ten years was with the Spool Cotton Co., the New York representative of J. & P. Coates, thread manufacturers. He then went with the Guaranty Trust Company as a bookkeeper. In Jan. 1910, when the Morton Trust Company and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company were merged with the Guaranty, Mr. Steel, then Head Bookkeeper, became the first Auditor of the Guaranty Trust Company. In 1913 he was appointed Chief Clerk and Auditor of the Fifth Avenue Office and in July 1916, was appointed Vault Officer at the main office.

The Westchester Avenue Bank of the Bronx, at Westchester Avenue and Southern Boulevard, has been authorized by the State Banking Dept. to change its name to the Tradesmen's Bank. The change went into effect on Feb. 11 1920. It has also been voted by the stockholders (Feb. 11) to increase the capital, \$100,000 to be paid in March 1 1920, at par. This increase will give the bank a capital of \$200,000. There is no change in officers or directors. The officers are: Charles L. Lee, President; Edgar H. Lee, Vice-President and Manager; Russell B. Smith, Vice-President and Cashier and Frank A. Spencer, Vice-President.

Clarence A. Boyce, formerly Secretary of the Berkshire Loan & Trust Co. of Pittsfield, Mass., has been appointed Treasurer of the West Springfield Trust Co. of Springfield, Mass. Mr. Boyce, who had been with the Berkshire Loan & Trust Co. since 1902, will assume his new duties about March 1.

Clarence G. Appleton, for nearly ten years Secretary and Controller of the Fidelity Trust Company of Newark, N. J., has resigned from the latter to become Vice-President and director of the Montclair Trust Company, of Montclair, N. J. In his new post Mr. Appleton will assume the management of the affairs of the Montclair institution. Mr. Appleton began his banking career with the First National Bank of Philadelphia; later he became an examiner in the New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance, and it was in that capacity that he attracted the attention of Uzal H. McCarter and finally was induced to join the forces of the Fidelity Trust. Mr. Appleton has since become a director in the New Brunswick Trust Company of New Brunswick, the Red Bank Trust Company of Red Bank, the Newton Trust Company of Newton and the Washington Trust Company of Newark.

At a meeting of the stockholders on Feb. 17 of the National Newark and Essex Banking Co. of Newark, N. J., the proposal to increase the capital of the institution from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 was ratified. The stock (par value \$100) is to be sold to stockholders of record Feb. 17, 1920 at \$200 per share at the rate of one share of new stock to every four shares now held. The increase in capital is in furtherance of the plans of the bank (referred to in our issue of Aug. 30 1919) to form a securities corporation to be known as the Newark and Essex Securities Corporation. In the circular outlining the plans for the creation of the latter, it was stated:

The result of the increase of the capital stock and the disposition of the increased shares at two hundred, will be to bring into the bank's treasury \$1,000,000, of which \$500,000 will be added to the permanent capital and \$500,000 will be temporarily carried as a paid in special surplus.

After this increase shall have been accomplished, it is proposed to organize a corporation under the State law with a common capital stock of \$500,000 to be offered for subscription to the present stockholders of the bank and to be paid for by them by the application of a special dividend of 20% to be declared from the surplus paid in on the subscriptions to the increased capital stock. After the payment of this dividend there will still be left in the bank capital assets as before the stock increase and, in addition, \$500,000 new capital.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the North Ward Bank of Newark, N. J., to be held on March 11 the proposal to

rease the capital of the bank from \$200,000 to \$400,000 be acted upon. It is planned to issue 2,000 additional shares which are to be sold to stockholders of date at \$250 share, the par being \$100. Of the \$500,000 thus realized \$200,000 will go to capital and the remaining \$300,000 surplus, making the latter \$600,000. It is believed the new capitalization will be available some time in the late winter or early fall.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Kensington National Bank of Philadelphia will be held on March 24 to consider the proposal to increase the capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000. It is planned to sell the additional stock (par \$100) to stockholders of record March 31 in proportion to their present holdings at \$100 per share and to place \$50 per share to the surplus account. The new stock is to be paid for in full by April 30.

Ignatius J. Dohan, President of the Beneficial Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia and a Vice-President and Director of the Union National Bank and a director of the Market Street National Bank of that city, died after a week's illness on Feb. 18. Mr. Dohan was seventy years of age. Mr. Dohan became a director of the Beneficial Saving Fund Society in 1883; he was elected Treasurer of the Society and became, successively, its Vice-President and President in 1908 upon the death of Colonel Francis J. Crilly. For many years previously he had been engaged in the wholesale tobacco business with an uncle, Michael J. Dohan, under the name of Dohan & Taitt.

At a meeting of the directors of the Quaker City National Bank of Philadelphia on Feb. 20 William P. Rech and Frederick W. Spoehr were appointed Assistant Cashiers.

At a meeting of directors of the Logan Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Feb. 19 E. Clarence Miller was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edmund Webster.

The Maryland Trust Co. of Baltimore has taken additional space to enlarge the main floor banking room. The vault and safe deposit department have been moved from the main floor to the basement and this space has also been given over to the banking departments so as to accommodate the institution's increased business. L. S. Zimmerman is President and Carroll Van Ness, Vice-President of this company.

George A. Hilbert, President of the Baltimore Optical Co., was elected a director of the Park Bank of Baltimore on Feb. 16. He succeeded the late Frederick Bergner.

A large block of stock of the Security Savings & Commercial Bank of Washington, D. C., owned by Vice-President George R. Linkins and, it is understood, two directors, namely, William H. Linkins and Charles W. Darr, has been sold to Julius I. Peyser, President of the bank, Fred McKee, Vice-President, George H. Judd, Townley A. McKee, Sidney W. Straus and J. Thilman Hendricks. The stock which has changed hands amounted, it is stated, to 700 shares and the purchase price is reported as \$200 per share. The transfer of the stock has brought about the resignation as directors of George R. Linkins, W. H. Linkins, John H. Carter, Dr. J. A. Flynn, Charles J. Langmead and Charles W. Darr. F. G. Addison, Jr., who was recently elected a Vice-President, is to take charge of the work formerly carried on by Mr. G. R. Linkins. Mr. Addison has also been elected a director. W. R. Baum has resigned as Cashier of the bank to take a similar office in a new savings bank now being organized in the city.

The capital of the Citizens National Bank of Pocomoke City, Md., has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 through the issuance of \$50,000 additional stock. The institution has a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$150,000. The proposal to enlarge the capital was ratified by the stockholders on Jan. 13 and the new capital became operative Feb. 1. The new stock (par \$100) was disposed of at \$150 per share. The institution is enlarging its facilities through the addition of a trust department.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Brighton Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, O., was held Feb. 3 and

adjourned to March 9 1920, at which time the stockholders will pass upon the action of the officers and directors in purchasing the assets of the First National Bank of Cheviot, Ohio, to which we referred in our issue of Jan. 24. The stockholders of the Brighton Bank & Trust Co. will at the same time act on the question of increasing the capital of their institution from \$200,000 to \$215,000; likewise on the question of increasing the number of directors from 12 to 15. The new stock is to be issued at \$350 a share on the basis of one share of Brighton stock to each two shares of the First National Bank of Cheviot held. The par value of the new stock to be issued is \$100 per share. The enlarged capital will become effective about the middle of March.

We are advised by the Union Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Cincinnati of the establishment of a community trust by that company to be known as the Cincinnati Foundation with the charitable bequests of the late Jacob G. Schmidlapp, the well-known Cincinnati philanthropist and for many years President of the Union Savings Bank & Trust Co., as a nucleus. The Foundation, we are informed, will provide a trust fund to be administered for charitable purposes in Cincinnati to be enlarged from time to time by bequests and gifts, which can be made either to the fund for general purposes or for specific charities or institutions. The Union Savings Bank & Trust Co. will act as Trustee of the funds. The actual disbursement of the funds, however, will be in the hands of a committee of five, two of whom are to be elected by the Union Savings Bank & Trust Co., one to be appointed by the Mayor of Cincinnati, one by the Judge of the Probate Court of Hamilton County, and the other by the Judge of the United States District Court in Cincinnati. The aims of the Foundation, as explained by Charles A. Hinseh, President of the Union Savings Bank & Trust Co. and of its affiliated institution, the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, are:

To receive and safeguard donations under supervisions and regulations imposed by law; to employ the principal or income, or both, for educational or charitable purposes, in a broader and more useful manner in future years than is now possible to anticipate; to provide for the specific needs stipulated by the donor; to insure the perpetuity of principal, when that is desired; to guard against unwise use of income or property; and by the union of available funds to promote the civic, moral and mental welfare of the people in the widest, most economical and most efficient manner.

The members of the Committee of Administration are to be men and women interested in charitable work, possessing a knowledge of the civic, educational and moral needs of the community; no two members to be of the same religious sect or denomination. Persons holding or seeking political offices are also disqualified.

The committee will publish annual statements in detail of its receipts and disbursements, and power is given to the Attorney-General of the State or to the City Solicitor to inspect the records at all times, and, if necessary, to institute appropriate judicial proceedings to restrict, correct or recover for maladministration.

Edward Senior and B. W. Campbell have been selected by the directors of the Union Savings Bank & Trust Co. to represent the trust company on the committee of five.

An item of financial interest in the will of the late John F. Dodge, of the firm of Dodge Bros., automobile manufacturers, is the association of the Detroit Trust Co. as co-trustee with the widow, and Horace E. Dodge, the brother, of the entire residuary estate, amounting to many millions. The Detroit "Free Press" of Feb. 8 stated that death came to Mr. Dodge "before he had arranged his affairs as he intended to leave them. As a result, his will, made April 4 1918, omits all mention of his youngest daughter, and contains no public bequests, although the estate amounts to many millions." The paper quoted also said:

The bulk of the estate, after various specific bequests, are paid, is to be held by the widow, Mrs. Matilda R. Dodge, the brother, Horace E. Dodge, and the Detroit Trust Co. as trustees, who will have full power to handle the property and are directed to form a corporation to be known as the John F. Dodge Estate for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the trust if such a corporation can be legally formed. If this plan should prove to be illegal they will act as trustees under the will and divide the income after the payment of certain annuities into five equal parts, one each for the widow and for four of the children.

The foreign department of the Central Trust Company of Illinois, at Chicago, has issued an interesting booklet entitled, "Through Bills of Lading," which contains a special world map, illustrating the various shipping routes covered by through bills of lading. This booklet is of special interest to exporters and those interested in foreign trade, inasmuch as it shows the importance of through bills of lading, how issued by the railroad, present regulations, and the method of handling.

Announcement has been made by Harry A. Wheeler, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., of the resignation of F. A. Yard, who for a number of years has been associated with the bond department of the company. Mr. Yard is leaving the bank, it is stated, in order to accept a position in New York. He was formerly a member of the firm of Yard, Otis & Taylor.

The Central Trust Company of Illinois, 125 West Monroe Street, Chicago, has a key to the individual income tax for free distribution. Facsimile forms for returns of income on Forms 1040 (over \$5,000), 1040A (under \$5,000) and 1040F (farm income) are shown filled in to indicate the correct method of preparing the returns. Attached to these forms is a complete digest, arranged alphabetically for easy reference, of all of the provisions of the law and the income tax regulations which apply to individuals. With this key it is a simple matter for any one to prepare his return.

George Bernard Smith, Vice-President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, died on Feb. 7. Mr. Smith was connected with the Continental National Bank for thirty-two years. He served in various positions and in July last was advanced from the post of Assistant Cashier to that of Vice-President. Last year he was elected to the presidency of the American Association of Reserve city bankers. Mr. Smith was 49 years of age.

The Continental and Commercial Banks, Chicago, are distributing an attractive booklet describing the facilities of their institutions. The Continental and Commercial organization now embraces a national bank, a trust and savings bank, a securities company and a safe deposit company. Copies of the booklet will be sent free upon request to the banks' new business and service department, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

The Jefferson-Gravois Bank of St. Louis has increased its capital from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The bank was organized in February 1919 as a successor to the Jefferson-Gravois Trust Co. The selling price of the new stock (par \$100) was \$150 per share. The increased capital became effective Jan. 19. With its capital of \$200,000 the bank has a surplus of \$70,000. At the annual meeting last month the following new directors were elected to the board: Walter F. Koken, President of the Koken Barber Supply Co.; F. C. Aid of the Aid Coal Co.; E. H. Shultz and Dan Becker.

The Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., plans to increase its capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, and to sell the additional stock on a basis of \$170 per share. Besides increasing the capital to \$1,500,000, this will give the bank a surplus of \$1,000,000, and from the latter it is proposed to declare a special dividend with which the stock of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank is to be purchased for the benefit of the shareholders of the Hamilton National Bank. As a result, the two banks will be brought together in a common ownership. The capital stock of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank is \$250,000, and the surplus and undivided profits \$225,000. The two banks will have combined deposits of \$17,500,000, and total resources of \$23,000,000. The stockholders are called to ratify the proposition on the 9th of March, the same to become effective on April 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.

C. S. E. Holland, President of the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Houston, Texas has been elected active Vice-President of the Lumbermans National Bank of Houston, in which he has been a director since July 1919. Mr. Holland who assumed his executive duties with the Lumbermans National on Feb. 1 retains the Presidency of the First Joint Stock Land Bank.

According to advices received from London, agreement has been made between the London County Westminster and Parrs Bank Ltd. and the Banco Nacional Ultramarino whereby the latter has been appointed sole agent of the London County Westminster and Parrs Bank in a great number of places, principally Portugal, East and West Africa, &c., where the Banco Nacional Ultramarino has branches. The Banco Nacional Ultramarino has been nominated correspondent of the London County Westminster and Parrs Bank at all other cities where it is established.

A new financial institution with a capital of \$300,000 (par \$100) has been organized in Long Beach, Cal., and granted a charter under the title of the Western Savings Bank. The new bank will have a surplus of \$25,000, and will, we understand, open for business in what is now the Daily Telegram Building early in the spring. J. W. Tucker, cashier of the Long Beach Savings Bank & Trust Co. and for many years connected with that institution, has been chosen President of the new bank; the other officers are Chas. A. Wiley, Geo. Craig, Vice-Presidents, and Lynn A. Parmley, Cashier. The incorporators of the Western Savings Bank are: Charles A. Wiley, J. W. Tucker, A. S. Spalding, W. S. Stevens, A. C. Malone, J. C. Farnham, James G. Craig, George L. Craig and Ralph H. Clock.

Arthur Pepler, Assistant to the General Manager of The Dominion Bank (head office Toronto), retired on Feb. 6. Mr. Pepler will make his home in England. With his resignation the following changes are announced: W. K. Pearce, Toronto, and F. L. Patton, Winnipeg, have been appointed Assistant General Managers; E. A. Begg, Superintendent of Branches; W. C. MacAgy, Chief Inspector; Dudley Dawson, Eastern Inspector; T. W. Joyce, Assistant Inspector, and W. B. Tannahill, Chief Accountant, head office.

That the Union Discount Co. of London, Ltd. (head office London) enjoyed a prosperous year is evidenced in the annual statement of the company covering the twelve months ending Dec. 31 1919, which we printed in our advertising pages Feb. 7. Gross profits for the year, after making provision for contingencies, the statement shows, were \$2,789,036, which together with \$605,481, the balance brought forward from the preceding year's profit and loss account gave a total of \$3,394,517 available for distribution. On the debit side of the statement the following amounts are shown: \$285,394 for current expenses, salaries, fixed charges, &c.; \$1,725,748 rebate of interest on bills discounted not due, carried forward to new account; \$250,000 for depreciation of Government securities; \$208,250 to cover interim dividend for half year (paid in July) at 14% per annum, less income tax; \$245,000 to cover dividend for last half of year at the rate of 14% per annum, less income tax and \$50,000 to pay bonus of 1s. per share, free of tax, leaving a balance of \$630,125 to be carried forward to 1920 profit and loss account. The paid-up capital of the institution is \$5,000,000 (200,000 at \$25 per share) with reserve fund of like amount. Christopher R. Nugent is Manager.

We are informed that Mr. Riggensbach, formerly manager of the foreign department of Leu & Co.'s bank, has established himself as private banker at Zurich under the style of Riggensbach & Co. Mr. C. Specker of the old provincial Bank, C. Specker & Co., Rheineck, Switzerland, has entered the firm as "commanditaire."

Mail advices from London regarding the financial position of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd., as of Dec. 31 last show that the company had a paid up capital of £8,417,335; reserve fund £8,417,335; deposits and other accounts £371,742,389; acceptances £29,014,568; profit balance and dividend payable £1,257,144; total liabilities £418,848,771. Among the assets were £60,216,796 cash in hand; £8,050,607 checks in transit; money on call £18,439,152; investments £67,303,428; bills of exchange £52,889,521; advances £162,966,745; advances on war loans £15,589,303; liabilities of customers for acceptances £29,014,568; bank premises £3,619,961; Belfast Bank shares £759,690; total assets £418,848,771. The net profits for the year ending Dec. 31 1919, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts amounted to £3,079,461; with the balance from the preceding year of £675,097; there was available for distribution £3,754,558, which was applied as follows:

To Interim dividend at the rate of 18% per annum, less income tax, paid 15th July 1919.....	£522,211
" Dividend at the rate of 18% per annum, less income tax, payable on Feb. 2 1920.....	530,292
" Salaries and bonus to staff with H.M. forces and bonus to other members of the staff.....	475,203
" Special "Peace" bonus to staff.....	250,000
" Reserve for depreciation of war loans and future contingencies.....	1,000,000
" Bank premises redemption fund.....	250,000
" Balance carried forward to next account.....	726,852
	£3,754,558

Columbia Trust Co. (New York) Concluded.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, and 1917. Rows include Supplementary-For Cal. Year, Total Int. & comm. rec'd during year, All other profits received during year, etc.

Commercial Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Corporation Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Empire Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Equitable Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Fidelity Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Fulton Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Guaranty Trust Co. (New York).

Table with columns for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 14 '17. Rows include Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary-For Calendar Year.

Hudson Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Public securities, Mortgages owned, Loans on bds. & mtg., etc.

Supplementary—For Cal. Year—
Total Int. & comm. rec'd during year.
All other profits received during year.

Irving Trust Co. (New York).

(Formerly Broadway Trust Co.)

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Public securities, Real estate owned, Mortgages owned, etc.

Italian Discount & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Public securities, Loans and disc. sec. by other collateral, etc.

*Began business Nov. 11 1918.

Lawyers' Title & Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Public securities, Real estate owned, Mortgages owned, etc.

Lawyers' Title & Trust Co. (New York) Concluded.

Table with 4 columns: Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund and undivided profits, Preferred deposits, etc.

Lincoln Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock and bond investments, Public securities, Real estate owned, Mortgages owned, etc.

Mercantile Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock & bond invest's—Public sec., Private securities, Loans and disc. sec. by other collateral, etc.

Metropolitan Trust Co. (New York).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Liabilities, Total, and Supplementary. Rows include Stock & bond invest's—Public sec., Private securities, Real estate owned, Mortgages owned, etc.

Franklin Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Financial statement for Franklin Trust Co. (Brooklyn) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, and Nov. 14 '17.

Kings County Trust Co. (Brooklyn) Concluded.

Financial statement for Kings County Trust Co. (Brooklyn) showing Liabilities for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, and Nov. 14 '17.

Manufacturers' Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Financial statement for Manufacturers' Trust Co. (Brooklyn) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, and Nov. 14 '17.

Hamilton Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Financial statement for Hamilton Trust Co. (Brooklyn) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, and Nov. 14 '17.

The Peoples Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Financial statement for The Peoples Trust Co. (Brooklyn) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, and Nov. 14 '17.

Kings County Trust Co. (Brooklyn).

Financial statement for Kings County Trust Co. (Brooklyn) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Nov. 12 '19, Nov. 1 '18, and Nov. 14 '17.

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American Trust Co. (Boston).

Financial statement for American Trust Co. (Boston) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17.

Beacon Trust Co. (Boston).

Financial statement for Beacon Trust Co. (Boston) showing Resources, Liabilities, and Supplementary data for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17.

Hanover Trust Co. (Boston) Concluded.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Deposits, etc.

*Hub Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Nov. 17 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans, etc.

*Began business June 19, 1919.

Hyde Park Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include U. S. and State of Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

International Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Nov. 17 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Stocks and bonds, Time loans, Demand loans, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Nov. 17 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Jamaica Plain Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include State of Massachusetts bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Profit and loss, etc.

Liberty Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources: State of Massachusetts bonds, Other investments, Loans on real estate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Liabilities: Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Market Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources: U. S. and State of Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Liabilities: Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Massachusetts Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Nov. 20 '17. Rows include Resources: U. S. and State of Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Nov. 20 '17. Rows include Liabilities: Capital stock, Surplus funds, Undivided profits, etc.

Metropolitan Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Nov. 17 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources: U. S. and State of Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Nov. 17 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Liabilities: Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

New England Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources: Stocks and bonds, Real estate, Demand and time loans, etc.

New England Trust Co. (Boston) Concluded.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus, Earnings undivided, Deposits, and Other liabilities.

Old Colony Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Investments, Demand and time loans, Banking offices, Customers liability and acceptances, Due from banks, Exchanges for clearing house, and Cash.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus, Reserved for taxes and interest, Reserved for depreciation, Notes payable at Federal Res. Bank, Subscriptions to Liberty Loans, Acceptances and letters of credit, Undivided profits, and Deposits.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Rate of int. on dep. of \$500 & over and Dividends paid in calendar year.

Prudential Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Nov. 17 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Nov. 20 '17. Rows include Stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans, Time loans, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Overdrafts, Due from reserve banks, Due from other banks, Cash, Syndicate participation, Customers liability, and Other resources.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Deposits (demand), Deposits (time), Bills payable, Notes and bills rediscounted, Acceptances, and Other liabilities.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Total and Savings department (additional).

Revere Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Jan 12 '18. Rows include United States and State of Massachusetts bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans with collaterals, Other demand loans, Time loans with collateral, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Suspense account, Accrued interest, Due from reserve banks, Due from other banks, Cash, currency and specie, and Other assets.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undiv profits, less exp., int and taxes paid, Deposits (demand), Subject to check, Certificates of deposit, Certified checks, Treasurer's checks, Dividend checks, Deposits (time), Certificates of deposit not payable within 30 days, Open accounts not payable within 30 days, Accrued interest, Borrowed on United States bonds, Construction mortgage account, Due from other banks, Reserve for taxes, and Other liabilities.

Roxbury Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Nov. 17 '19. Rows include U. S. and Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans, Time loans, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Due from reserve banks, Due from other banks, Cash, and Other resources.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Deposits, Due to Reserve banks, Due to other banks, Uncompleted loans, and Other liabilities.

South Boston Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include U. S. and State of Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans with collaterals, Other demand loans, Time loans with collateral, Other time loans, Syndicate participations, Overdrafts, Due from reserve banks, Cash and cash items, and Other assets.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Deposits subject to check, Liberty Loan account, Certificates of deposit, Certified checks, Treasurer's checks, Deposits, savings department, Dividends unpaid, Rediscouts, and Other liabilities, reserve for interest.

State Street Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Jan. 2 '18. Rows include Loans, Investments, Cash in office and banks, Real estate and safe deposit vaults, Liability on accept. & accept. purch, Liability under letters of credit, Notes and bills rediscounted, and Other assets.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, Acceptances, Acceptances of other banks endorsed and sold, Customers' letters of credit, Liabilities for rediscouts, Bills payable, Deposits, and Other liabilities.

*Tremont Trust Co. (Boston).

[Includes Puritan Trust Co. on all dates.]

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 20 '17. Rows include Stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans, Time loans, Real estate, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Cash on hand and in banks, and Other resources.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Nov. 20 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus, Undivided profits, Deposits, Bills payable, Notes rediscounted, Due mortgagors, and Other liabilities.

* Puritan Trust Co. merged with Tremont Trust Co. in September 1919. Above figures are combined results for all dates.

United States Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Nov. 1 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include U. S. and State of Mass. bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand and time loans, Demand loans with collateral, Syndicate participations, Due from banks, Cash on hand, and Other assets.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus, Undivided profits, Deposits, Notes & bills redis. with Fed. Res. Bk., and Other liabilities.

*Winthrop Trust Co. (Boston).

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18. Rows include United States and State of Massachusetts bonds, Other stocks and bonds, Loans on real estate, Demand loans with collateral, Other demand loans, Time loans with collateral, Other time loans, Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Due from reserve banks, Cash, currency and specie, Acceptances, and Other assets.

Table with columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Deposits subject to check, Certified checks, Treasurer's checks, Due to reserve banks, Due to other banks, United States bond account, Other liabilities, Reserved for taxes, and Construction loans.

Total *Began business Sept. 9 1918.

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Aldine Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.

The Colonial Trust Co. (Philadelphia) Concluded.

Table with 4 columns: Liabilities, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock paid in, Surplus and undivided profits, General deposits, Bills payable.

Columbia Avenue Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Jan. 3 '18. Rows include Cash on hand and due from banks, Commercial and other paper owned, Loans on collateral, etc.

American Bank and Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19. Rows include Cash and notes, Due from reserve agents, Legal reserve security at par, etc.

Commercial Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Due from banks, Loans and discounts, etc.

Belmont Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand and due from banks, Commercial & other paper purchased, Loans on collateral, etc.

Commonwealth Title Ins. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 11 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Bonds and stocks, Loans on collateral, etc.

Central Trust & Savings Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Stock investments, Commercial & other paper purchased, Amount loaned on collaterals, etc.

Continental-Equitable Title & Tr. Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.

Cheltenham Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Loans on collateral, Real estate, etc.

Empire Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 11 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Due from banks and bankers, Loans, etc.

The Colonial Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.

Excelsior Trust & Savings Fund Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 11 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc., Stocks and bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and profits, etc.).

Federal Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Bonds, Real estate mortgages, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.).

Fidelity Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Mortgages, Stocks, bonds, &c., Loans, Real estate, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and profits, etc.).

Finance Co. of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 11 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc., Commercial and other paper owned, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Undivided profits and reserve fund, etc.).

Frankford Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 11 '17. Rows include Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and reserve fund, etc.).

Franklin Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Bonds and mortgages and real estate, Stocks and bonds, Amt. loaned on coll. & personal sec., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus and undivided profits, etc.).

Germantown Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, due from banks, &c., Loans on collateral, Loans on bonds and mortgages, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and profits, etc.).

Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Call loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.).

Girard Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand and in banks, Loans, Securities, Real estate, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.).

a Figures are of date Dec. 11 1917.

Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 11 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks and bankers, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.).

Haddington Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Bonds, stocks, &c., Mortgages, Loans on collateral & bonds & mtgs., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Undivided profits, etc.).

Hamilton Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Checks and due from banks, &c., Reserve municipal bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Undivided profits, etc.).

Hamilton Trust Co. (Philadelphia) Concluded.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '17, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock, Surplus fund, Dividends payable, etc.

Holmesburg Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Loans on collateral, Dividends unpaid, etc.

Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash and reserve, Loans on collateral, Dividends paid in calendar year, etc.

Integrity Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Dividends paid in calendar year, etc.

Kensington Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Loans on collateral & personal secur., Dividends paid in calendar year, etc.

Figures are of date: a Dec. 11 1917.

The Land Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Jan. 31 '20, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Loans on coll., bonds and mortgages, Dividends paid in calendar year, etc.

Liberty Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Due from banks, &c., Loans on collateral, etc.

*Logan Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Due from banks and bankers, Loans on collateral, etc.

*Logan Trust Co. and Robert Morris Trust Co. consolidated as of Dec. 31 1917. The latter reported aggregate resources on Dec. 30 1916 of \$2,620,591 and on Dec. 31 1915, \$2,290,417.

Manayunk Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.

Market Street Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Due from banks and bankers, Loans on collateral, etc.

Merchants' Union Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand and in banks, Demand loans, Time loans, etc.

Mortgage Trust Co. of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Cash on hand, Due from banks, &c., Loans on collateral, etc.

Mutual Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.), and Total. Dates: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17.

*Northern Central Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Cash on deposit, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Undivided profits, etc.), and Total. Dates: Dec. 31 '19, *Dec. 31 '18.

*Began business April 15 1918.

Northern Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Real estate mortgages, Bonds and investment securities, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.), and Total. Includes statistics for calendar year.

North Philadelphia Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Stocks and bonds, Mortgages, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.), and Total.

Northwestern Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Cash on deposit, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.), and Total.

*Parkway Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Cash on deposit, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.), and Total. Includes note: *Began business June 24 1918.

Pelham Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.), and Total. Dates: Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17.

Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.), and Total.

Pennsylvania Warehousing & Safe Deposit Co. (Phila.).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, etc.), and Total.

People's Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, etc.), and Total.

Philadelphia Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Cash on hand, Due from banks, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, etc.), and Total.

The Provident Life & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Resources (Mortgages, Stocks and bonds, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, etc.), and Total.

The Provident Life & Trust Co. (Phila.) Concluded.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus, Undivided profits, etc.) and Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, etc.).

Real Estate Title, Insur. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks, bonds, &c., Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and reserve fund, etc.).

Real Estate Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Lawful reserve bonds, Cash on hand, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.).

Republic Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash and reserve bonds, Real est., safe dep., vaults, furn. & fixt., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.).

The Rittenhouse Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Due by banks, Collateral loans, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and undivided profits, etc.).

*Roxborough Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Cash on deposit, Commercial paper purchased, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.).

Tacony Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus and reserve fund, etc.).

Tioga Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Bonds, stocks, &c., Real estate, Mortgages, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.).

United Security Life Ins. & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Jan. 1 '20, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Real estate mortgages, Bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.).

Wayne Junction Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand, Due from reserve agents, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.).

West End Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Cash on hand and due from banks, Loans on coll. & on bonds & mtges., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.).

West Philadelphia Title & Trust Co. (Philadelphia).

Table with 4 columns: Description, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Resources (Real estate mortgages, Stocks and bonds, Loans on collateral, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus, etc.).

BALTIMORE COMPANIES.

Baltimore Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Real estate, banking houses, Interest accrued, Cash on hand and in banks, Miscellaneous, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Dividends unpaid, Deposits, Bills payable, Rediscout, Sundry accounts, Total, and Amount dividends paid on company's stock in calendar year.

Fidelity Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Due from banks, bankers & trust cos., Due from approved reserve agents, Cash on hand, Miscellaneous assets, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Due to banks, bankers and trust cos., Due to approved reserve agents, Deposits (demand), Reserve for taxes and interest, Other liabilities, Total, Divs. pd. on co.'s stk. in cal. year, Rate of interest paid on deposits.

Colonial Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Mortgages, Bldg. house, furn., fixtures & vault, Checks and cash items, Due from approved reserve agents, Lawful money reserve in bank, Miscellaneous, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Deposits, Other liabilities, Total.

Maryland Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Real estate owned, Due from banks, bankers & trust cos., Due from approved reserve agents, Cash on hand, Liberty Loan subscriptions, Miscellaneous assets, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, Deposits, Total.

Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Checks and cash items, Due from approved reserve agents, Miscellaneous, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Interest, &c., Deposits (demand), Deposits (time), Reserved for war taxes, Total, Divs. paid on co.'s stock in cal. year, Note.

*Commerce Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19. Rows include Investments, Loans and discounts, Furniture, fixtures, organization, &c., Customers' liability on acceptances, Cash, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus paid in, Undivided profits, Unearned profits, Bills payable, Acceptances rediscouted, Deposits, Total.

Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Stocks and bonds, Loans, demand, time and special, Mortgage loans, Cash on deposit in banks, Real estate, Accrued interest receivable, Other assets, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock, Surplus, Undivided profits, Deposits, trust funds, Total, Amt. divs. paid on co.'s stock in cal. year, *Decrease due to withdrawal of railroad deposits by the United States Railroad Administration.

Continental Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Due from banks, bankers and tr. cos., Checks and cash items, Due from approved reserve agents, Cash on hand, Customers' liability on acceptances, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Due to banks, bankers and trust cos., Due to approved reserve agents, Deposits (demand), Deposits (time), Bills payable, Total, Amount dividends paid on co.'s stock, calendar year, Rate of interest paid on deposits.

Security Storage & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Other real estate owned, Mortgages, Cash on hand and in banks, Due by firms and individuals, Miscellaneous assets, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, Deposits, Total, Amt. divs. paid on co.'s stock in cal. year, *Decrease due to withdrawal of railroad deposits by the United States Railroad Administration.

Equitable Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Mortgages in treasury, Mortgages with trustee, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Stock Equit. Mfg. & Tr. Co. (absorbed), Bank, house, wares, furn. & fixtures, Due from banks, bankers & trust cos., Due from approved reserve agents, Lawful money reserve in bank, Miscellaneous, Credits granted on acceptances, Foreign exchange, Customers' liability on acceptances, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Due to banks, bankers and trust cos., Due to approved reserve agents, Deposits (demand), Deposits (time), Mortgage bonds outstanding, Domestic and foreign acceptances, Miscellaneous, Foreign exchange rediscouted, Total, Amt. divs. paid on co.'s stk. in cal. yr., Rate of interest paid on deposits.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with 4 columns: Resources, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and assumed, Stocks, bonds, securities, &c., Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Mortgages and ground rents, Due from banks, bankers & trust cos., Checks and cash items, Due from approved reserve agents, Lawful money reserve in bank, Accrued interest receivable, Miscellaneous, Total, Liabilities, Capital stock paid in, Surplus, Undivided profits, Due to banks, bankers & trust cos., Due to approved reserve agents, Deposits (demand), Building loan deposits, Reserve for interest on deposits, Bills payable, Other liabilities guar. of Title Bldg Co., Total, Amt. divs. paid on co.'s stock in cal. yr., Rate of interest paid on deposits, Amount of deposits receiving interest.

Union Trust Co. (Baltimore).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans and discounts, Stocks, bonds, securities, etc., and Capital stock paid in.

Table with columns for Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, and Total.

ST. LOUIS COMPANIES.

American Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Bonds and mortgages, Demand loans, Time loans, and Capital stock.

Farmers' & Merchants' Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans on collateral, Loans on real estate, Commercial paper, and Capital stock.

Broadway Savings Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans on collateral and commercial paper, Bonds and stocks, and Capital stock.

Laclede Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans on collateral, Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper, and Capital stock.

Chouteau Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans on collateral security, Bonds and stocks, and Capital stock.

City Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 30 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans on collateral security, Loans on real estate security, and Capital stock.

Easton-Taylor Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 30 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Loans on collateral, Loans on real estate, Liberty bonds, and Capital stock.

Mercantile Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Time loans, Demand loans, Bonds and stocks, and Capital stock.

Mississippi Valley Trust Co. (St. Louis).

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, and Total, with sub-columns for Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18, and Dec. 31 '17. Rows include Stocks and bonds, Fed. Res. Bank, St. Louis, cap. stock, and Capital stock.

Indian Currency Returns.

Table with columns: (In lacs of rupees) — Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Silver coin and bullion out of India, Gold coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion out of India, Securities (Indian Government), Securities (British Government). Rows: Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Jan. 31.

The coinage for the week ending 31st ultimo amounted to 78 lacs of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on the 24th ult. consisted of about 24,650,000 ounces in specie, 11,000,000 dollars, and 80 lacs of silver bars and United States dollars.

Statistics for the month of January are appended: Highest price for cash, 85d. Lowest price for cash, 75 3/4 d. Average price for cash, 79.84 1/2 d. Highest price for 2 months, 84d. Average price for 2 months, 81.416 d.

Table with columns: Cash, 2 Mos., Feb. 5, Feb. 12. Rows: Jan. 30, Jan. 31, Feb. 2, Feb. 3, Feb. 4.

The quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 1 1/4 d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: Week ending Feb. 27, London, Feb. 21, Feb. 22, Feb. 23, Feb. 24, Feb. 25, Feb. 26, Feb. 27. Rows: Silver, Gold, Consols, British 2 1/2 per cent., French Renten (in Paris), French War Loan (in Paris).

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz., etc. 120

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Per cent., Bonds. Rows: 1 Baywide Yacht Club, 50 3rd Ward Hygeia Ice of Flush, Consols, British 2 1/2 per cent., French Renten (in Paris), French War Loan (in Paris), By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston, By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Feb. 19 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1919, show an increase in the aggregate of 34.5%.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week ending February 19, 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1918, 1917. Rows: Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria, Hamilton, Quebec, Regina, Halifax, St. John, Saskatoon, London, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Fort William, Brandon, Brantford, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitcheng, Windsor, Prince Albert, Total Canada.

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

Table with columns: Applications for charter, Capital. Rows: The First National Bank of Richmond, Kansas; The American National Bank of St. Cloud, Minn.; The Peoples National Bank of Elizabeth, N. J.; The American National Bank of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; The First National Bank of Hunter, Okla.; The First National Bank of West Alexandria, Ohio; The First National Bank of Arco, Idaho.

Table with columns: Original organizations, Conversion of State banks, The Limon National Bank of Limon, Colo., Conversion of the Limon State Bank of Limon, The First National Bank of Buhl, Minn., Conversion of the First State Bank of Buhl.

Table with columns: INCREASES OF CAPITAL, Amount. Rows: The Ennis National Bank, Ennis, Tex. From \$100,000 to \$200,000; The First National Bank of Driggs, Idaho. From \$25,000 to \$50,000; The Manufacturers National Bank of Troy, N. Y. From \$150,000 to \$300,000.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION. The Merchants National Bank of Lehigh, Okla. Capital, \$25,000. Liquidating Agent, W. A. Jones.

CONSOLIDATION. The Kansas National Bank of Wichita, Kans. and the National Bank of Commerce of Wichita, under charter of the Kansas National Bank of Wichita, with capital stock of \$1,000,000.

CHANGE OF TITLE. The Farmers National Bank of Kilkenny, Minn., to "The First National Bank of Kilkenny."

CHARTERS EXTENDED. The First National Bank of Dyersburg, Tenn. Charter extended until close of business on Feb. 25 1940.

CHARTERS RE-EXTENDED. The Santa Barbara County National Bank, Santa Barbara, Calif. Charter re-extended until close of business on Feb. 18 1940.

CONSOLIDATIONS. The First National Bank of Newnan, Ga., and The Coweta National Bank of Newnan, Ga., under charter and title of "The First National Bank of Newnan," with capital of \$190,000.

Table with columns: DIVIDENDS, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Rows: Atchafalpa Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (qu.); Baltimore & Ohio, preferred; Boston & Maine, preferred; Canadian Pacific, common (quar.); Clin. N. O. & Texas Pac., pref. (quar.); Cleveland & Pittsb., reg. (quar.); Special guaranteed (quar.); Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.); Erie & Pittsburgh (quar.); Illinois Central (quar.); Keokuk & Des Moines, preferred; Norfolk & Western, common (quar.); Pennsylvania RR. (quar.); Phila. Germantown & Norristown (qu.); Pittsburg & West Virginia, pref. (quar.); Pittsb., Youngst. & Ashtabula, pref. (qu.); Reading Company, first pref. (quar.).

Actual Figures. Table with 5 columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserves in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Bank, State banks, Trust companies, and weekly totals for Feb 21, Feb 14, and Jan 31.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank. a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Feb. 21, \$6,505,710; Feb. 14, \$6,516,120; Feb. 7, \$6,585,000.

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House, as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. (Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.) Table with 5 columns: Loans and Investments, Specie, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Total deposits, etc.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House, are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK. Table with 5 columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vault, Reserve in Depositories. Rows include weekly data from Oct 18 to Feb 21.

* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

New York City State Banks and Trust Companies.—In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House," furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the City of New York.

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 98, p. 1661. The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions as amended May 22 1917 were published in the "Chronicle" May 19 1917 (V. 104, p. 1975).

Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the Member Banks. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14, 1917, published in the "Chronicle" Dec. 29 1917, page 2523.

STATEMENT SHOWING PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF MEMBER BANKS LOCATED IN CENTRAL RESERVE AND OTHER SELECTED CITIES AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 13 1920

Liquidation in some volume of loans and investments, including Government securities, accompanied by further withdrawals of Government deposits, is indicated by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Feb. 13 of 804 member banks in leading cities. Other demand deposits (net) show substantial gains, notwithstanding a reduction reported for member banks in New York City.

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY.

Table with 4 columns: State Banks, Trust Companies, Week ended Feb. 21 1920, Feb. 21 1920, Differences from previous week, Feb. 21 1920, Differences from previous week. Rows include Capital as of Nov. 12, Surplus as of Nov. 12, Loans & Investments, Specie, Currency & bank notes, Deposits with the F. R. Bank of N. Y., Deposits, Reserve on deposits, P. C. reserve to dep.

Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—Following is the report made to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions which are not included in the "Clearing House Return" on the preceding page:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000 omitted).)

Table with 10 columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Profits, Net Loans, Dis-counts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Net Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, Grand aggregate, Comparison previous week, Gr'd agr. Feb. 14, Gr'd agr. Feb. 7, Gr'd agr. Jan. 31, Gr'd agr. Jan. 24.

* U. S. deposits deducted, \$181,000. Bills payable, redcounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$10,785,000. Excess reserve, \$42,250 increase.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Feb. 21 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Table with 5 columns: Two ciphers (00) omitted, Members of F. R. System, Trust Cos, Total, Feb. 14 1920, Feb. 7 1920. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, dis'cts & invest'm'ts, Exchanges for Clear. House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits (not included), Reserve with Fed'l Res. Bank, Cash in vault, Total reserve & cash held, Reserve required, Excess res. & cash in vault.

* Cash in vault is not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve bank members.

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Table showing financial ratios and distributions for various periods from Feb. 20 1920 to Feb. 21 1919. Includes categories like Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Distribution by Maturities, and Federal Reserve Notes.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 20 1920.

Large table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. and Total. Rows include Resources (Gold coins and certificates, Gold Settlement Fund, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital paid in, Surplus, Government deposits, etc.).

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 20 1920.

Table with columns for Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. and Total. Rows include Federal Reserve notes, Chargesable to F. R. Agent, Issued to F. R. bank, and Amount of eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.

Banking and Financial.

LONDON JOINT CITY AND MIDLAND BANK LIMITED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY,
JANUARY 29TH 1920.

Speech of The Right Hon. R. McKenna, Chairman.

The General Meeting of the Shareholders of the London Joint City and Midland Bank Limited was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, E. C., on Thursday, the 29th day of January 1920, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Balance Sheet, declaring a Dividend; electing Directors and Auditors, and other ordinary business.

The Chairman (The Right Hon. R. McKenna) said:

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Standing as I do now in the place occupied with such marked distinction by our late Chairman, I feel even more strongly than I have felt week after week since he passed away that his was a position no other man could hope to fill. I will not attempt to retrace the steps of one of the most remarkable careers of our time. On an occasion like this, when the deep sense of personal loss is uppermost in our minds, it is more in keeping with our thoughts and feelings to dwell upon the great qualities of the man himself than to recall the successive events which mark the stages of his creative work.

SIR EDWARD HOLDEN.

Sir Edward Holden was a man of a striking combination of qualities. With an engaging personality and an exceptional easiness of approach, he had a force and decision of character which arrested and held attention. His great intellectual powers were trained and strengthened by an inexhaustible application, an intense concentration of purpose, and a whole-hearted devotion to his work. Genius is difficult to define and must be defined differently according to the sphere in which it operates. But in the active exercise of a profession no other word can be used to describe the combination of powers and qualities which in him were developed to so high a level. Generous and affectionate himself, he won the affection of others in a very special degree. He was delightful in companionship; faithful in friendship. Any one who spent an evening with him and listened with riveted interest to his stories of the development of the Bank, or his diagnosis of human character, or his sympathetic appreciation of human life, could not fail to be conscious of being in the company of a man who possessed very exceptional powers of perception and intuition, and a gift of dramatic language which enabled him to bring old scenes back to life in a few vivid sentences. Those who knew him best loved him most. His own fidelity in friendship brought him his natural reward, the affection and confidence of his friends.

Sir Edward Holden gave to the service of this Bank all that a man has to give—his thoughts in and out of working hours; his energy, far beyond prudent physical bounds; the enthusiasm and devotion which in most men's lives are diverted in some measure from their work by the claims of outside interests and occupations. His methods of business were characterized by extreme care and thoroughness. There was nothing slipshod about his work. No loose statement was allowed to pass; every fact and figure had to undergo the closest scrutiny. In essentials the principles on which he acted were simple. If I were asked which were the most constantly present in his mind, I should say—to keep the Bank strong and to help the Country's trade and industry. His career justified the policy of the big Bank because he himself was big. He was proud of the Bank's success, and he was proud of his own relation to it. I recall some words of Burke, spoken of another great man, which with very slight adaptation may be applied to Sir Edward Holden:

"If he was ambitious, his ambition was of a noble and generous strain. It was to raise himself, not by the petty intrigues of personal favor, but to win his way to power through the laborious gradations of public service and to acquire for himself a well-earned rank in his profession by a thorough knowledge of its principles and a perfect practice in all its business."

I am sure it would be in accordance with your wish that we should interrupt our proceedings, and before passing to the business of the day should express our feelings in a formal Resolution. I therefore move:

"That this Meeting desires to record their profound sense of personal and public loss in the death of Sir Edward Holden, and to convey to his sons, Sir Harry Cassie Holden and Major Norman E. Holden, and to the other members of his family this expression of their deep sympathy."

(This Resolution was carried by the Meeting standing in their places.)

BANK DEPOSITS, PRICES AND CURRENCY.

The Chairman then proceeded:

It was for many years the practice of Sir Edward Holden to speak upon some subject of public interest at the Annual Meeting of our Shareholders. I propose to follow the precedent which he established and I am going to ask you to consider with me to-day a problem which has been much discussed in the press and in Parliament. Nothing gives so much concern to the public at the present time as the great rise in prices. Masses of people find almost insuperable difficulty in bringing their expenditure within the limits of their income and they clamor for a remedy. So far as I have seen, the most popular proposal for reducing prices is to fix a limit to the currency note issue. It is supposed that if the currency were strictly limited in amount and at the same time had a proper proportion of gold backing prices would not only cease to rise but would begin a downward movement towards their former level. In this view the increase in currency is regarded as the cause of high prices. But is this really the case? May it not be that the great increase in currency notes is itself only an effect of another cause, a mere link in the chain which ends in high prices? What is the relation between the increase of currency and high prices? What has caused the increase of currency? What has caused high prices? This is the problem I am going to ask you to consider to-day.

In examining this question I should like to guard myself at once from misunderstanding. It is an accepted doctrine that there are three factors

governing the price of commodities—demand, supply and cost of production. Although to-day I propose to deal with only one of these factors—demand—I do not mean to imply that the others have not their due weight. The supply of commodities is less to-day than it was in 1914, and in consequence if the other factors had remained constant, some rise in prices would inevitably have occurred from this cause alone. Again, chiefly owing to higher wages, cost of production has risen greatly, but in the sequence of events it has generally followed, not preceded, the higher prices. Whatever share, however, these two factors may have had in raising prices there can be no question of the importance of the third. Demand, measured by the purchasing power of the public, has increased enormously. It does not of course necessarily follow that a man spends more because he has more money in his pocket or a larger bank balance than usual; yet if we take the community as a whole we may be quite sure that as spending power grows the demand for goods grows with it, and as demand grows prices rise. Here, then, is the first step we must take to solve our problem; we must find the cause of this increase of spending power.

Before proceeding further it will be well to recall the estimated figures of currency, bank deposits and prices of commodities as they stand to-day compared with 1914.

First of all I will take the figures of currency. It is estimated that in 1914 the total amount of currency in circulation, *i. e.*, gold, silver, copper coin and bank notes, was £128,000,000. This figure represents the total amount of currency held by the public, but does not include currency held by the banks. To-day the corresponding figure is estimated at £393,000,000, an increase of £265,000,000 or 207%.

As I am giving these figures I may as well state here that the estimated amount of currency held by the banks in 1914 was £75,000,000 and in 1919 £191,000,000, an increase of £116,000,000, or 154%.

Next I will give the figures of bank deposits, but in doing so I should explain that they do not include Bank of England deposits. Before the war the total deposits of the banks of the United Kingdom, including under the name deposits—and this is important to note—money held on current account as well as on deposit account, amounted to £1,070,000,000. The corresponding figure last month was about £2,300,000,000, an increase of £1,230,000,000, or 115%.

The actual spending power of the public is gauged by the total amount of currency in circulation added to the total amount of Bank deposits. In 1914 the public spending power was £1,198,000,000; to-day it is £2,693,000,000, an increase of £1,495,000,000, or 125 per cent.

I turn now to a comparison of the prices of commodities of everyday use or consumption before the war and at the present time. The figures are based upon the return issued by the Ministry of Labor, and are expressed in the form of percentage increases over the corresponding prices of 1914. If we take 100 to represent the cost of living in 1914, the corresponding figure to-day would be about 225, or an increase of 125 per cent. In estimating the cost of living we have included all ordinary expenses and we have taken the commodities forming part of our everyday consumption in such quantities as we consumed in 1914. Thus we see a marked increase in currency, in Bank deposits and in the price of commodities. The spending power of the public and the cost of living show the same percentage increase of 125.

We can proceed now to examine the immediate question before us, what is the cause of the increase in spending power or in other words, of the increase in currency and Bank deposits? I will ask you to consider the growth of Bank deposits first. Bank deposits are derived from two sources and from two sources only. The first and most obvious source is by payments of currency into a bank. Anyone who takes notes out of his note-case and pays them into his bank creates a deposit. The second source from which deposits are derived cannot be described with equal simplicity. Stated in comprehensive terms which I will explain directly, deposits arise from payments by a bank which are neither charged against an existing deposit nor used for the repayment of an existing debt to a bank. I am speaking now of bank deposits in the aggregate, with which alone we are dealing, and not of deposits in any individual bank. Payments by a bank which are not charged against an existing deposit consist chiefly of bank loans or advances. But they include also all bank investments and all purchases and payments made by the bank for itself and charged against its own resources. It will simplify the discussion if we treat bank investments, as we are entitled to do, as loans of a more permanent nature than the ordinary loan or advance. Similarly the purchase or discounting of bills may also be regarded as a bank loan.

The aggregate then of bank deposits is increased by payments into banks of currency, by bank loans and by payments by banks on their own account to meet their own expenses, as for salaries or to buy new premises. In making a comparison between bank deposits at two different dates, we may reasonably leave this last source of increase out of account. Just as payments on a bank's own account augment deposits, so receipts on a bank's own account diminish them. Payments and receipts have both grown considerably since 1914, but they have both grown at the same pace, and comparing one year with another, we may fairly set off the total of the payments against the total of receipts.

We have now reached the point at which we may say that payments into banks of currency and bank loans, giving to the word loan the widest meaning, are the only sources of increase of the aggregate of bank deposits which we need consider. At the risk of wearying you with a discussion of a process with which you are probably already thoroughly familiar, let me give a brief illustration of how bank deposits are increased by bank loans. When a bank makes a loan to a customer or allows him an overdraft, in the ordinary course the loan will be drawn upon, or the overdraft will be made, by a cheque upon the bank drawn by the customer and paid in to some one's credit at the same or another bank. The drawer of the cheque will not have reduced any deposit already in existence because we are supposing a case in which he has been given a loan or allowed an overdraft. The receiver of the cheque, however, when he pays it into his own account, will be credited with its value and thereby a new deposit will be created. The only case when a bank loan does not lead to a new deposit is when the cheque drawn against the loan is used by the receiver to pay off a loan which he had himself at his own bank. In the same way, when a bank buys or discounts a bill, the proceeds of the sale are paid into the credit of the seller's account and increase the total of bank deposits; and in the same way also, when a bank buys war loan or makes any other investment, the purchase money goes to the credit of somebody's account in some bank and increases the total of deposits.

Let us look now at the increase of bank deposits since 1914 and see to what extent this increase is due, respectively, to payments in of additional currency and to bank loans. In June 1914 the banks held £75,000,000 of currency. Last month this figure stood at £191,000,000. The banks, therefore, held more currency to the amount of £116,000,000, and to this extent the increase in the aggregate of bank deposits is accounted for by payments in of currency. But it is estimated that since June 1914 bank deposits have risen by £1,230,000,000. If £116,000,000 of this amount are accounted for by payments of currency into the banks, there remain £1,114,000,000* which, if the previous analysis be accepted as correct, we must attribute to bank loans.

Let me guard myself, however, by saying that I do not give these figures as absolutely exact as the total figures of deposits given by the banks include not only customers' deposits but what the banks term "other accounts." But the error due to this omission in making a comparison between any two years is small, and I think we may accept as sufficiently accurate the estimate that in round figures bank deposits have increased by £1,100,000,000 since 1914 in consequence of bank loans.

Now that we have cleared so much ground, we must not forget the real object of our search. We are seeking the relation between the increase of bank deposits, the increase of currency and high prices; and we have got so far as to see that bank loans are the main source of the growth of bank deposits. As an increase of deposits means an addition to our purchasing power, we should expect such an increase to be followed by a rise in prices. But we must guard ourselves here from a generalization which may be too broad. If money is borrowed by manufacturers and traders for the purpose of the production or movement of commodities, the increase of purchasing power consequent upon the loans is followed in due course by an increase in the amount of commodities available, and the rise in prices which might be expected from a greater demand is corrected by a greater supply. Let us for a moment examine what takes place when a bank makes loans or advances in the ordinary way of trade. Suppose the case of a loan or advance to a manufacturer who uses the money to pay for raw material or wages, or some other expenses in the course of his business. When the goods are manufactured and sold to the merchant, it is expected that the proceeds of the sale will be used to pay off the bank loan. The merchant in his turn may have borrowed from his bank to pay the manufacturer, and there may be a whole series of loans from banks, each paid off in its turn as the goods pass from their primitive state of raw material to their final destination as finished goods in the hands of the consumer. But when the consumer has paid cash for the goods all the series of loans will in the ordinary course be liquidated and there will have been an increase in bank deposits only so long as the goods were not finally disposed of. In this view of bank transactions, loans by banks, and therefore deposits, would only increase in total amount as the total of commodities increased. There would be a greater purchasing power for the time being, but there would also be a greater supply in process of production.

It will be observed that the first effect of a trade loan is to increase deposits, and as the aggregate of such loans, and consequently of deposits and purchasing power, may be steadily growing in amount, it may be argued that loans of this kind may also drive up prices. To a limited extent this is true. In periods of active trade we know that bank loans increase and prices rise. But the rise in prices attributable to this cause can never go very far. Traders sometimes assume that banks have an unlimited power of making advances. They forget that every advance made by a bank comes out of the bank's cash resources. It is true the advances return to the banks in the form of fresh deposits and thus restore the banks' cash resources to their former level, but the result is to leave them finally with additional liabilities to their depositors without any addition to their bank cash. Happily in this country banks are careful to keep a proper proportion between their cash resources and their liabilities, though the misguided practice known as "window dressing," which is sometimes indulged in at the end of the year, might of itself throw a shade of doubt on what is in truth the very real virtue of our banks. The moment this proportion reaches a point below which the management think it should not go, if the strength and credit of the bank are to remain unimpaired, the bank will decline to extend its total of credits. We shall see later how the cash resources of the banks can be increased, but without such an increase any great expansion of trade advances cannot occur. It may be said that bank loans to traders influence prices to no greater extent than the ordinary market fluctuations.

Even when a bank loan is made for the purpose of acquiring plant, the same is true in the long run as in the case just described. The loan would be outstanding for a greater length of time and deposits would be increased until the profit made out of the use of the plant was sufficient to pay off the loan; but in due course, owing to the additional output from the new plant, commodities would be increased in quantity and there would be no permanent rise in prices. On the other hand, loans by banks which lead to no increase of commodities tend to raise prices; but banks do not look upon these loans with favor and, while they should be ready to assist the country's trade and production by such advances as their customers' capital and growth of business warrant, they should be and are careful to limit the amount of their advances for the purpose of capital outlay, and still more for more accommodation.

Let me now sum up the case so far as we have gone. We have seen that during the last six years bank deposits have increased by £1,230,000,000. Of this amount we find that payments of additional currency into the banks account for £116,000,000. We have seen that any other cause of an increase in deposits except bank loans is not large, and we have concluded that bank loans have been responsible for an increase of £1,100,000,000 in bank deposits. We have seen further that if these loans had been made to manufacturers and traders in the ordinary course of their business the increase in deposits, and consequently in purchasing power, would not of itself have caused a permanent rise in prices as the additional deposits would have been followed by an additional supply of commodities. To whom, then, have these loans been made? It is impossible to give precise figures, but the best estimate I can form is that of the total of £1,100,000,000, £800,000,000, including Treasury bills, have been lent to the State, and £300,000,000 to trade. The Government, under the overwhelming necessity of war effort, has been the great borrower from the banks. The loans to the State have led to an immense increase of deposits, and as they have remained out-

standing long after the commodities they were raised to pay for have been consumed, they have been an inevitable cause of a rise in prices.

In order to get a full understanding of the case, it is necessary now to examine the different effect upon prices of the different kinds of borrowing by the Government. The Government may borrow from three sources. They may borrow from the public, they may borrow from the banks, or they may borrow—and I put this in a category by itself—they may borrow from the Bank of England. If everything contributed to a national loan by the public were saved by them from their ordinary expenditure, there would be no increase in prices. The additional expenditure of the Government would be counterbalanced by the reduced expenditure of the community. But when the public subscribe to Government loans out of their own resources, they always subscribe more than they save by curtailing their normal consumption. They subscribe in addition what they would ordinarily save and invest in any case, and their investment would in one way or another usually take the form of capital employed in the production of commodities. The money which would be so invested is spent by the Government, and consequently to that extent increases the demand for goods without any increase of supply either actual or prospective, except in so far as the Government may themselves have spent the money on the erection of plant useful for peace production. With this partial limitation direct loans by the public to the Government through subscription to war loans have no effect upon prices. They do not add to the total of bank deposits. The public must first draw upon their deposits with the banks in order to subscribe to the loans, and when the Government spend the proceeds of the loans, the money only fills up the gap in the deposits caused by the previous withdrawals.

But quite different effects follow when the Government borrow directly from the banks or indirectly from the banks through members of the public who obtain bank advances to enable them to take up the loans. In each case the banks subscribe by drawing on their balances with the Bank of England. The money received by the Government is paid out in due course to meet liabilities to contractors, by whom again it is paid to the credit of their accounts with the banks. The customers' deposits are thus increased, and as the banks in their turn pay the money in to their accounts at the Bank of England, the previous withdrawals from that Bank are made good. Thus the net effect of the whole proceeding is to increase the total amount of bank deposits by the exact amount which the banks have lent to the Government directly or indirectly, and the whole weight of the additional spending power is thrown upon prices.

The third case of Government borrowing which we have to consider is that of borrowing direct from the Bank of England. In that case a credit is given by the Bank of England to the Government, who draw upon it and pay out the amount to contractors. In due course the contractors pay the money they have received into their accounts with their own banks, and deposits are thereby increased. The banks now hold more money, which in their turn they pay into their accounts at the Bank of England, and so increase their cash balance. There was no previous withdrawal in this case from bank balances at the Bank of England, and there is consequently an increase in these balances exactly equal to the amount of the Bank of England's loan to the Government. Here we see both an increase in customers' deposits and an increase in the balances of the banks at the Bank of England. These balances are the basis upon which the banks found their advances, and an increase in them will necessarily be followed by additional advances whether to their customers or to the Government with a consequent further increase in deposits. We conclude from this analysis, therefore, that loans by the Bank of England to the Government have a much greater effect in raising prices than any other form of Government loan, as they not only immediately raise the total of bank deposits and consequently of spending power by the public, but they also increase the power of the banks to make further advances which in due course lead to still more deposits and still greater purchasing power.

Now that we have examined the different methods of Government borrowing and have considered the effect of each in increasing bank deposits, it remains for us to look at the course of events as they have actually occurred since 1914 in forcing a rise in prices. At the outbreak of war, throughout its course, and right down to the present moment, the Government have been large buyers of commodities, greatly in excess of their normal demands. The first consequence of the immense Government purchases was to stimulate production. Machinery was used to its full capacity; the number of people employed was greatly increased; women took the place of men, and there was a very considerable addition to the total national output. But enlarge the output as we would, it could not keep pace with the nation's requirements. Demand outstripped supply, and, just as it happens when a period of comparative trade depression is succeeded by a trade boom, there was a natural rise in prices. At once more currency was needed, partly to pay the wages of the larger number of workpeople employed, partly because with higher prices shopkeepers keep more money in their tills. To the extent that more currency was issued the spending power of the community was increased. But up to this point the increase was not great. A new condition had to be introduced before any considerable rise could take place. There must be not merely an increase in currency, the total of which in any case only represents a small part of the public spending power; but, far more important, there must be a serious addition to bank deposits. It was not long before this new condition arose. To meet the daily growing expenditure the Government had to borrow freely from the public, from the banks, and from the Bank of England. It is unnecessary to recapitulate the effects of this borrowing. Bank deposits increased enormously. There was no proportionate increase in the supply of goods and the usual consequences followed. Prices began to rise rapidly. The rise in prices was next followed by general demands for increased wages. As these now rose the cost of production rose too, and another turn was given to the screw on which prices were steadily mounting. But higher wages and higher prices mean a greater demand for currency. The weekly wages have got to be paid in legal tender money. In the course of the week the bulk of the money paid out in wages comes back through the shops to the banks, and is paid out by them again to meet the next week's requirements. But, as prices and wages rise, not all of it comes back, and each week a larger amount is retained in the pockets of the people, in the tills of shopkeepers, and in the tills and reserves of the banks.

We may stop here to ask, is there any stage in this process at which it would have been proper to limit the issue of currency? The main

* Note.—A part of this total equal to the increase in the balances of the banks at the Bank of England had been created not by borrowings from the banks but by borrowing from the Bank of England.

demand for currency is to meet the weekly wages bill. If wages increase, whether because more workpeople are employed, or because rates are higher, additional currency must be brought each week into circulation. If the supply were cut off, a substitute would have to be found. At the outbreak of war there was not enough legal tender money to satisfy our additional requirements and at once postal orders and even postage stamps were used to make good the deficiency. If men and women are to be employed and paid, means of paying them must be found, and an arbitrary limitation of currency would merely inflict intolerable inconvenience upon the public.

Although, as I venture to think, the increase in currency is not the cause of high prices, yet I believe the public have shown a right instinct in fastening upon this increase as a matter for anxiety and even alarm. Though not the rain-storm itself, it is the gauge which measures the rainfall. The figures are easily apprehended, and the weekly records can be readily followed. Those who study them with care see that every advance by the Bank of England to the Government is followed by a fresh issue of currency notes. Once the nation can free itself from the need for these advances, the rise in prices, so far as it is due to an increased demand, will cease, and the currency in circulation will no longer expand. When the advances are paid off prices will tend to go down, and the currency in circulation will diminish.

When we look to the future we naturally ask, shall we ever get back to pre-war prices and pre-war currency and bank deposits? If I might hazard an opinion, it would be that prices will remain permanently on a far higher level than in 1914. The rise that has taken place is not local. It is not even European and American. It covers the whole world. The cost of living in Japan has risen quite as much as in this country. In India and China, where human wants are much less than with us and where custom plays a far stronger part in fixing prices, even there the cost of living is much above the pre-war standard. Increased production will bring down prices to a certain extent but the purchasing power of the world measured in money cannot be materially diminished. Deflation is bound to be very slow. Any attempt, indeed, to bring it about rapidly would cause widespread ruin among manufacturers and traders. The greatest caution will be necessary in handling our financial machinery and many of our pre-war ideas must be modified in view of the fundamental change in our conditions.

THE BANK RATE.

In illustration of what I mean, let us take the bank rate and consider its operation to-day as compared with pre-war times. In the conditions we then enjoyed raising the bank rate was an admirable means of checking excessive borrowing, restoring our exchange and restricting the demand for currency. To-day we cannot be certain that it will achieve any of these purposes. It is conceivable indeed that it may have the opposite effect. The Government has been a heavy borrower, and still may be, whatever the bank rate. Raising the rate depreciates all existing Government securities, which makes it difficult to borrow from the public. As a result the Government is driven to the Bank of England. We know the consequences: the total of deposits and bank cash is increased, prices go up and the currency is further inflated. The purpose of raising the bank rate is to prevent borrowing by making it too expensive, and by this means to restrict deposits and the issue of currency; but when the borrower is a Government which may have to borrow, no matter what the price, and which has the power to compel the Bank of England to lend, raising the rate not merely fails to achieve its intended purpose but actually operates in the opposite way. Until the Government have ceased to borrow the bank rate cannot have its normal effect. It must be observed, moreover, that these considerations apply with equal force when the borrowing by the Government from the Bank of England is not to raise new money, but to pay off maturing debt held by the public or the banks and not renewed by them.

Again, with regard to the exchanges before the war, raising the bank rate was bound to send up the value of the pound sterling in foreign exchange. The balance of trade, including invisible exports and imports, was in our favor, and if for the moment the pound sterling had depreciated it was only because we had lent too much money abroad. Raising the bank rate made it unprofitable for the foreigner to borrow in this market, and left our excess of exports free to assert its natural effect. To-day the balance of trade is against us, and while the bank rate should be at such a level as not to encourage the discounting of foreign trade bills in our market, to raise it above this point may in existing circumstances injure rather than benefit our exchange. For dear money adds to the cost of production and every addition to cost hampers our export to those foreign markets in which we have to meet serious competition. But it is precisely these markets in which sales are for prompt payment. We can no doubt sell all the goods we wish in countries in which sale is possible only on terms of very extended credit, but exports to such countries do no good to our exchange. Raising the cost of production at home in any degree has a tendency to drive our exports out of the cash markets into the credit markets and to that extent our exchange is injured.

I cannot help thinking that the advocates of dear money are premature in their policy. They do not take sufficiently into account the actual circumstances of the moment. They wish to stop the continual rise in prices with its concomitant social dangers, and rightly recognizing that the high prices are in a large measure due to the immense increase in purchasing power consequent upon the growth of bank credit, they hope to restrict further bank advances by raising the bank rate. But they overlook the fact that much the greater part of the inflated credit is due to borrowing by the Government. Bank advances to industry, though heavy in the aggregate, are not greater than industry requires; having regard to the amount of money sunk in the high-priced stock which a trader has to carry. Dear money is an additional expense in production and has the effect in itself of raising prices, but the counterbalancing influence which it might be expected to exercise by the restriction of credit is neutralized by the repeated outpourings of bank cash due to borrowing by the Government from the Bank of England.

The only condition on which we shall be able to check the rise in prices is that our annual expenditure is brought within the compass of our revenue. In State as in domestic finance we must learn to make both ends meet, and the case is not in the least bettered if we only balance our accounts by selling out capital stock and placing the proceeds to the credit of our revenue account. The expenditures of the Government is tantamount to the consumption of the quantity of commodities which the money would buy, and this must not exceed the amount of commodities the consumption of which the community are compelled to deny themselves by reason of the taxes they have to pay. If it does, we run the risk, as is indeed now the fact, that our consumption may exceed our production. This is not a plea for additional taxation. Far from it. Our existing taxation, which is, I believe, higher than in any other country in the world, is already dangerously near the point at which thrift, business enterprise and needful capital development become seriously impaired. But it is a plea for economy in expenditure. It is a plea for such ruthless cutting down or postponement of all financial outlay by the State as will reduce our expenditure to a figure less than our tax revenue, for by this method alone can we hope to restrict the issue of currency, check the rise in prices, restore our foreign exchange and re-establish London in her old position as the financial centre and free gold market of the world.

OUR OWN BANK.

Coming now to our own Bank, you will observe from our Balance Sheet that our liabilities and assets have increased very considerably since the previous year. There has been a notable change in the composition of our assets, which I will explain when I deal with the different items appearing in the Balance Sheet. The Paid-up Capital of the Bank has been increased by £1,244,637 10s. to £8,417,335 by the issue of 497,855 shares of £2 10s. each, as provided by resolution of the extraordinary general meeting held in September 1918. The price of issue was £5 per share, and the premium of £2 10s. per share was credited to the Reserve Fund, raising the latter from £7,172,697 10s. to £8,417,335. At the extraordinary general meeting in December last resolutions were approved further increasing our capital by the creation of 1,500,000

new shares of £2 10s. each. Of this number, as I then explained to you 500,000 will be required to give effect to the arrangement for a fusion of interests with the Clydesdale Bank and 500,000 will be issued to the shareholders on our register on March 1st next in the proportion of one share for every eight then existing shares of both classes. These shares will be offered at £5 per share, a price which in view of the present market value of the fully-paid shares gives a substantial benefit to shareholders. Fractional certificates will not be issued, but arrangements will be made for the disposal of shares representing the aggregate of fractions, and the net proceeds in excess of £5 per share will be distributed pro rata among the shareholders who would otherwise have been entitled to the fractions. Out of the whole number of 1,500,000 shares there will remain a balance of 500,000 shares, which will give us a reasonable margin of unissued capital to be used if and when the need arises. The issue of 1,000,000 fully-paid shares will raise the paid-up capital of the bank to approximately 11 millions and the reserve fund to the same figure.

You will appreciate the reason why your directors have desired to build up a strong capital and reserve when you reflect on the growth of our deposits since the end of 1913. The following are the figures:—

December 31st 1913	£93,834,000
1914	125,733,000
1915	147,751,000
1916	174,621,000
1917	220,552,000
1918	334,898,000
1919	371,742,000

No part of the increase in 1919 was due to amalgamation or causes other than the natural growth of business. But large as the figures are in themselves, they neither reveal the real increase in our business nor reflect the manner in which we have used our resources for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of our industries. This will only become apparent when we examine the different items which constitute our assets, and compare the figures of December last with those of twelve months earlier.

Our Acceptances at £29,014,568 are up £15,868,719. These Acceptances, with the exception of a small amount representing credits arranged by our Government for Allied Governments in connection with the Exchanges, represent the movement of commodities to this and other countries. All are well secured.

On the other side of our Balance Sheet *Cash in Hand and at the Bank of England* amounts to £60,216,796. In making a comparison between this year and last it must be borne in mind that the Government have paid off the money which they formerly borrowed from the banks through the Bank of England, and the money thus set free has been largely lent to trade. The percentage of cash and of money at call to the liabilities to depositors is in consequence reduced and is brought back to a point more in keeping with peace conditions and practice.

Cheques on other banks in course of being cleared amount to £8,050,507, or £6,049,121 more than last year. We show this item separately from our cash, though the whole of it becomes cash in at most three days.

Money at call and short notice amounts to £18,439,152. Investments are £87,303,428, against £61,000,632 in December 1918. Our War Loan investments are valued at under cost in our books, and we have set aside a large sum out of our profits to meet the depreciation which followed the rise in the bank rate. Any further depreciation beyond that provision is simply covered by the internal resources of the Bank. Moreover, it must be remembered that all the War Loans have a due date which in the case of several of them is at no very distant period, and we shall consequently gain considerably in capital appreciation when these loans are redeemed. During the year we took up £12,000,000 of Victory Loan, but the net increase in the total of our investments is less than this amount on account of maturities and sales.

Bills of exchange at £52,889,521 are £13,640,225 more than last year. There has been a marked increase in the supply of trade bills resulting from the resumption of international trade relations. Fine bank bills and good trade bills form the greater proportion of our holding; the balance is made up of Treasury bills with less than three months to run.

The next item in our Balance Sheet is *Advances on Current and Other Accounts*. Our anticipation that great demands would be made upon us under this head has been realized, and we may congratulate ourselves that the Bank has been in a position adequately to meet the requirements of the country in this respect. On 31st December last £162,950,745 marked the extent of our accommodation to trade and industry under this head. This large business is completely satisfactory in its character and every risk is more than amply provided for.

Advances on War Loans represent advances made to customers for the specific purpose of enabling them to take up war loans on their issue. The amount now outstanding on this account is £15,589,303, or a little more than last year. Now that peace is signed this item should disappear from our accounts.

The remaining item to consider is *Bank Premises*, which stands at £3,618,960. We have appropriated from our profits this year £250,000 in reduction of the book value of our properties and shall continue to follow this policy which we feel sure meets with your approval.

There is just one other point that I should like to emphasize before we leave our balance sheet. It relates to "window dressing," a subject which has been given a certain amount of prominence in the financial columns of the press. When I tell you that the average fortnightly ratio of our cash to liabilities in 1919 was in excess of the ratio shown on the 31st December last, I think you will agree with me that we have been at no pains to make an exceptional showing in our published statement.

THE BELFAST AND THE CLYDESDALE BANKS.

You will remember that some two and a half years ago we entered into an arrangement with the Belfast Banking Company of Ireland providing for an exchange of shares in this Bank for shares in the Belfast Bank. We now hold the whole of the latter shares. Since that time the Reserve Fund of the Belfast Bank has been increased from £450,000 to £550,000, and Deposits have increased from £9,500,000 to £17,000,000. But the fact to which I particularly wish to call attention is that advances to trade made by the Belfast Bank since our affiliation have more than doubled. Every penny of this money is lent in Ireland. It used to be alleged that the introduction of a British bank into Ireland would result in Irish deposits being used to finance British industries. Experience has proved that this charge was devoid of all foundation. With the resources of the British Bank behind it the Belfast Bank has been able to give a much bigger proportion of assistance to Irish industries than it could have ventured to do on the basis of its own unaided resources. I trust that the fusion of interests with The Clydesdale Bank will prove no less complete and no less mutually beneficial than in the case of the Belfast Bank. The three institutions together will have in the three kingdoms a total of no less than 1,725 offices: 1,454 in England and Wales, 157 in Scotland and 114 in Ireland. In Scotland and in Ireland there is and will be independent control and management, but a common spirit pervades the three institutions, an earnest determination to co-operate in the development of banking business on the best lines.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Coming now to our Profit and Loss Account, after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, our Net Profits amount to £3,079,461, which with £675,097 brought forward from last year, give us £3,754,558, out of which we have to pay our dividend and make the necessary allocations. The dividend at the rate of 18%, less tax, absorbs £1,052,504; salaries and bonus to staff with H.M. Forces and bonus to other members of the staff account for £475,202; a special peace bonus to the staff has cost us £250,000; £1,000,000 goes to provide for depreciation of war loans and future contingencies; as already mentioned, £250,000 has been placed to Bank Premises Redemption Fund; and we carry forward £728,552. I give you these figures in brief; they tell their own story, a record of the results of a year's hard work and of steady progress in the development of our business.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 28 1920.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—As has often happened before, stocks declined sharply during the early part of the week on "good news," the anticipation of which had caused a substantial advance in railway shares last week. We refer to passage of the Esch-Cummins Railroad Bill by a large majority in the Senate. The decline of 2 to 4 points which occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday has, however, been largely recovered during the last two days and in a few cases closing prices are higher than last week. Call loan rates have ranged from 7 to 15%, while time loans are held at practically prohibitive rates. No doubt the condition of the money market has had a tendency to restrict operations in securities and perhaps the decline of 10 points in sterling exchange had a similar effect.

The result of the week's movements makes an irregular showing. For example, New Haven has advanced 4 points, Balt. & Ohio nearly 3, St. Paul fractionally over 2 and Texas & Pac. 1, while Can. Pac. has declined 3, Great No. 2, No. Pac. 2 1/2, So. Pac. 3 1/2 and Aetehison 1. After fluctuating more widely than the railways Republic I. & S. closes with a net loss of 15 points, Mex. Pet. 10, Cruc. Steel 11, A. G. & W. I. 10 1/2 and Gen. Motors 8.

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 Feb. 27, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like American Express, Amer. La. France F.E., etc.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly, and yearly. Columns include Shares, Par Value, Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun & Foreign Bonds, and Unlisted Stocks.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange. Columns include Week ending Feb. 27, 1920, 1919, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1920, 1919. Rows include Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, Govt. bonds, State bonds, RR. and misc. bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges. Columns include Week ending Feb. 27 1920, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales).

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and miscellaneous bonds has not maintained the strong tone which characterized it last week. Of a list of 25 notably active issues, 17 have declined and 2 are unchanged. Hudson & Manhattan Series A have recovered a point of their recent decline and New York Central 6s, Rock Island ref. 4s, St. Paul 4 1/2s, and Balt. & Ohio 6s are fractionally higher. On the other hand Aeteh. gen. 4s have dropped 1 1/2 points and Mo. Pac. 4s, No. Pac. 4s and St. Louis San F. Series B have declined a full point. The local tractions have been active and relatively steady.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the various Liberty loan issues, which have been active and decidedly weak.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' showing prices for various Liberty Loan issues from Feb. 21 to Feb. 27. Includes issues like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange displayed marked irregularity during the week and the tendency was towards lower levels. Both Continental and neutral exchange moved in sympathy with sterling, with French, Belgian and Swiss francs and Italian lire the weakest features. Trading was not active, being confined largely to speculative operations.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 33 @ 3 35 for sixty days, 3 37 @ 3 39 for checks and 3 37 1/2 @ 3 39 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3 35 @ 3 37; sixty days, 3 30 @ 3 32; ninety days, 3 27 1/2 @ 3 29 1/2, and documents for payment (sixty days), 3 29 1/2 @ 3 31 1/2. Cotton for payment, 3 35 @ 3 37, and grain for payment 3 35 @ 3 37.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 1 37 @ 11.45 for long and 11.29 @ 11.37 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 36 5-16 for long and 36 11-16 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 48.26 fr.; week's range, 47.78 high and 48.33 low.

Table showing the range for foreign exchange for the week follows. Columns include Sterling Actual, Sixty Days, Checks, Cables. Rows include High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c, per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$13 25 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—Business in "curb" securities this week was dull and prices pursued a downward course until Thursday, when there was a turn for the better and many leading issues made good gains. Oil stocks continue to attract most attention. Carib Syndicate declined from 34 to 25 and ends the week at 27. Gilliland Oil com., on few transactions, lost three points to 37. Guffey-Gillespie Oil, com., was off from 28 to 26 1/2 and recovered finally to 27. Houston Oil com. sold down from 101 to 93 and at 95 finally. A drop of twelve points to 56 was registered by Internat. Petrol., though it recovered to 66 and closed to-day at 64. Manhattan Oil broke from 29 to 20 and closed to-day at 22 1/2. Merritt Oil lost two points to 17 and sold finally at 17 1/2. Midwest Refining receded from 156 to 149 and finished to-day at 151. Simms Petroleum dropped from 36 3/8 to 33 and advanced to 36 1/2, the close to-day being at 35 1/2. Texas Pacific Coal & Oil was conspicuous for a loss of 18 points to 80, though it recovered to 92 and sold finally at 87. White Oil sank from 29 3/4 to 26, the final transaction to-day being at 27 1/2. In the miscellaneous list General Motors was active, advancing from 25 3/4 to 27, then reacting to 23, with the close to-day at 24 1/2. General Asphalt com. fell from 88 to 76 and closed to-day at 78 1/2. Indian Packing lost two points to 12 3/4 and finished to-day at 13 1/2. Orpheum Circuit moved down over two points to 29 3/4 and recovered most of the loss, the close to-day being at 31 3/4. In bonds the Russian Government 6 1/2s, after an advance from 29 to 33, were heavily traded in to-day and rose to 39, closing at 37; the 5 1/2s improved from 27 1/2 to 32 and moved up to 38, the final figure to-day being 37.

OCCUPYING THREE PAGES
For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Feb. 21 to Friday Feb. 27) and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots

Lowest Highest

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919

Lowest Highest

Main table listing various stocks (e.g., Atoch Topeka & Santa Fe, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio) with their respective share counts, prices, and performance ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. * Full paid

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT.							Sales for the Week	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919	
Saturday Feb. 21	Monday Feb. 23	Tuesday Feb. 24	Wednesday Feb. 25	Thursday Feb. 26	Friday Feb. 27	Shares		Indus. & Miscell. (Cos)	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share		Amer. & Miscell. (Cos)	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*98 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	99 1/4	101 1/4	300	Amer. & Miscell. (Cos)	Par	85 Feb 13	115 1/2 Jan 5	101 1/2 Dec	140 Sept	
42 1/2	42 3/4	40	40 1/4	39 1/4	40 1/4	10,300	Amer. Sugar Refining	100	39 Feb 25	46 1/2 Jan 6	33 1/4 May	47 July	
127 1/2	127 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	2,000	Do preferred	100	91 Feb 11	93 1/2 Jan 19	91 Dec	96 1/2 Aug	
*115 1/2	117 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	400	Amer. Sunstar Tobacco	100	123 1/2 Feb 13	141 1/2 Jan 7	111 1/2 Jan	148 1/2 Oct	
85 3/4	85 3/4	82 1/4	80 3/4	81 1/2	82 1/4	12,000	Do preferred	100	116 1/2 Feb 25	118 1/2 Jan 20	113 1/2 Jan	118 1/2 May	
*83 1/2	86 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/4	81 1/2	82 1/4	5,400	Amer Telephone & Tel.	100	77 Feb 13	99 Jan 5	73 Aug	120 1/2 June	
97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	225,250	Amer Tobacco	100	84 Feb 16	92 1/2 Jan 3	90 1/2 Dec	100 May	
*235 245	250	220 1/4	220 1/4	225 250	225 250	200	Do prof (new)	100	96 1/2 Jan 13	100 1/2 Jan 30	101 1/2 Feb	31 1/2 Oct	
*94 90	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	200	Amer Woolen of Mass	100	93 Feb 13	97 1/2 Jan 7	93 1/2 Dec	106 Jan	
128 1/2	133 1/2	123 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2	122 1/2	88,500	Do prof	100	118 Feb 25	165 1/2 Jan 2	45 1/2 Jan	169 1/2 Dec	
103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	500	Do prof	100	101 1/2 Feb 13	105 1/2 Jan 29	94 1/2 Feb	110 1/2 June	
40 1/2	40 1/2	44 1/4	41 1/4	44	40 3/4	2,400	Amer Writing Paper	100	38 1/2 Feb 23	61 1/2 Jan 3	27 1/2 Jan	69 Oct	
18 1/2	19	17 1/2	18 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	2,400	Amer Zinc Lead & Smelt	25	15 1/2 Feb 13	21 1/2 Jan 9	11 Jan	29 July	
*50 1/2	54	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	20,000	Anacosta Copper Mining	50	50 Feb 13	59 1/2 Jan 9	40 Jan	65 July	
58 1/2	59	56 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2	200	Assets Realization	10	54 Feb 13	65 1/2 Jan 9	54 1/2 Nov	77 1/2 July	
51 1/2	51 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	45 1/2	47 1/2	2,500	Associated Dry Goods	100	3 1/2 Feb 10	61 1/2 Jan 3	17 1/2 Jan	65 1/2 Dec	
*69 72	69 7/8	69 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	70	800	Do 1st preferred	100	68 1/2 Feb 27	74 1/2 Jan 17	61 Mar	82 Aug	
*65 72	65 7/8	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 7/8	200	Do 2d preferred	100	70 1/2 Feb 10	75 1/2 Jan 7	55 1/2 Jan	80 1/2 Aug	
*114 116	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	200	Associated Oil	100	107 Feb 11	125 Jan 5	65 Jan	112 Oct	
150 1/2	152	148 1/2	149 1/2	139 1/2	142 1/2	11,300	All Gulf & W I S S Line	100	137 Feb 26	178 1/2 Jan 8	92 Feb	192 1/2 Oct	
59 60	60	64 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	4,000	Do prof	100	63 Feb 25	75 Jan 3	62 Feb	76 1/2 May	
*14 15	15	56 1/2	59 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2	24,000	A T Securities Corp	no par	13 1/2 Feb 27	10 1/2 Jan 8	65 1/2 Dec	75 1/2 Dec	
*26 25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	400	Autosales Corporation	no par	25 Feb 14	30 1/2 Jan 15	29 Oct	35 1/2 Dec	
113 1/2	113 1/2	108 1/2	111 1/2	104 1/2	107 1/2	233,200	Baldwin Locomotive Wks	100	103 1/2 Feb 13	123 1/2 Jan 10	64 1/2 Jan	156 1/2 Oct	
*11 11 1/2	11 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	115 1/2	119 1/2	1,600	Barrett Co (The)	100	115 Feb 13	134 1/2 Jan 6	103 Jan	145 July	
23 1/2	23 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	105 1/2	107 1/2	300	Do preferred	100	105 Feb 13	111 1/2 Jan 6	110 Feb	119 May	
*11 11 1/2	11 1/2	*11 1/2	11 1/2	*11 1/2	11 1/2	9,000	Batophos Mining	20	1 Feb 9	1 1/2 Jan 5	1 1/2 Jan	2 1/2 May	
87 1/2	87 1/2	20 1/2	22	19 1/2	21	9,000	Bethlehem Motors	no par	17 1/2 Feb 11	31 1/2 Jan 3	26 Sept	45 Oct	
87 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2	85 1/2	87 1/2	100	Bethlehem Steel Corp	100	77 1/2 Feb 27	95 1/2 Jan 30	55 1/2 Jan	107 1/2 July	
11 11 1/2	11 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	55,500	Do Class B common	100	81 1/2 Feb 26	102 1/2 Jan 3	55 1/2 Jan	112 Oct	
*11 11 1/2	11 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	110 1/2	112 1/2	100	Do preferred	100	97 Jan 14	102 1/2 Feb 24	90 Dec	118 Sept	
*94 97	97	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	4,000	Booth Fisheries	no par	108 Feb 13	114 Jan 5	101 1/2 Dec	118 Sept	
*52 56	56	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	1,000	Brooklyn Edison, Inc	100	10 Feb 13	15 Jan 9	85 Dec	25 July	
*93 100	100	*52 56	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	300	Brooklyn Union Gas	100	49 1/2 Feb 5	56 1/2 Feb 14	41 Dec	92 Aug	
*97 98	98	*90 100	100	97 1/2	97 1/2	100	Brown Shoe, Inc	100	93 Feb 27	105 1/2 Jan 2	71 Feb	112 1/2 July	
*104 107	107	105 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	200	Do preferred	100	96 Feb 18	100 Jan 12	97 Aug	101 May	
10 10 1/2	10 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	Burns Bros	100	93 Feb 4	120 Jan 6	115 Dec	166 Apr	
22 22 1/2	22 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	6,300	Butte Copper & Zinc v t e	5	7 1/2 Feb 5	11 1/2 Jan 9	5 1/2 Feb	17 Oct	
26 1/2	27	19 19 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Butterick	100	15 Feb 11	26 Jan 6	16 Jan	39 1/2 July	
*191 1/2	201 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	4,500	Butte & Superior Mining	10	22 Feb 5	29 1/2 Jan 12	18 1/2 Feb	37 1/2 July	
77 1/2	78 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	1,500	Caddo Central Oil & Ref	10	17 Feb 6	28 1/2 Jan 6	19 1/2 Dec	54 1/2 May	
33 1/2	34 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	4,900	California Packing	no par	27 1/2 Feb 27	55 1/2 Jan 28	48 1/2 Jan	87 1/2 Dec	
72 72 1/2	72 1/2	71 71 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	3,100	California Petroleum	100	27 1/2 Feb 13	46 Jan 3	20 1/2 Jan	56 1/2 Sept	
*63 65	65	63 1/2	64	62 1/2	63 1/2	1,500	Do prof	100	65 Feb 10	75 Jan 6	64 1/2 Jan	80 1/2 Sept	
70 1/2	81	81 1/2	83 1/2	77 3/8	79 1/2	600	Calumet & Arizona Mining	10	59 1/2 Feb 13	68 Jan 6	51 1/2 Jan	101 Aug	
*104 107	107	105 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	107 1/2	900	Case (J I) Thresh M pf etf	100	96 Feb 27	101 Jan 24	91 1/2 Jan	101 Aug	
50 1/2	50 1/2	48 48 1/2	46 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2	32,000	Central Leather	100	77 1/2 Feb 13	104 Jan 5	56 1/2 Feb	116 1/2 July	
127 128 1/2	128 1/2	124 1/2	126 1/2	118 1/2	122 1/2	100	Do prof	100	104 1/2 Feb 14	108 1/2 Jan 3	104 1/2 Jan	114 July	
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	6,000	Cerro de Pasco Corp	no par	45 1/2 Feb 26	61 1/2 Jan 3	31 Jan	67 1/2 July	
37 37 1/2	37 1/2	35 35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	37,000	Certain Products	no par	47 Feb 6	62 Jan 7	30 1/2 Apr	65 1/2 Nov	
*85 90	90	85 90	85 90	85 90	85 90	800	Chandler Motor Car	no par	117 1/2 Feb 26	144 1/2 Jan 30	90 Nov	141 1/2 Nov	
35 1/2	35 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	1,200	Chicago Pneumatic Tool	100	78 Feb 26	106 1/2 Jan 3	68 Apr	113 1/2 Nov	
42 1/2	43 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	3,600	Chile Copper	25	15 1/2 Feb 11	21 1/2 Jan 3	16 1/2 Dec	29 1/2 July	
*87 90	90	87 90	87 90	87 90	87 90	15,400	Chino Copper	5	31 1/2 Feb 26	41 1/2 Jan 3	32 1/2 Feb	50 1/2 July	
*45 1/2	48	46 1/2	47 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	200	Cinet, Peabody & Co	100	27 Feb 11	108 Jan 3	60 1/2 Feb	108 Dec	
*56 57 1/2	57 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 57 1/2	56 57 1/2	57 1/2	3,300	Cola Cola	no par	33 1/2 Jan 19	40 1/2 Jan 2	37 1/2 Nov	43 1/2 Nov	
*77 1/2	82 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	1,600	Colorado Fuel & Iron	100	36 1/2 Feb 11	44 1/2 Jan 3	34 1/2 Feb	69 Oct	
*78 80	80	78 80	78 80	78 80	80	1,900	Columbia Gas & Elec	no par	53 Feb 13	67 Jan 9	50 1/2 Oct	75 1/2 Oct	
19 1/2	20	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	10,500	Columbia Graphophone	no par	36 1/2 Feb 26	65 1/2 Jan 6	60 1/2 Oct	95 1/2 Oct	
28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	3,600	Do prof	100	89 Feb 16	92 1/2 Jan 14	91 1/2 Dec	95 1/2 Oct	
81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	1,400	Continental Can, Inc	100	78 Feb 13	93 1/2 Jan 3	65 1/2 Feb	165 1/2 June	
*101 105	105	*100 105	105	*100 105	105	800	Do preferred	100	100 1/2 Jan 13	102 1/2 Jan 22	100 1/2 Oct	110 June	
*11 11 1/2	11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	5,800	Continental Candy Corp	no par	10 1/2 Feb 25	13 1/2 Jan 3	46 Jan	99 Oct	
81 1/2	82 1/2	79 81 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	27,500	Corn Products Refining	100	79 1/2 Feb 13	90 Jan 3	102 Jan	109 1/2 July	
*104 106	106	105 105 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	400	Do preferred	100	101 Jan 20	107 Jan 6	102 Jan	109 1/2 July	
203 1/2	205 1/2	195 1/2	202 1/2	189 1/2	195 1/2	86,400	Cruible Steel of America	100	189 Feb 25	233 1/2 Jan 26	62 1/2 Feb	261 Oct	
*97 99 1/2	99 1/2	41 1/2	43 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	99	Do preferred	100	97 Feb 13	100 Jan 7	91 Jan	105 July	
44 44 1/2	44 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	17,400	Cuba Cigar	no par	39 1/2 Feb 26	54 1/2 Jan 7	20 1/2 Jan	55 Dec	
*81 81	81	79 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	1,400	Do preferred	100	79 1/2 Feb 13	85 1/2 Jan 21	69 1/2 Mar	87 1/2 Dec	
*330 340	340	*330 340	340	*330 340	340	1,000	Cuban-American Sugar	100	400 Jan 9	450 Jan 26	150 Jan	410 Oct	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,700	Dome Mines, Ltd	100	10 1/2 Feb 13	13 Jan 3	10 1/2 Jan	10 1/2 May	
*21 23	23	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	900	Elk Horn Coal Corp	50	20 1/2 Feb 26	28 Jan 2	23 1/2 Dec	43 July	
*33 42	42	32 36	36	33 1/2	36 1/2	300	Do preferred	50	33 Feb 17	39 Jan 16	39 Dec	49 July	
*22 26	26	22 26	22 26	22 26	26	100	Emerson-Brantingham	100	30 Feb 6	39 Jan 2	24 1/2 Dec	45 Dec	
*83 86	86	84 84											

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Feb. 21, Monday Feb. 23, Tuesday Feb. 24, Wednesday Feb. 25, Thursday Feb. 26, Friday Feb. 27), STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Jan. 1, On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Mackay Companies, Manhattan Corp., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day! † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights, § Ex-div. and rights, ¶ Ex-div.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for interest and defaulted bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Feb. 27						BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Feb. 27									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Feb. 27	Interest Period	Price Friday Feb. 27		Week's Range of Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price Friday Feb. 27		Week's Range of Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High				Low	High	Bid	Ask		Low	High
U. S. Government.															
First Liberty Loan	J	D	94.53	Sale	94.00	93.56	4710	94.00	100.40						
3 1/2% 1st 15-30 year 1932-47	J	D	94.53	Sale	94.00	93.56	4710	94.00	100.40						
Second Liberty Loan	J	D	90.38	Sale	90.20	90.80	281	90.20	93.48						
4% 1st L. L. conv. 1932-47	J	D	90.38	Sale	90.20	90.80	281	90.20	93.48						
4% 2nd L. L. 1927-42	M	S	89.58	Sale	89.50	90.50	953	89.20	92.90						
Third Liberty Loan	J	D	91.00	Sale	90.80	91.50	822	90.80	94.00						
4 1/2% 1st L. L. conv. 1932-47	J	D	91.00	Sale	90.80	91.50	822	90.80	94.00						
4 1/2% 2nd L. L. conv. 1927-42	M	S	89.98	Sale	89.82	90.90	6089	89.50	92.88						
4 1/2% 3rd L. L. 1923	M	S	92.34	Sale	92.30	93.12	7799	92.30	95.00						
Fourth Liberty Loan	J	D	99.50	Sale	97.60	Feb '20		97.60	101.10						
4 1/2% 1st L. L. 2nd conv 1932-47	J	D	99.50	Sale	97.60	Feb '20		97.60	101.10						
4 1/2% 4th L. L. 1933-38	A	O	90.24	Sale	90.20	91.08	11559	89.72	93.00						
Victory Liberty Loan	J	D	97.48	Sale	97.42	97.76	8207	97.42	99.40						
4 1/2% conv g notes 1922-23	J	D	97.48	Sale	97.42	97.76	8207	97.42	99.40						
4 1/2% conv g notes 1922-23	J	D	97.46	Sale	97.44	97.72	5737	97.44	99.40						
2% consol registered 1930	Q	J			101	Feb '20		101	101						
2% consol coupon 1930	Q	J			100 1/4	Aug '19		100 1/4	100 1/4						
4% registered 1925	Q	J	105 1/2	106	105 1/2	Feb '20		105 1/2	105 1/2						
4% coupon 1925	Q	J	105 1/2	106 1/4	105 1/2	Feb '20		105 1/2	105 1/2						
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2% 1930	Q	F			103 1/2	Feb '20		103 1/2	103 1/2						
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2% reg 1930	Q	F			103 1/2	Feb '20		103 1/2	103 1/2						
Panama Canal 3% g 1914	Q	M	88	89	90	Dec '19		88 1/2	90 1/2						
Registered 1914	Q	M	88	89	90	Dec '19		88 1/2	90 1/2						
Philippine Island 4% 1914-34	Q	F			100	Feb '16		100	100						
Foreign Government.															
Anglo-French 5-yr 5% Exter loan	A	O	96 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	96 1/2	2491	95 1/2	96 1/2						
Argentine Internal 6% of 1909	M	N	72 1/2	73	73		70 1/4	74							
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6% 1934	M	N	99 1/4	Sale	99 1/4	99 1/4	56	99 1/4	92 1/2						
Chinese (Hukuang Ry) 5% of 1911	J	D	44	Sale	43 1/2	44	27	42	50						
Copenhagen 2 1/2-yr 5 1/2% 1914	J	F	92	92	92		90 1/2	92 1/2							
Cuba—external debt 5% of 1904	F	S	83 1/2	90 1/2	86	Feb '20		86	86						
Exter dt 5% of 1914 ser A 1940	F	S	74 1/2	74 1/2	75	Feb '20		74 1/2	76						
Exter loan 4 1/2% 1921	A	O	97	Sale	96 1/2	97	3	95 1/2	96 1/2						
Dominion of Canada 4 1/2% 1926	A	O	92 1/2	93	93		92	92 1/2							
do do 1921	A	O	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2		91	92 1/2							
2-yr 5 1/2% gold notes Aug 1921	A	O	93 1/2	97	93 1/2		93 1/2	93 1/2							
10-year 5 1/2% 1929	F	A	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	588	97 1/2	97 1/2						
Japanese Gov't—A loan 4 1/2% 1925	F	A	107 1/2	Sale	107 1/2	107 1/2	378	107 1/2	107 1/2						
Second series 4 1/2% 1925	J	J	70 1/2	Sale	70	Jan '20		70	70						
do do "German stamp" 1921	J	J	57 1/2	Sale	57	Jan '20		57 1/2	57 1/2						
Sterling loan 4% 1931	J	J	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	90 1/2	46	90 1/2	92 1/2						
Lyons (City of) 15-yr 6% 1934	M	N	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	90 1/2	59	90	93 1/2						
Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6% 1934	M	N	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	90 1/2	59	90	93 1/2						
Mexico—Exter loan 4 1/2% of 1890	Q	J	31	30	30	Feb '20		30	30						
Gold debt 4% of 1904 1954	Q	J	32	35	32	Jan '20		32	37						
Paris (City of) 5-year 6% 1921	A	O	90 1/2	Sale	90 1/2	91 1/2	115	89 1/2	93						
Tokyo City 5% loan of 1912 1921	M	S	56	Sale	56	57 1/2	62	54	61						
U K of Gt Brit & Ireland—															
5-year 5 1/2% notes 1921	M	N	94 1/2	Sale	94	94 1/2	308	92 1/2	97 1/2						
20-year gold bond 5 1/2% 1937	F	A	96 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	96 1/2	401	95 1/2	97 1/2						
10-year conv 5 1/2% 1929	F	O	90 1/2	Sale	90	91 1/2	75	90	95 1/2						
3-year conv 5 1/2% 1922	F	O	94	Sale	93	94	20	90 1/4	94						
* Base are prices on the basis of \$100															
State and City Securities.															
N Y City—4 1/2% Corp stock 1950	M	S	90	Sale	90	90	3	90	95 1/4						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1904	M	S	89 1/2	91	92	Feb '20		92	95 1/4						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1906	A	O	89 1/2	91	92	Feb '20		92	95 1/4						
4 1/2% Corporate stock July 1907	J	D	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	1	95 1/2	100 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1905	J	D	95	96 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	3	95 1/2	100 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1903	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1906	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1905	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1903	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1906	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1905	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1903	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1906	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1905	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1903	M	S	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	86 1/2	2	86 1/2	90 1/2						
N Y State—															
Canal Improvement 4% 1901	J	J	95	97 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19		95 1/2	100 1/2						
Canal Improvement 4% 1902	J	J	95	97 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19		95 1/2	100 1/2						
Canal Improvement 4% 1903	J	J	95	97 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19		95 1/2	100 1/2						
Canal Improvement 4% 1904	J	J	95	97 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19		95 1/2	100 1/2						
Canal Improvement 4% 1905	J	J	95	97 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19		95 1/2	100 1/2						
Canal Improvement 4% 1906	J	J	95	97 1/2	95 1/2	Aug '19		95 1/2	100 1/2						
Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1903	M	S	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '20		107 1/2	108						
Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1904	M	S	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '20		107 1/2	107 1/2						
Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1905	M	S	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '20		107 1/2	107 1/2						
Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1906	M	S	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '20		107 1/2	107 1/2						
Virginia funded debt 2-3% 1901	J	J	50	55	55	Dec '18		58	58						
6% deferred Brown Bros etts	J	J	50	55	55	Dec '18		58	58						
Railroad.															
Ann Arbor 1st 4% 1905	Q	J	52	54	54 1/2	54 1/2	6	49 1/2	54 1/2						
Athloun Topeka & Santa Fe	A	O	76 1/2	Sale	76 1/2	78 1/2	114	74 1/2	82 1/2						
Gen g 4% 1905	A	O	78	79	79	Jan '20		79	79						
Registered 1905	A	O	78	79	79	Jan '20		79	79						
Attachment gold 4% 1905	Nov		67	Sale	67	69	14	60	71 1/2						
Registered 1905	Nov		69 1/2	73 1/2	June '18										
Stamped 1905	Nov		68	Sale	68	69	12	6							

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N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE				N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE			
Week ending Feb 27				Week ending Feb. 27			
Interest	Price	Week's	Range	Interest	Price	Week's	Range
Period	Friday	Range or	Since	Period	Friday	Range or	Since
	Feb. 27	Last Sale	Jan. 1.		Feb. 27	Last Sale	Jan. 1.
	Bid	Ask			Bid	Ask	
Delaware Lack & West—Concl.	F	85	102 1/2 Feb '08	Lohigh Val (Pa) cons & 4s. 2003	M	76 1/2	71 Feb '20
Warren 1st ref gu 3 1/2s. 2000	F	85	102 1/2 Feb '08	General cons & 4s. 2003	M	79	79 Feb '20
Delaware & Hudson	J	96 1/2	96 1/2	Leh & Term Ry 1st gu 5s. 1941	A	95 1/2	100 97 1/2 Dec '19
1st lien equip 4 1/2s. 1932	J	96 1/2	96 1/2	Registered	A	102	113 Mar '17
1st & ref ad. 1943	M	78 1/2	80 77 Feb '20	Leh & East RR 10-yr coll 6s. 1928	A	100 1/2	100 100 100
20-year conv 6s. 1935	A	81 1/2	85 81 1/2	Leh & East RR 10-yr coll 6s. 1933	J	98	98 1/2 Jan '20
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2s. 1946	A	69 1/2	74 1/2	Registered	J	105	105 Oct '13
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7s. 1921	M	100	104 102 1/4 Apr '19	1st int reduced to 4s. 1933	J	105	105 Oct '13
Denver & Rio Grande	J	62 1/2	61 1/4	Leh & N Y 1st guar 4 1/2s. 1946	M	87 1/2	73 Jan '20
1st cons 4 1/2s. 1936	J	64	63 1/2	Registered	M	87	87
Consol gold 4 1/2s. 1936	J	63 1/2	67	Long 1st 1st cons gold 6s. 1931	Q	87	87
Improvement gold 5s. 1928	J	60	60	1st consol gold 4s. 1931	Q	85 1/2	86 Aug '19
1st & refunding 6s. 1955	F	40	39	General gold 4s. 1938	J	88	72 Jan '20
Trust Co certs of deposit	J	39	39	Ferry gold 4 1/2s. 1922	M	85	92 Oct '19
Rio Gr June 1st gu 5s. 1939	J	39	39	Gold 4s. 1932	J	85	99 1/2 Oct '00
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 4s. 1940	J	39 1/2	39 1/2	Unifed gold 4s. 1940	M	83 1/2	72 72
Guaranteed	J	39 1/2	39 1/2	Debuture gold 5s. 1934	J	83 1/2	81 1/2 Jan '20
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4s. 1939	J	60	60	20-year 0 to 100 1937	M	60	65 1/2 Jan '20
Mtge & coll trust 4s. A. 1949	A	48	50 1/2	Guar refunding gold 4s. 1949	M	64 1/2	69 1/2
Del & Maek—1st lien 4 1/2s. 1905	J	78	82	Registered	M	95	95 Jan '11
Gold 4s. 1905	J	78	82	N Y B & M B 1st con g 5s. 1935	A	92	92 Aug '19
Del Riv Tun Ter Tun 4 1/2s. 1901	M	74	74	N Y & B B 1st gold 5s. 1927	M	92	90 1/2 June '19
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s. 1941	J	94 1/2	95 1/2	Nor Sh B 1st con g 5s. 1932	Q	92	90 1/2 June '19
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s. 1937	A	89 1/2	89 1/2	Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s. 1927	M	72 1/2	81 1/2 Oct '19
Registered	J	89 1/2	89 1/2	Louisville & Nashv gen 6s. 1910	J	91	91 1/2 Feb '20
Dul & Shore & Atl g 5s. 1937	J	83	83	Gold 5s. 1937	M	91	97 1/2 Feb '20
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s. 1941	M	85 1/2	85 1/2	Unifed gold 4s. 1940	J	81	81 1/2 Sept '19
Eric 1st consol gold 7s. 1920	M	97	98	Collateral trust gold 5s. 1931	M	87 1/2	90 1/2 Feb '20
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s. 1947	M	82	82	L Clin & Lex gold 4 1/2s. 1931	M	86	98
3rd ext gold 4 1/2s. 1923	M	88	92	N O & M 1st gold 6s. 1930	J	100 1/2	100 100 100
4th ext gold 5s. 1920	A	95 1/2	97 1/2	2d gold 6s. 1930	J	94 1/2	100 Feb '20
5th ext gold 4s. 1928	J	97 1/2	98 1/2	Paducah & Mem Div 4s. 1946	F	74	79 1/2 Jan '19
N Y L E & W 1st g 7d 7s. 1920	M	97 1/2	98 1/2	St Louis Div 1st gold 6s. 1921	M	98 1/2	99
Eric 1st cons g 4s prior. 1996	J	52 1/2	54 1/2	2d gold 6s. 1920	M	51	52 1/2
Registered	J	52 1/2	54 1/2	All Knox & Cin Div 4s. 1955	M	68	70
1st consol gen Hen g 4s. 1936	J	43 1/2	43 1/2	All Knox & Nor 1st g 5s. 1946	J	100	95 1/2 Nov '19
Registered	J	43 1/2	43 1/2	Hender Bdge 1st g 5s. 1931	M	100 1/2	101 1/2 Jan '20
Penn coll trust gold 4s. 1951	F	79 1/2	79 1/2	Kentucky Central gold 4s. 1957	J	71	73 Feb '20
50-year conv 4s Ser A. 1953	A	39	39	L & N M & M 1st g 4 1/2s 1956	A	83	83 1/2 Feb '20
do Series B. 1953	A	36	39	L & N M & M 1st g 4 1/2s 1956	M	75	82 1/2 Jan '20
Gen conv 4s Series D. 1953	A	41 1/2	39 1/2	L & N-South M joint 4s. 1952	J	65	63 1/2
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5s. 1923	M	79 1/2	79 1/2	Registered	Q	95	95 Feb '00
Clev & Mahon Vall g 5s. 1938	J	91	90	N Fla & S 1st gu g 5s. 1937	F	92	94 1/2 Sept '19
Eric & Jersey 1st g 5s. 1955	J	91	90	N & C Bdge gen gu 4 1/2s. 1945	J	77 1/2	97 1/2 May '16
Cemessu River 1st g 5s. 1926	J	94 1/2	95	Pennac & Atl 1st gu g 6s. 1921	F	97 1/2	100
Loan Dock consol g 6s. 1937	A	103	103	S & N Ala cons gu g 5s. 1936	F	90 1/2	93 1/2 Jan '20
Coal & RR 1st cur gu 6s. 1922	M	85	92	Gen cons gu 50 year 5s. 1963	A	81 1/2	81 1/2 Feb '20
Doek & Impt 1st ext 6s. 1943	J	85	92	L & J Jeff Bdge Co gu g 4s. 1945	M	64	64 1/2
N Y & Green L ref g 5s. 1946	M	81	85	Manila RR & Sou lines 4s. 1936	M	77	77 Mar '10
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5s. 1937	J	64	65	Mex Internat 1st cons g 4s. 1977	M	85	85 Nov '10
2d gold 4 1/2s. 1937	F	60	60	Stamped guaranteed	M	85	85 Jan '19
General gold 6s. 1940	F	60	60	Midland Term—1st g 5s. 1925	J	101	101 July '19
Terminal 1st gold 5s. 1945	M	72	72	Mtn St Louis 1st 7s. 1927	J	90	95 1/2 Feb '20
Mid of N J 1st ext 5s. 1940	A	54	53	Pacific Ext 1st gold 6s. 1921	A	95 1/2	97 1/2
Wilk & East 1st gu g 5s. 1942	J	54	53	1st consol gold 5s. 1934	M	94	94 1/2
Ev & Ind 1st cons gu g 5s. 1926	J	95	95 1/2	1st & refunding gold 4s. 1949	M	42	42
Evans & T 1st cons 6s. 1921	A	95	95 1/2	Ref & ext 50-yr 5s Ser A. 1922	Q	48	47 1/2
1st general gold 5s. 1921	A	95	95 1/2	Des M & F 2d 1st gu 4s. 1936	J	44 1/2	44 1/2
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s. 1923	A	108	108	Iowa Central 1st gold 6s. 1938	J	67	71 1/2
Sull Co Branch 1st g 5s. 1930	A	95	95	Refund 5s gold 4s. 1951	M	41 1/2	41 1/2
Florida B Coast 1st 4 1/2s. 1959	J	76	77	Mt St P & S M cons 4s int gu 1938	M	77	78 1/2
Fort St U D Co 1st g 5s. 1941	J	92	92	1st cons 5s. 1938	J	93	93 Dec '04
Ft Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s. 1921	J	56 1/2	56 1/2	1st Chic Term & A 1st g 4s int gu. 1941	M	88	88 Nov '19
Galv Hous & Hen 1st 4s. 1923	A	80	80	M B S M & A 1st g 4s int gu. 20	J	89 1/2	88 1/2 Jan '20
Great Nor C B & Q coll 4s. 1921	J	94	94	Mississippi Central 1st 5s. 1949	J	57	57 Dec '18
Registered	Q	94	94	Mo Kan & Tex—1st gold 4s 1990	J	57	58
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series A. 1931	J	82 1/2	83 1/2	2d gold 4s. 1990	F	31 1/2	31 1/2
Registered	J	82 1/2	83 1/2	Trust Co certs of deposit	M	28	29
St Paul M & Man 4s. 1933	J	83 1/2	83 1/2	1st ext gold 5s. 1944	M	32	32 1/2
1st consol g 6s. 1923	J	103 1/2	103 1/2	1st & refunding 4s. 2004	M	40	37 Feb '20
Registered	J	103 1/2	103 1/2	Trust Co certs of dep. 1936	J	37	37
Reduced to gold 4 1/2s. 1933	J	88	91	Gen sinking fund 4 1/2s. 1936	J	28	28
Registered	J	88	91	Trust Co certs of deposit	J	24	25
Mont ext 1st gold 4s. 1937	J	79 1/2	79 1/2	St Louis Div 1st ref g 4s. 2001	A	23	23
Registered	J	79 1/2	79 1/2	5% secured notes "ext" 16	A	30	30
Pacific ext guar 4s 5s. 1940	J	82 1/2	82 1/2	Dall & Waco 1st gu g 6s. 1940	M	69 1/2	69 1/2
E Min Nor Div 1st g 4s. 1948	A	78	78	Kan City & Pac 1st g 4s. 1990	F	48	48
Min Union 1st g 6s. 1921	J	97	97	Mo K & E 1st gu g 5s. 1942	A	25	36
Mont O 1st gu g 6s. 1937	J	103 1/2	103 1/2	M K & Okla 1st guar 5s. 1942	M	50	69
Registered	J	103 1/2	103 1/2	M K & T of T 1st gu g 5s. 1942	M	55	55 1/2
1st guar gold 5s. 1937	J	92	92	Texas & Okla 1st gu g 5s. 1942	J	74	74
Will & S F 1st gold 6s. 1938	J	91 1/2	91 1/2	Missouri Pacific (reorg Co)	F	15	39
Green Bay & W deb etfs "A" Feb	Feb	55 1/2	55 1/2	1st & refunding 5s Ser A. 1965	F	81 1/2	82 1/2
Debuture etfs "B" Feb	Feb	74	74	1st & refunding 5s Ser B. 1923	F	86	91
Guil & S 1st ref & t g 5s. 1952	J	58 1/2	58 1/2	1st & refunding 6s Ser C. 1926	F	85 1/2	85 1/2
Hoeking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2s 1999	J	69	69	General 4s. 1976	M	55 1/2	57 1/2
Registered	J	69	69	Missouri Pac 1st cons g 6s. 1920	M	97 1/2	97 1/2
Col & E V 1st ext g 4s. 1948	A	73 1/2	73 1/2	40-year gold loan 4s. 1945	M	82	82
Col & Tol 1st ext g 4s. 1921	A	71	71	30 7s extended at 4%. 1938	M	82	82
Houston Belt & Term 1st 5s. 1917	J	71	71	Cent Br U P 1st g 4s. 1948	J	84 1/2	84 1/2
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s. 1921	J	79 1/2	82 1/2	Pa R of Mo 1st ext g 4s. 1938	F	77 1/2	77 1/2
Registered	J	79 1/2	82 1/2	2d extended gold 5s. 1938	J	80 1/2	80 1/2
1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	J	72	72	St L I R M & S gen con g 5s. 1931	A	86 1/2	89
Registered	J	72	72	Gen con stamp gu g 5s. 1931	A	102	102
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	A	73 1/2	73 1/2	Unifed & ref gold 4s. 1929	J	72 1/2	74
Registered	A	73 1/2	73 1/2	Registered	J	80 1/2	80 1/2
1st gold 3s sterling. 1961	M	80	80	Riv & G Div 1st g 4s. 1933	M	66 1/2	67 1/2
Registered	M	80	80	Verdi V I & W 1st g 5s. 1928	M	80	80
Collateral 1st gold 4s. 1951	O	68	68	Mob & Ohio new gold 6s. 1927	J	99	100
Registered	O	68	68	1st ext gold 6s. 1927	J	92 1/2	92 1/2
1st refunding 4s. 1955	M	70	72	General gold 4s. 1938	M	56	58
Purchased lines 3 1/2s. 1953	J	61 1/2	69	Montgomery Div 1st g 5s. 1947	F	80 1/2	80 1/2
L N O & Texas gold 4s. 1953	M	66 1/2	66 1/2	St Louis Div 4s. 1927	J	70	70
Registered	M	66 1/2	66 1/2	St L & Cairo guar g 4s. 1931	J	69 1/2	69 1/2
16-year secured 5 1/2s. 1934	J	92	92	Nashv Chatt & St L 1st 5s. 1928	A	94 1/2	94 1/2
Cairo Bridge gold 4s. 1950	O	76	76	Jasper Branch 1st g 6s. 1923	J	104 1/2	104 1/2
Litchfield Div 1st gold 3s. 1951	J	52	58	Nat Rys of Mex pr lien 4 1/2s. 1957	J	49 1/2	49 1/2
Louisville Div reg 6s. 1951	F	60	67 1/2	Guaranteed general 4s. 1977	A	30	30
Omaha Div 1st gold 3s. 1951	F	51	51	Nat of Mex prior lien 4 1/2s. 1926	J	96 1/2	96 1/2
St Louis Div & Term g 3s. 1951	J	82	82	1st consol 4s. 1951	A	50	50
Gold 3 1/2s. 1951	J	61 1/2	67 1/2	New Orleans Term 1st 4s. 1953	J	61 1/2	61 1/2
Registered	J	61 1/2	67 1/2	N O Tex & Mexico 1st 6s. 1925	J	91 1/2	91 1/2
Spring Div 1st g 3 1/2s. 1951	J	74	74	Non-conv income 6s A. 1935	A	52 1/2	52 1/2
Western Lines 1st g 4s. 1951	F	71 1/2	79 1/2	New York Central RR	A	91 1/2	93
Registered	F	71 1/2	79 1/2	Conv deb 5s. 1955	M	64 1/2	67
Bellev & Car 1st 6s. 1923	J	100	117 1/2	Conol 4s Series A. 1998	F	64 1/2	68
Carb & Shaw 1st gold 4s. 1932	M	92 1/2	93	Ref & Imp 4 1/2s "A". 2013			

BONDS		Interest Period		Price		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold		Range Since Jan. 1.	
N Y STOCK EXCHANGE		Week ending Feb. 27		Friday Feb. 27		Range or Last Sale		No.		Low High	
Virginia 1st 5s series A...	1962	M	N	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	
Wabash 1st gold 5s...	1939	M	N	82 1/2	83 1/2	82	83 1/2	21	82	85 1/4	
2d gold 5s...	1939	F	A	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	89	12	87	91	
Dubuque series B...	1939	F	A	80 1/4	84	80	84 1/4	4	80	83	
1st lien equip a f g 5s...	1921	M	N	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2				
1st lien 50-yr g term 4s...	1954	M	N	85 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	Nov 19				
Det & Ch Ext lat g 5s...	1941	J	J	85 1/2	88 1/2	85 1/2	Jan 20				
Des Moines Div lat g 4s...	1939	J	J	75 1/2	80	75 1/2	Aug 12				
Om Div lat g 3 1/2s...	1941	A	O	64 1/2	67	64 1/2	Feb 19				
Toi & Ch Div g 4s...	1941	M	S	70	74 1/2	70	Jan 20				
Wash Term lat g 3 1/2s...	1945	F	A	77 1/2	74	77 1/2	Jan 20				
1st 40-yr guar 4s...	1945	F	A	75 1/2	81	75 1/2	Aug 18				
West Maryland lat g 4s...	1952	A	O	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2	55	49	52 1/2	
West N Y & Pa lat g 5s...	1937	J	J	83 1/2	92 1/2	83 1/2	Jan 21				
Gen gold 4s...	1946	M	N	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	Jan 20				
Income 5s...	1943	A	O	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	Oct 17				
Western Pac 8 1/2s...	1943	N	O	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	Jan 20	19	81	83	
Wheeling & L E lat g 5s...	1928	M	N	90	92	90	Jan 20				
Wheel Div lat gold 5s...	1928	J	J	92	95	92	Feb 17				
Exten & Imp't gold 5s...	1930	F	A	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	Mar 17				
Refunding 4 1/2s series A...	1960	M	S	50	51 1/2	50	51 1/2	3	50	53	
RR lat consol 4s...	1949	M	S	52 1/2	53	52 1/2	Feb 20				
Winston-Salem S B lat 4s...	1960	J	J	66 1/2	70 1/2	66 1/2	Nov 11				
W Cent 50-yr lat gen 4s...	1949	J	J	69	69 1/2	69	Feb 20				
Sup & Dul div & term lat 4s...	1936	M	N	63 1/2	70	63 1/2	Feb 20				
Street Railway											
Brooklyn Rapid Tran g 5s...	1945	A	O	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	1	30 1/2	33 1/2	
1st refund conv gold 4s...	2002	J	J	25	25	25	Jan 20				
3-yr 7% secured notes...	1921	J	J	43	45	43	45	44	39	50	
Certificates of deposit...				43 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	Feb 23				
Certificates of deposit stamp'd...				39 1/2	42	39 1/2	40	1	31 1/2	45	
Bk City lat cons 5s...	1916-1941	J	J	69	77	69	Oct 19				
Bk Q Co & S con gu g 5s...	1941	M	N	70	80	70	May 18				
Bklyn Q Co & S lat 5s...	1941	J	J	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Dec 19				
Bklyn Un El lat g 4s...	1950	F	A	61 1/2	64 1/2	61 1/2	62	2	61 1/2	64	
Stamperd guar 4 1/2s...	1956	F	A	57	57 1/2	57	57 1/2	6	51	63	
Kings County El lat g 4s...	1949	F	A	50 1/2	51 1/2	50 1/2	Feb 20				
Stamperd guar 4 1/2s...	1956	F	A	53 1/2	57	53 1/2	57	1	51	51	
Nassau Elec guar gold 4s...	1951	J	J	25	25	25	Jan 20				
Chicago Rya lat 5s...	1927	F	A	68 1/2	68	68 1/2	67	3	65 1/2	70	
Conn Ry & L lat & ref g 4 1/2s...	1951	J	J	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	Feb 20				
Stamperd guar 4 1/2s...	1951	J	J	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	July 19				
Det United Lat & Tr lat g 4 1/2s...	1932	J	J	64	65 1/2	64	64 1/2	10	61 1/2	69	
Pt Smith L & Tr lat g 5s...	1930	M	N	68	68	68	Jan 20				
Bud & Manhan 5s ser A...	1957	F	A	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Salvo				
Adjust Income 5s...	1957	F	A	17	17	17	Salvo				
Portland 1st 5s...	1930	M	N	70	90	70	May 19				
Interboro-Metrop col 4 1/2s...	1956	F	A	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Salvo				
Certificates of Deposit...				15	18	15	18	13	14 1/2	19 1/2	
Interboro Rap Tran lat 5s...	1966	J	J	52 1/2	54 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	353	15	19	
Manhan Ry (N Y) cons g 4s...	1990	A	O	50	51 1/2	50	51 1/2	3	48	57	
Stamperd tax-exempt...	1990	A	O	55	57	55	57	1	59	60 1/2	
Manila Elec Ry & L lat g 5s...	1953	M	N	65	65	65	Oct 19				
Metropolitan Street Ry											
Bway & 7th Av lat a g 5s...	1943	J	D	46 1/2	57	46 1/2	57 1/2	2	46	57 1/2	
Col & 9th Av lat gu g 5s...	1933	M	S	40	45	40	Sept 19				
Lex Av & P P lat gu g 5s...	1993	M	S	45	45	45	Sept 19				
Met W S El (Chic) lat g 4s...	1934	F	A	51	51	51	Dec 19				
Milw Elec Ry & L cons g 5s...	1934	F	A	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	Jan 20				
Refunding & ext'n 4 1/2s...	1934	J	J	70 1/2	90	70 1/2	Jan 20				
Montreal Tram lat & ref 5s...	1941	J	J	70	70	70	Feb 20				
New Or Ry & L gen 4 1/2s...	1935	J	J	68	71	68	July 19				
N Y Municip Ry lat 1 1/2s...	1966	J	J	51	57	51	July 19				
N Y Ry lat R E & ref 4s...	1942	J	J	28 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	2	27 1/2	32	
Certificates of deposit...				28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	3	28	31	
30-year adj Inc 5s...	1942	A	O	6	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	1	5 1/2	7 1/2	
Certificates of deposit...				6 1/2	7	6 1/2	Feb 23				
N Y State Rya lat cons 4 1/2s...	1962	M	N	48	51	48	Jan 20				
Portland Ry lat & ref 5s...	1930	M	N	72 1/2	94 1/2	72 1/2	Jan 20				
Portld Ry & L lat ref 5s...	1930	M	N	65	65	65	Oct 19				
Portland Gas & Elec lat 5s...	1935	J	J	94	90 1/2	94	Feb 17				
St Joe Ry L H & P lat g 5s...	1937	M	N	78	95	78	July 17				
St Paul City Cab cons g 5s...	1937	J	J	79	80	79	Jan 20				
Third Ave lat ref 4s...	1960	J	J	40 1/2	47 1/2	40 1/2	47 1/2	32	45	51 1/2	
Adj Income 5s...	1960	A	O	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	Salvo				
Third Ave Ry lat g 5s...	1937	J	J	84	88 1/2	84	Jan 20				
Tri-City Ry & L lat g 5s...	1923	A	O	89	89	89	90	10	89	92	
Underg of London 4 1/2s...	1933	J	J	50	90 1/2	50	90 1/2	73	May 19		
Income 5s...	1948	J	J	82	82	82	Dec 19				
United Rys Inv 5s Picta lat...	1926	M	N	63 1/2	70	63 1/2	63 1/2	2	68 1/2	75 1/2	
United Rya St lat g 5s...	1949	F	A	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	Nov 19				
St Louis Transl lat g 5s...	1924	A	O	55	50	55	June 17				
United RR Saa Ser F lat g 5s...	1927	A	O	26 1/2	37	26 1/2	Jan 20				
Union Tr (N Y) etrs deb...	1924	J	J	24	25	24	25	20	23 1/2	29 1/2	
Equit Tr (N Y) Inter etrs...	1924	J	J	24	24 1/2	24	Feb 20				
Va Ry & Pow lat & ref 5s...	1934	J	J	71 1/2	74	71 1/2	Feb 19				
Gas and Electric Light											
Atlanta G L Co lat g 5s...	1947	J	D	93 1/2	77	103	Sept 15				
Bklyn Un Gas lat cons g 5s...	1945	M	N	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	2	70	77	
Cincin Gas & Elec lat cons g 5s...	1946	M	N	82	80	82	July 19				
Columbia G & E lat 5s...	1927	J	J	82	82 1/2	81	82	2	81	85	
Columbus Gas lat gold 5s...	1932	J	J	87	87	87	June 19				
Consol Gas 5-yr conv 7s...	1925	Q	F	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	101	274	99 1/2	101	
Cons Gas El & P of Balt 5-yr 5 1/2s...	1921	M	N	97	95 1/2	97	Sept 19				
Detroit City Gas gold 5s...	1923	J	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	Dec 19				
Detroit Edison lat coll tr 5s...	1933	J	J	94 1/2	93	94 1/2	93 1/2	6	93	95	
1st & ref 5s ser A...	1940	M	S	85 1/2	88	85 1/2	88	9	87 1/2	90	
Eq G L N Y lat cons g 5s...	1932	M	N	91	94	91	Feb 18				
Gas & Elec Berg Co g 5s...	1949	J	D	100	100	100	Feb 13				
Havana Elec consol g 5s...	1962	F	A	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	Salvo				
Hudson Co Gas lat g 5s...	1949	F	A	91	91	91	Sept 19				
Kan City (Mo) Gas lat g 5s...	1924	A	O	91	92 1/2	91	Dec 19				
Kings Co El L & P g 5s...	1937	A	O	86	84 1/2	86	Dec 19				
Purchase money 6s...	1907	A	O	97 1/2	99 1/2	97 1/2	Nov 19				
Convertible deb 6s...	1925	M	N	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	Apr 19				
Ed El III Bkn lat con g 4s...	1939	J	J	80	77	80	Feb 20				
Lae Gas L of St L Gas & ext 5s...	1934	A	O	80	82	80	Feb 20				
Milwaukee Gas L lat 4s...	1927	M	N	87 1/2	87	87 1/2	Dec 19				
Newark Con Gas g 5s...	1948	J	D	86	104 1/2	86	Apr 17				
N Y G E L H & P g 5s...	1948	J	D	73 1/2	80	73 1/2	74	1	75	85 1/2	
Purchase money g 4s...	1940	F	A	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	Salvo				
Ed Elc III lat con g 5s...	1927	J	J	89	92 1/2	89	Nov 19				
NY&Q El L&P lat con g 5s...	1930	F	A	81	95 1/2	81	Aug 17				
Pacific G & E Co—Cal G & E—											
Corp unimp & ref 5s...	1										

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.						Sales to the Pub. Shares	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range Since Jan. 1.		Range for Previous Year 1919.		
Saturday Feb. 21.	Monday Feb. 23.	Tuesday Feb. 24.	Wednesday Feb. 25.	Thursday Feb. 26.	Friday Feb. 27.		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.			
*121 1/2	123 1/2	125	*121 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2	11 1/2	Railroads	119	Feb 17	130	Jan 24	116	Dec 145
64	64	64	63	63	63	230	Boston & Albany.....	61 1/2	Feb 13	67 1/2	Jan 2	82	Dec 80 1/2
*83 85	82 1/2	82 1/2	82	82	82 1/2	7	Boston Elevated.....	80	Feb 18	87 1/2	Jan 2	85	Dec 97
35	35	35	35	35	35	1,774	Do prof.....	30	Feb 11	37 1/2	Jan 2	28	Jan 35 1/2
	44	44	44	44	44	160	Boston & Maine.....	39	Jan 6	45	Feb 7	40	Oct 59
						8	Do prof.....	134	Jan 28	140	Jan 12	130	Sept 163
*135	*135	140	*135	135	135		Boston & Providence.....					108	Dec 70
							Boston Suburban Elec.....					3 1/2	Nov 11
							Do prof.....					2 1/2	Nov 30
*9	*10	11	*10	11	11		Bost & Worcester Elec.....					132	Oct 35
							Chic June R. & U.S.V.....					84	Feb 90
*130	*130	130	*130	130	130		City & State.....					47	Nov 58
85	85	85	85	85	85		Fitchburg pref.....					99 1/2	May 110
							Georgia Ry & Elec stamp.....					70	Mar 73 1/2
							Do prof.....					63	Jan 12
*66	*65	66	*65	66	66		Majac Central.....					60	Jan 3
31	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2		N.Y.N.H. & Hartford.....					23 1/2	Feb 11
							Northern N.W. Hannanite.....					84	Jan 29
*84	*84	84	*84	84	84		Norwich & Worcester pref.....					78	Jan 2
80	80	80	80	80	80		Old Colony.....					15	Jan 20
23	23	23	23	23	23		Rutland pref.....					85	Jan 24
*86	*86	86	*86	86	86		Vermont & Massachusetts.....					41 1/2	Feb 4
42 1/2	43	43	43	43	43		West End Street.....					50 1/2	Jan 23
*63	*63	63	*63	63	63		Do prof.....					50 1/2	Jan 23
5	5 1/2	5 1/2	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	375	Miscellaneous					4 1/2	Feb 13
*14	14	14	14	14	14	90 1/2	Am Oil Engineering.....					1	Feb 24
*55	55	55	55	55	55	15	Amer Pneumatic Service.....					5	Feb 10
97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,451	Do prof.....					9 1/2	Jan 2
140	140	140	140	140	140	119	Amer Telep. & Tel. Co.....					14 1/2	Feb 3
*81	*81 1/2	81 1/2	*81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	27	Amoskeag Manufacturing.....					79 1/2	Jan 3
*14	*14	14	*14	14	14	280	Do prof.....					14	Feb 13
*27	*27	27 1/2	*27	27 1/2	27 1/2	8,573	Anglo-Am Cotton Corp.....					26 1/2	Jan 7
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	477	Bikehart Prod. & Ref. Co.....					6	Feb 11
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	203	Boston Max Pat. Trustee.....					2	Feb 13
*41 1/2	*41 1/2	41 1/2	*41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	57	Century Steel of Amer. Ins. Co.....					5	Feb 10
6	6	6	6	6	6	1,187	East Boston Land.....					3 1/2	Jan 11
31	31 1/2	31 1/2	31	31 1/2	31 1/2	670	Eastern Manufacturing.....					27 1/2	Feb 13
21	21	21	21	21	21	121	Eastern S.S. Lines Inc.....					19	Feb 11
155	155	155	153	154	153	2,938	Do prof.....					63	Feb 11
29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	5	Elgin Electric Illum. Co.....					68	Feb 24
*68	*68	68	*68	68	68	1,090	Fairbanks Company.....					28	Feb 3
*27	*27	27	*27	27	27	701	Gorton-Pow Fisheries.....					30 1/2	Feb 13
34	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	1,090	Gray & Davis Inc.....					10 1/2	Feb 10
*18 1/2	*18 1/2	18 1/2	*18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	701	International Cement Corp.....					23 1/2	Feb 25
*26	*26	27 1/2	*26	27 1/2	27 1/2	510	Do prof.....					74	Feb 21
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	315	Island Oil & Transp. Corp.....					4 1/2	Feb 25
*10 1/2	*10 1/2	10 1/2	*10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	315	Libby, McNeill & Libby.....					22 1/2	Feb 27
98	98	98	98	98	98	17 1/2	Loew's Theatres.....					10	Feb 2
*71	*71 1/2	71 1/2	*71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	85	McWhirter (W.H.) Int. pref.....					97 1/2	Feb 25
60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	110	Massachusetts Gas Co.....					68 1/2	Feb 9
*130	*130	130	*130	130	130	537	Do prof.....					125	Feb 27
41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	309	Mercenthaler Lumber Co.....					35 1/2	Feb 13
44	44	44	44	44	44	137	Metropolitan Investment Inc.....					3	Feb 13
87	87	87	87	87	87	242	Mullitt Body Corp.....					85	Feb 5
30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	287	New England Telephone.....					27 1/2	Feb 13
168	168	168	168	168	168	373	Otto Holly & Blower.....					168	Feb 13
40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	25	Pacific Mills.....					30	Feb 13
*15 1/2	*15 1/2	15 1/2	*15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	109	Parish & Binznan Corp.....					94	Feb 13
45	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	2,370	Plant (Thos G) pref.....					15	Feb 4
24	24	24	24	24	24	113	Reese Button-Hole.....					14	Feb 7
*14	*14	14 1/4	*14	14 1/4	14 1/4	42	Rout & Van Dyke Class A.....					13	Feb 25
43	43 1/2	43 1/2	43	43 1/2	43 1/2	530	Shawmut SS.....					40	Feb 14
119 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	117	120	117 1/2	1,527	Shinn's Magnet.....					115 1/2	Feb 20
*68	*68	69	*68	69	69	15	Switt & Co.....					61	Feb 24
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1,071	Torrington.....					43 1/2	Feb 13
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	291	United Shoe Mach. Corp.....					25	Jan 31
18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	1,935	Do prof.....					25	Jan 31
37	37	37	37	37	37	2,757	Ventura Consol Oil Fields.....					12 1/2	Feb 11
24	24	24	24	24	24	695	Waldorf System Inc.....					17	Feb 13
*60	*60	60	*60	60	60	615	Walsham Watch.....					33 1/2	Jan 2
70	70	70	70	70	70		Walworth Manufacturing.....					60	Jan 22
*95	*95	95	*95	95	95	35	Warren Bros.....					60	Feb 7
70	70	70	70	70	70		Do 2d pref.....					60	Feb 7
*35	*35	35	*35	35	35	51	Mining					95	Jan 13
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	120	Adventure Consolidated.....					14	Feb 27
*6	*6	6 1/2	*6	6 1/2	6 1/2	450	Albion Mining.....					64	Feb 15
*30	*30	30	*30	30	30	120	Algonah Mining.....					42	Feb 11
360	360	360	360	360	360	450	Allouez.....					31	Feb 4
23	23	23	23	23	23	80	Artisan Commercial.....					11	Feb 11
13	13	13	13	13	13	70	Bingham Mines.....					4	Feb 4
44	44	44	44	44	44	515	Butte-Baklava Copper.....					315	Feb 27
4	4	4	4	4	4	670	Calumet & Hecla Copper.....					17	Feb 13
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	3,755	Carson Hill Gold.....					400	Jan 10
13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	820	Centennial.....					13	Feb 11
*3	*3	3 1/2	*3	3 1/2	3 1/2	525	Central Range Co.....					42	Feb 13
*4 1/2	*4 1/2	4 1/2	*4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	378	Daly-West.....					3	Jan 3
*70	*70	70	*70	70	70	150	Davis-Daly Copper.....					9 1/2	Feb 13
41	41	41	41	41	41	490	East Butte Copper Min.....					11 1/2	Feb 11
*70 1/2	*70 1/2	70 1/2	*70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	555	Franklin.....					4 1/2	Feb 17
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	60	Hancock Consolidated.....					4 1/2	Feb 13
41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	345	Helvelia.....					2 1/2	Feb 14
*34 1/2	*34 1/2	34 1/2	*34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	1,220	Idaho Creek Coal.....					39	Feb 13
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	60	Do prof.....					72 1/2	Jan 5
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	55	Isle Royale Copper.....					30 1/2	Feb 25
64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	490	Kerr Lake.....					38	Jan 18
20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	50	Keweenaw Copper.....					1 1/2	Jan 19
*50	*50	50	*50	50	50	150	Lake Copper Co.....					3 1/2	Feb 10
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Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Feb. 21 to Feb. 27 both inclusive.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

(*) No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

NOTE.—Not reported sold last week—Bank of Pittsburgh, 5 shares at 131; 22 shares Union National at 255.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates.

Table with columns: Rights, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates.

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon. On the "Curb" there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions. The possibility that fictitious transactions may creep in, or even that dealings in spurious securities may be included, should, hence, always be kept in mind, particularly as regards mining shares. In the circumstances, it is out of the question for anyone to vouch for the absolute trustworthiness of this record of "Curb" transactions, and we give it for what it may be worth.

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates.

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Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates.

Table with columns: Mining (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various stock symbols like Iron Blossom, Jim Butler, etc.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies. Table listing various companies like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M O, etc., with bid and ask prices.

Quotations for Sundry Securities. All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Table of quotations for sundry securities including Standard Oil Stocks, Public Utilities (Concl.), RR. Equipments, and Ordnance Stocks.

* Old lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. § Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ¶ New stock. † Unlisted. * When issued. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights. ¶ Ex-stock dividend. † Dollars per 1,000 lbs. flat. & Correction.

CURRENT NOTICES

Ames, Emerich & Co. announce the opening of offices in the Trinity Building, 111 Broadway, under the management of Ambrose W. Benkert... F. B. Tweedy and C. Stuart Robson, formerly of Lyon & Co., 50 Pine Street, have formed a partnership to deal in unlisted securities... Alfred L. Parker retired as a partner from the firm of Posner & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange... A. G. Becker & Co. have moved into their permanent quarters at 111 Broadway, New York.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bank Name, Assets, Liabilities, and other financial metrics.

Table listing Public Utilities and Industrial and Miscellaneous companies with columns for Company Name, Assets, and other financial metrics.

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.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week of Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list various railroads like Alabama & Vicksburg, Ann Arbor, etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: *Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), *Monthly Summaries (Mileage, Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Rows show weekly and monthly aggregates.

*We no longer include Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of February. The table covers 14 roads and shows 17.45% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with columns: Second Week of February, 1920, 1919, Increase, Decrease. Lists 14 roads with their respective earnings and percentage changes.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists 14 roads with monthly earnings and net profits.

b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Large 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). Lists numerous utility companies and their performance.

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). Lists utility companies like State Island Mid'd., Tampa Electric Co., etc.

a Includes Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co. b Includes all sources of earnings given in miles. c Includes constituent or subsidiary companies. d Subsidiary companies only. e Includes Tennessee Ry., Light & Power Co., the Nashville Ry. & Light Co., the Tennessee Power Co. and the Chattanooga Ry. & Light Co. f Includes both elevated and subway lines. g 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:

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists companies like Alabama Power Co., Brazil Tr Lt & P Co., etc.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. c Given in millions.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance-Surplus. Lists companies like Adirondack Electric, Cities Service Co., etc.

z After allowing for other income received.

The United Gas & Electric Corporation.

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance-Surplus. Lists various utility companies under the United Gas & Electric Corporation.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The remarks of Chairman John A. Topping will be found at length on subsequent pages, together with the comparative account, and the balance sheet and other tables.

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION (IN TONS).

Table with 4 columns: Product, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Iron ore, gross tons; Coke, net tons; Limestone, gross tons; Pig iron, gross tons; Bessemer steel ingots, g. tons; Open hearth steel ingots, gross tons; Total steel ingots, gross tons; Finished and semi-finished products, net tons.

UNFILLED ORDERS IN TONS DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Product, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Finished and semi-finished, Pig iron.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND DISPOSITION OF INCOME FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Gross vol. of business; Gross profits; Deprec. & charges; Net profits; Preferred dividends; Common dividends; Amount carr. to surp. def; Bal., surplus account.

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Property assets, Investments, Cash for red. of bonds, Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

Total 125,846,316 128,734,231 -V. 109, p. 268.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

(22nd Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1919.)

The remarks of President J. E. Aldred, together with the profit and loss account for the year 1919 and the balance sheet of Dec. 31 last, will be found on a subsequent page.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Gross earnings, all sources; Op. exp., gen exp & maint; Net earnings; Deduct (Int. on consol. M. bonds, etc.); Total deductions; Balance, surplus; Previous surplus; Total; Reserve and sink fund; Other reserves; Total surplus Dec. 31.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Real est., prop. & power develop., Machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 5% consol. M. bonds, etc.).

Total 34,975,174 35,118,144 -V. 109, p. 1467.

Consolidated Gas Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

President George B. Cortelyou, in his address at the annual meeting on Jan. 26, said in substance:

Results.—It was predicted in our report last year that, notwithstanding the termination of the war, the earnings of the Consolidated Gas Co. from its gas business would be still further impaired during the year 1919 by the high cost of labor and materials and other elements of cost.

The results were worse than were anticipated, due not only to the fact that increases in the cost of materials and labor which occurred progressively during the year 1918, and which affected only a part of that year, affected the entire year's operations in 1919, but to the fact that the prices of materials, which during the first few months of the year 1919 took a downward trend, increased as the year advanced until at the close of the year the prices of many materials, including gas oil, were higher than at any time during the war.

Likewise demands on the part of labor, the higher rates of pay, did not terminate with the end of the war, but continued during the year 1919 and are still continuing. As a result of these conditions, the cost of manufacturing and distributing gas is substantially higher to-day than it has been at any time since war was declared in Europe, and there is no prospect of any improvement in the conditions affecting such cost.

Operating Expenses.—The total increase in the operating expenses of the Consolidated Gas Co. alone, due to the increase in the rate of wages paid and in the price of coal, gas-oil and other materials and supplies and due to the increase in taxes and to the greater quantity of gas sold, amounted to \$2,282,081. The experience of affiliated gas cos. has been similar.

Table with 4 columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Rows include Lockport (N.Y.) Light Heat & Power Co, Richmond (Ind) Heat & Power Co, Union Gas & Elec Co (Bloomington, Ill), The Wilkes-Barre Co (Wilkes-Barre Pa).

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 31. The next will appear in that of Feb. 28.

Twin City Rapid Transit Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)

President Horace Lowry, Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 27 1920 wrote in substance:

Dividends.—During the year 1918 there was earned 2% upon the Common stock and dividends to that amount were declared and paid.

The directors have to-day declared a dividend for the year 1919 of 2 1/2% upon said stock payable on Feb. 20 to stockholders of record Feb. 9. This dividend was all earned prior to Aug. 30 1919, on which date we agreed to an increase in wages that materially reduced the net income for the remainder of the year.

During the period, the total revenue shows an increase of 18.35%, but because of the fact that the Minneapolis Street Railway Co. was confronted with the claim that its franchise expired in 1923, your directors have not felt justified in investing new money in new equipment or extensions of lines, the operating expenses, during the first part of 1919 were, therefore, much less than they would have been if new equipment and extensions had been operated.

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet shows cash to the amount of \$1,132,331, offset by a tax liability of \$1,134,336.

Franchise.—On Dec. 9 1919 the City Council of Minneapolis submitted to a referendum vote of the electors a service-at-cost franchise which has been negotiated after four years of continuous and painstaking effort on the part of the city officials and the officers of your company.

The electors, however, defeated the franchise ordinance by a vote of 30,549 against, to 22,997 for, ratification.—V. 109, p. 2172; V. 110, p. 2264.

The city officials of St. Paul are now considering submitting to the voters an amendment to the franchise ordinance under which The St. Paul City Railway Co. operates increasing the car fare to not exceeding 7 cents, in consideration of which the company must furnish equipment and service. The management believes that the situation is rapidly adjusting itself to a point where the people in Minneapolis and St. Paul will be willing to pay a sufficient fare to insure adequate service and provide a reasonable return on the fair value of the property, so that new capital may be attracted to this public service.

Increased Operating Cost—Proposed Improvements, &c.—An abnormally large sum has been expended for maintenance of both track and equipment due to continued increased cost of labor and material, and the fact that during 1918 a large amount of maintenance work had to be deferred because of inability to secure sufficient labor. It is planned to restore the property soon to the high physical condition in which it has heretofore been kept and if the city governments will co-operate, to use some of the renewal funds for improvements in the equipment and the construction of certain lines that will expedite traffic and somewhat relieve congestion.

Northwestern Terminal Co.—In the balance sheet the item "Loans and Notes payable", \$119,608, represents notes which the Minneapolis Street Railway Co. issued to the Northwestern Terminal Co. of Minneapolis in return for advances to cover the cost of building an extension into a new industrial district. These notes bear no interest and are subject to a contract between the companies by which these notes will mature when the line is self-supporting, including a return on the investment. In the meantime the Northwestern Terminal Co. makes certain guarantees protecting your company against operating losses. [See N. W. Terminal Co. in Investment News Department below.—Ed.]

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Rev. passengers carried, Rev. from transport'n, Other revenue, Total oper. revenue, Way and structures, Equipment, Power, Conducting transport'n, Traffic, General & miscellaneous, Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Gross income, Interest on bonded debt, Miscellaneous, Prof. dividends (7%), Common dividends, Net profit and loss, * A common dividend of 2 1/4% was declared Jan. 27 1920 and paid Feb. 20. See text.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Roadway & equip, Misc. phys. prop., Other investments, Cash, Loans and notes receivable, Misc. accounts receivable, Material & supplies, Prepaid rents and insurance) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Fund. debt unmat, Loans & notes pay., Accrs. & wages pay., Misc. accrs. payble, Secur. Int. (Treasury), Tax liability, Res. for Int. & dam, For deprec'n., Miscellaneous, Unadjusted credits, Profit and loss).

Total 57,696,402 56,130,964 -V. 110, s. 563.

The total increase during 1919 in the combined operating expenses of the gas and electric companies, after allowing for a decrease in the taxes of \$784,207, amounted to \$6,234,409, of which \$3,301,425 was due to the greater quantity of gas and electricity sold.

Output.—The maximum day's output last year occurred on Dec. 18, and amounted to 172,249,000 cu. ft., which exceeded that of the winter of 1917-1918 by 12,172,000 cu. ft., or 7.60%.

The gas sales of the company increased during 1919, as compared with 1918, 547,195,300 cu. ft., or 3.04%. In 1918 there had been an increase in gas sales of 6.74%, as compared with 1917.

The combined sales of gas of the various companies during the year were 33,674,972,000 cu. ft., an increase over the previous year of 2.08%.

Sales of electric current during the year amounted to 865,388,322 k. w. h., an increase over the previous year of 14.37%. The total number of gas meters in use at the end of 1919 was 976,727 and of electric meters 408,227.

Oil Contract.—In December we consummated a contract for a supply of oil to the Consolidated Gas and its allied gas companies for the period from Jan. 1 to June 30 1920, at 7 cents a gallon, the gas companies having an option to renew the contract for a further period of six months.

Adaptations, etc.—While the company during the war felt constrained to keep capital expenditures to a minimum the increase in the maximum day's output has so diminished the combined reserve manufacturing plant capacity that it is deemed necessary to increase available plant capacity.

Maintenance.—At a cost of \$6,226,398 for repairs and \$2,937,809 for renewals, or a total cost of \$9,164,207, all the gas and electric properties have been maintained at the highest possible point of operating efficiency.

Taxation.—The taxes charged against earnings of the company and its allied gas and electric companies amounted to \$7,747,265 as compared with \$8,534,319 charges against earnings of the preceding year.

Gas Appliances.—During the year 1919 the company and its allied gas companies installed 211,085 appliances. There were surrendered to the companies 62,395, leaving a net increase of 148,690 in the number of appliances in use, which had been installed by the companies, as against the net increase of the previous year of 107,414.

As to the new \$25,000,000 7% convertible gold bonds for refunding, etc., see last week's issue, page 762.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and various income items like Sales of gas, Operating income, Total income, Interest, Dividends.

Balance, sur. or def. def. \$2,009,356 df. \$1,292,393 sur. \$753,922 sr. \$1,667,309

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and various asset and liability items like Plant, Securities, Cash, Accounts receivable, Bonds, Capital stock, Convert. debent.

* Includes \$2,476,350 par value Liberty bonds.—V. 110, p. 362.

Central Leather Company.

(15th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1919.)

President Walter S. Hoyt, New York, Feb. 17 1920, wrote in substance:

Results.—The profits of the manufacturing and commercial business of the several companies after deducting all losses and expenses aggregated \$15,748,837; adding income from investments \$377,862, there is a total of \$16,126,699, from which there were deducted interest on bonds, \$1,838,207; preferred dividend \$2,330,930, and Common dividends (9%) \$3,573,681; leaving a balance or surplus of \$8,384,470.

The total surplus fund, 1 1919 was \$30,250,952; less an appropriation in reduction of property account \$8,120,149, after adding the balance of \$8,384,470 from the year 1919 the surplus Dec. 31 1919 stands at \$30,509,274 as per balance sheet.

Earnings.—For the four quarters of the year after making deductions for estimated Federal taxes, the earnings aggregated \$16,226,689, viz.: First quarter—\$2,572,470; Third Quarter—\$4,471,747; Second quarter—4,698,897; Fourth quarter—4,383,574.

Inventories.—Leather in stores, lumber and other finished products at conservative market prices show an increase in inventory value of \$4,234,754. The remaining inventories at cost show an increase over last year of \$7,342,299.

Leather Market.—At the signing of the armistice in Nov. 1918 your operations were confined chiefly to Government requirements, and it was not until some time later that the maximum prices on hides and leather were removed by the Government authorities. Up to March 31 1919 the leather business was dull in sympathy with the general uncertainty regarding the future, and raw materials and finished leather adapted for civilian use were in accumulation at low inventory values.

A steadily increasing demand for leather at advancing prices rapidly absorbed the accumulated stocks. Hides had been purchased in South America at Buenos Aires and Montevideo in large quantities by American tanners prior to the settlement, about April 1, of the port strike at those points; but shipping facilities could not be obtained and it was not until June, and after 900,000 hides had accumulated for importation to this country, that efforts in securing cargo space were successful.

Export Business.—Your export business was curtailed early in 1919 by embargoes, lack of shipping facilities and the unsettled conditions in Europe—and in the last few months by the continual depreciation of exchange.

Maintenance, etc.—The expenditures made by all companies during the year 1919 for maintenance and renewals and for replacement were as follows, all charged to current operating expenses and to replacement funds derived from earnings:

Table with 3 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917) and items: Ordinary maintenance and repairs, Replacements, Capital expenditures in 1919 aggregated.

Sales.—The sales of the company and subsidiaries were as follows: Products—Sole, belting & harness leather (sides), Hemlock lumber (feet), Hardwood & miscel. lumber (feet), Glue (pounds), Grease (pounds), Tankage (pounds).

The volume of business done during the year as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings equaled \$118,959,634, as compared with a total of \$94,147,418 in 1918 and \$91,731,548 in 1917.

Employees.—The average number of employees and annual wages paid (all companies) were:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917) and items: Employees at mfg. prop., Employees (railroad & miscel.), Total annual salaries and wages.

Provision for Retirement of Bonds.—Depreciation.—Continuing the plan of 1913 for the partial retirement of the outstanding bonds, an additional \$1,000,000 has been set aside out of stumpage moneys as of Dec. 31 1919, making a total investment to date of \$6,250,000.

Financial Status.—The excess of current assets over all liabilities, including bonds, has increased during the year by \$14,415,139 and now amounts to \$59,726,093.

Readjustment of Property Account.—In the organization of this company and its merger with the United States Leather Co. the intangible values included in the capitalization of the United States Leather Co., which stood on its books at \$62,832,300, were reduced by some \$40,000,000 without considering the enhancement of physical properties beyond the values at which they were carried by the United States Leather Co.

The end of the war period and the strong situation of the company has afforded the opportunity to readjust the property account so as to reflect to a conservative extent a portion of the enhancement in the pre-war values of its timber lands and forest products and to eliminate from the property account the entire amount of all intangible values. This readjustment has long been in contemplation. The modern tendency in business conditions and particularly with respect to Federal and State taxation, has emphasized the desirability of this action. Readjustment of the book values of timber lands and forest products was made accordingly as at Jan. 1 1919, and amounted to \$10,489,358.

Analysis of Property Account Dec. 31 (1918 inserted by Ed.).

Table with 3 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917) and various property items like Real est. situated in N. Y. City, Tangery plants, glue factories, working shops and laboratories, 220.94 miles of railroads and sidings, Miscel. personal prop., Bal. of prop. acct., Total.

Total \$41,706,651 \$56,435,350

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and various financial items like Volume of business, Earnings after oper. exp., Net profits, Income from investm'ts, Deduct.—Int. on Ist M. B., Common dividends (9%), Balance, surplus.

The "net profits" come from manufacture and sale of hemlock, union and oak sole leather, harness leather and oak belting butts; also lumber, glue, grease and other miscellaneous products; sale of logs and other forest products; railroad earnings and other miscellaneous net earnings.

* Expenses include yearly also provisions for plant abandonment and stumpages; repairs and maintenance approximately \$2,707,729 in 1919, \$2,474,639 in 1918, \$2,234,559 in 1917 and \$1,654,111 in 1916, and also in addition in 1919, 1918 and 1917 Federal income tax and excess profits tax.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and various asset and liability items like Property acct., Investments, Leather in stores, Hides & leather, Acc'ts. payable, Accrued interest, Prof. div. Jan. 2, Com. div. Feb. 2, Bills receivable, Cash in bank, Deferred charges, Preferred stock, Common stock, Ist M. B. pd., Foreign drafts, Acc'ts. payable, Accrued interest, Prof. div. Jan. 2, Com. div. Feb. 2, Bills receivable, Cash in bank, Deferred charges, Fire Insurance, Marine Insur., Liability Insur., Special Deprec. 1, Miscellaneous, Surplus.

Total \$146,855,102 \$146,501,470

x Includes timber lands, railroads, tannery plants and plants engaged in lumber, glue and other allied industrial operations as shown above.—Vol. 109, p. 2442.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and various financial items like Net profits, Difference between pur. price & par. 7% bonds, Interest on bonds, Interest on 6% notes, Prof. dividends (7%), Com. dividends (16%), Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

* This is the difference between purchase price and par of 7% gold bonds, viz., (par value, \$130,000 in 1919, \$127,750 in 1918, \$115,350 in 1917 and \$118,750 in 1916) purchased and canceled during year.

Dividends paid on the Common stock in 1919 and previous years were four quarterly dividends of 3% and an extra of 4% paid in April.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real est., mach. and fixtures, Brands, trade marks, good-will, etc., Leaf tobacco, manufactured stock & oper. supplies, Stocks other cos., Cash, Bills & accounts receivable. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, 7% bonds, 5% bonds, 6% gold notes, Acct. int. pay. Apr., Acct. int. pay. Feb., Acct. int. pay. Jun., Pfd. div. pay. Jan. 1, Accts. & bills pay., Bills payable, Res. for taxes, Res. for adv. & Deprec'n reserve, Profit and loss.

Total 155,114,260 130,085,108. These bills payable are secured by Liberty Loan bonds.—V. 109, p. 2176.

Middle States Oil Corporation.

The remarks of President C. N. Haskell, together with the income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1919, will be found among advertisements on preceding pages.

(*Consol. Income Account Period Mar. 1 1919 to Dec. 31 1919.)

Income account table with columns for 1919 and 1918. Items include Oil and gas sales, Cash premiums on leases, Other income, Total gross income, Field operations and new construction, Taxes, Administration and general expenses, Redemption Preferred stock, Syndicate expenses, Dividends paid.

Not profit before deductions for taxes \$929,678. This consolidation embraces income Number Seventy-Seven Oil Co. Number One Oil Co. for the period March 1 to Dec. 31 1919, income of Dominion Oil Co. from Nov. 5 the date of organization, to Dec. 31 1919, and Ranger Texas Oil Co. for period May 1 to Dec. 31 1919.—V. 110, p. 172.

New York Air Brake Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

President C. A. Starbuck, New York, Feb. 18 1920, wrote in substance:

The policy of the Railroad Administration, due to the uncertainty of its tenure of office, has been to keep all purchases at the lowest possible point, and the effect of such policy is reflected in the reduction of our gross sales for the past year. The contracts with the U. S. Government have only been partially adjusted, but it is expected that full and complete adjustment will be made within the next few months.

All indications now seem to point to restoration of the railways to their private ownership by March 1, and the fact that the railways have already anticipated this restoration by placing orders with us for supplies of cars and engines in large volume leads us to believe that the coming year will be a banner one for your company.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Items include Sales, Receipts from investments, Part. ad. Govt. contr., Total income, Cost of manufac'g. &c., Admin. &c. expenses, Taxes, Royalties, Depreciation, Interest on bids, Dividends, Total deductions, Balance, sur. or def., Previous surplus, Total p. & l. surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918. Assets include Factories, patents, water power, land & machinery, Stocks and bonds, Cash, Accts. & bills rec., Inventory, U. S. Govt. on contracts. Liabilities include Capital stock, Int. M. conv. bonds, Accounts payable, Cash adv. by U. S., Govt. acct. contr., Accrued bond int., Reserve for taxes and depreciation, Bills payable, do Liberty bonds, Profit and loss.

Total 28,090,541 29,524,021.—V. 109, p. 1798.

Endicott-Johnson Corporation.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Table with columns for 1919, 1918. Items include Gross sales, Mfg. costs, exp. & deprec. on bldgs., plant & equip., Net profits, Other income, Total profits, Int. on notes payable and incorp. exp. charged off, Provision for 1919 taxes, Profit-sharing plan, Preferred dividends (5 1/4%), Common dividends (10%), Balance, surplus, Total profit and loss surplus of Dec. 31 1919, Profit and loss surplus of Dec. 31 1919, Profit and loss surplus of Dec. 31 1919 for amount over provided for 1918 taxes.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918. Assets include Land, buildings, machinery, &c., Good-will, Inventories, Accts. & notes rec., Sundry debtors, Sundry investments, Liberty bonds, U. S. etf. of indebt., Cash, Endicott Water Works Co., Deferred charges. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Acceptances pay., Sundry creditors, Loans payable, Divs. Jan. 1 1920, Accounts payable, Profit-sharing plan, Reserves for taxes, Surplus.

Total 62,289,819 48,037,356.—V. 110, p. 707.

National Casket Co., Boston.

The company in connection with the stock offering (see a subsequent page) reports in substance:

Capitalization.—Authorized capital stock is \$6,000,000, par \$100. On Jan. 30 1920 there is outstanding stock amounting to 49,595 6-10 shares. In accordance with a resolution of trustees of Jan. 31 there will be issued a stock div. on March 30 1920, amounting to 2,479 78-100 shares. There is authorized for issuance by the present sale 15% of the stock now outstanding, amounting to 7,439 34-100 shares. After the stock dividend referred to, and the present sale, there will be issued a total of 59,514 72-100 shares. The bonded debt amounts to \$500,000, due 1924, being the balance of an issue of \$1,000,000 of debenture bonds. There is no preferred stock, and no mortgage upon any of the company's properties.

Company.—Incorp. in New York in 1890. Is engaged in manufacture and sale of funeral supplies of all kinds, including varnished, cloth-covered, and metal caskets; hardware; burial garments; casket linings; embalming supplies, and undertakers' equipment. Is the largest manufacturer and distributor of funeral supplies in the world.

Factories & Branches.—Factories are located as follows: Asheville, N. C.; Baltimore, Md.; Chicago, Ill.; East Cambridge, Mass.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Louisville, Ky.; Long Island City, N. Y.; Nashville, Tenn.; Oneida, N. Y.; N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rochester, N. Y. Has sales branches as follows: Albany, N. Y.; Boston, Mass. (2); Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Harlem, N. Y.; New Haven, Conn.; New York, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Scranton, Pa.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Washington, D. C.

Recent Plant Improvements.—During past few years, to take care of its increasing business, company has been making many additions and improvements. A large factory for the manufacture of dimension stock has been erected at Asheville, N. C. A new building has been put up at N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa., to house the metal casket department and the immediate success attending the introduction of National metal caskets, and the growth of its sales in the Pittsburgh district have led to the addition of other buildings at that point, now under construction. Additional land has been purchased at East Cambridge, and building operations, now nearing completion, have practically doubled the floor area at that factory.

To handle its growing hardwood casket business, company purchased the plant of the Lee Chair Co., adjacent to its factory at Oneida, N. Y., in 1919. Within the past year notable improvements have been made at Louisville, Ky., and at Nashville, Tenn. A new building has been fitted out at New Haven, Conn., and the lease of a new building at Cleveland, Ohio, procured. Has recently acquired property, including a five-story, fire-proof building at Dallas, Tex., and will shortly have a factory in active operation.

Reasons for Present Issue of Stock.—The objects of the present issue are to make the amount of stock outstanding more nearly approximate the actual worth of the company, and to give the company greater working capital with which to finance the various projects now under way, and those contemplated for the extension and improvement of the business.

Earnings.—Earnings of the past three years, after deduction for Federal taxes are as follows:

Table with columns for 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19. Items include June 30 net, Net after Federal taxes.

Sales have grown from \$1,692,672, year ending June 30 1891, to \$10,539,221 for year ending June 30 1919.

Balance Sheet June 30 1919.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Physical properties, Accounts & notes rec., Merchandise inventory, Cash, Mortgage receivable, Liberty bonds, Treasury certificates, Good-will, pat. & licenses. Liabilities include Stock issued, Bonds, Accounts payable, Reserve for Federal taxes, Gain, less reserve for taxes, Surp. & undivided profits.

Dividends.—Company has an unbroken dividend record from its inception. Since 1915 it has paid regular annual divs. of 6%. In July 1917 a stock div. of 10% was paid. In October, 1918, another stock div. of 10% was paid. A stock dividend of 5% has been authorized for payment March 30 1920.—V. 110, p. 665, 566.

American Chicle Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The report, signed by Pres. Darwin R. James Jr. and Chairman Thomas Adams, is substantially as follows:

Results.—Notwithstanding unsettled business conditions, the sugar shortage which developed towards the end of the year, coal strikes, &c., operations were successful.

Sales increased approximately 50% over 1918, when they reached a record. After payment of interest on Sen Sen bonds, dividends on the Preferred and Common stock, a net increase in surplus of \$1,101,609 is shown for the year. The surplus on Dec. 31 1919 is shown to be \$2,895,744. The usual reserves have been set up to meet depreciation and taxes.

Early in the year dealers' shelves were short of stocks and had the capacity of our factories been greater, our sales would have been twice what they were. During the entire year, production was at a maximum, and for nine of the twelve months, sales were limited only by our capacity. Sales of every brand manufactured showed encouraging increases.

Goods were exported to practically every country on the globe and there appears to be a large and increasing demand for our brands in every country where they have been sold. A slightly larger amount was spent in advertising than in any preceding year.

New Plant.—Concentration.—A large building in Long Island City, sufficient in size to take care of our requirements for several years to come, will be completed early in 1920. Two factories under lease will be sublet and we shall probably sell the third property. By concentration of operations, we expect to be able to effect economies.

Outlook.—The sugar famine became quite acute at the end of the year. The price of sugar and other of our materials will undoubtedly continue high during the entire year 1920, and there will probably be no relief from heavy taxes. We have, however, effected considerable economies in the cost of manufacture.

Adams & Bergans, Ltd.—Our English company being homeless, is erecting a factory which will not be completed until the summer of 1920.

Canadian Chewing Gum Co., Ltd.—The sales of our Canadian company showed a satisfactory total. The surplus of the company was materially increased during the year.

Chicle.—Supplies of chicle were somewhat more plentiful than during the year 1918. The cost of this essential article increased very materially. Our reserve stock is somewhat larger than heretofore.

Notes Issue.—It became necessary during the year, in order to take care of the additional capital requirements and to finance new building operations, to sell \$2,500,000 8-year 6% serial notes (V. 109, p. 1610).

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918. Assets include Land, bldgs, equip., Trade-marks, good-will, &c., Advances for manf., Notes & accts. rec., Cash, U. S. Lib. bonds, Stks. & bds. of oth. cos. & treas. etc., Def. charges, &c. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Bonded debt, Notes & accounts payable, Dividends payable, Reserved for taxes, depreciation, &c., Surplus.

Total 20,823,686 16,488,082. [Dividends on the Common stock were reduced to 1 1/4% quarterly in Jan. 1916 and suspended in April 1916; none then until Feb. 1 1919, when quarterly payments of 1% each were begun. These have been continued to date.—Ed.]—V. 109, p. 1610.

Mackay Companies.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Feb. 1 1920.)

Pres. Clarence H. Mackay, Feb. 16 1920, wrote in subst.:

End of Government Control.—The return of all telegraph, cable and telephone systems to their owners took place on July 31 1919 and the officers of your companies, who had been removed by the Postmaster-General, resumed their official positions, their actual duties not having been interrupted.

Mr. Burleson's administration of the telegraph and telephone lines for the one year ended Aug. 1 1919 resulted somewhat disastrously to the Government. In a report rendered to Congress on Nov. 1 1919, he acknowledged that his award of compensation to the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Bell Telephone companies was \$10,211,681 in excess of what they earned during that year, and that the Government would have to make up that loss.

As to your Postal Telegraph-Cable System he reported that that system had earned during that year \$4,029,195, but that he had awarded as sufficient compensation to the Postal System \$1,680,000 only, although he states in his report that it is not claimed by him that \$1,680,000 is just compensation to the Postal System. This admission on the part of Mr. Burleson is practically an acknowledgment that his award was in error, and inasmuch as the Postal System is in possession of all its earnings during the period of Federal control, and our counsel have rendered an opinion that Mr. Burleson is entitled to no part of these earnings, we feel that the incident is closed.

The U. S. Court in Illinois has recently held that the compensation to be paid by the Government for a railroad taken over during the war must be measured by its earning capacity at the time it was taken over, and then quoted from the Monongahela case, decided by the U. S. Supreme Court, saying: "The question of just compensation is not determined by the value to the Government which takes, but the value to the individual from whom the property is taken."

Mr. Burleson never actually or legally took charge of your cable system, although he issued an order removing your officers and placing the cables in charge of Mr. Carlton, the President of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Your cable companies promptly applied for an injunction. The lower court gave an adverse decision, and after argument of the appeal in the U. S. Supreme Court, Mr. Burleson precipitantly turned back your cables, and thereupon the U. S. Supreme Court reversed the court below, but held that the case had become moot, the cables having been returned to their owners. Your cable system has rendered no account to Mr. Burleson and does not intend to do so.

Results.—Notwithstanding all these Governmental troubles, the gross receipts of your ocean and land line systems since their return to your control and operation on Aug. 1 1919 have steadily increased and the net profit, while not equal to the increase in gross receipts, due to the increased expenses incident to all classes of business, is quite satisfactory.

Lower Rates.—This is the situation, although on Aug. 1 1919 your land line system reduced the telegraph rate 20% by eliminating the 20% increase in the telegraph rate which Mr. Burleson put into effect on April 1 1919. The Western Union Telegraph Co. still continues the Burleson rate. By careful management your land line system is able to return to the old rate with sufficient profits to justify the continuance of such return, unless circumstances change.

New Telegraph Wires Available for Long Distance Telephone Service.—In August 1919, by reason of the increasing telegraph business, your trustees decided to string 24,000 miles of new copper wire between the commercial centers of the country. This involved the purchase of about 5,000,000 lbs. of copper wire. Practically all of these wires have now been strung and are in active service.

These new wires are being transposed as they are strung, thus rendering them available for the enlargement of the long distance telephone service given by your land line system. This telephone service is being constantly extended throughout the country and is profitable to your companies.

Decision as to Interchange of Messages.—On Aug. 1 1919 the Western Union Telegraph Co. refused to continue the long-established practice of accepting messages from the Postal lines destined for exclusive Western Union points, unless accompanied by the cash to cover the tolls thereon. The U. S. Commission of N. Y. State on Nov. 20 1919 handed down a decision sustaining our position and ordered resumption of old method.

Florida-Cuba Service.—Your land line company has finally succeeded in obtaining by eminent domain proceedings a right-of-way along the Florida East Coast RR. from East Palatka to Miami, Fla., 304 miles. A telegraph line along this right-of-way will enable us to reach many additional important cities and towns in Florida and to lay a submarine cable from Miami, Fla., to Havana, Cuba, 252 miles, which will give us a second submarine cable from the U. S. to Cuba. When this second cable is laid it will enable your land lines to handle a greater volume of business to and from Cuba, and also furnish an alternate route, supplementing our present cable from New York.

Decision Affecting Telegraph Companies.—The U. S. Supreme Court in the case of Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. vs. Warren-Godwin Lumber Co. recently held that the Acts of Congress which superseded State statutes and State decisions on inter-State telegrams, so far as liability for damages in connection with the transmission of such messages is concerned, this decision will discourage suits based on unavoidable errors or delays due to electrical disturbances, etc.

New Cable Ship.—It has been decided to build a new cable repair ship to replace the cable ship "Mackay-Bennett."

Devices to Increase Efficiency of Cables.—At present a corps of experts is engaged in trial of new devices, which give promise of increasing the efficiency of the existing cables and your trustees hope to be able to announce shortly the adoption of novel apparatus of a highly efficient order, eliminating the errors and delays inseparable from the receiving and re-transmitting of cablegrams at intermediate points.

Abuses of Privilege of Government Service.—During the war messages have frequently been sent from one Government department to another for private interests. In the suit of The Commercial Pacific Cable Co. against the Philippine National Bank in the U. S. District Court of N. Y., the court on Jan. 26 1920 decided that the practice was illegal and that full tolls must be paid.

End of Censorship—Cable Business Still Heavy—Will Require More Cables.—The censorship of cable messages was discontinued on July 23 1919. This resulted in a resumption of the use of codes for condensing the length of messages, but, on the other hand, there was a large increase in the number of messages by reason of the freedom of cable facilities for commercial communication. Your cable system consequently continues to handle a heavy volume of traffic, and in fact so heavy as to necessitate the consideration of laying additional cables between the United States and Europe as soon as reasonable and prompt delivery can be obtained.

Financing Extensions.—All new cables and land lines will be paid for, not by the issue of new capital, but by the use of the reserves of your system which are available for just such purposes. Your reserves are invested in bonds of the United States, British, French and Canadian governments, as well as bonds of American municipalities and railroad companies, and are available and ample for any extensions on land or ocean.

Your companies have also continued their investment in preferred shares of The Mackay Companies by purchase in the open market. They have also been purchasing the debenture bonds of The Commercial Cable Co. in London, the low rate of exchange being an important element.

Status.—The gradual building up of a satisfactory liquid reserve puts your companies in a strong position, and when the business reaction comes, as come it will, your companies will be in a position to sustain themselves during the lean years.

It is now 15 years since the outstanding Common shares have been increased, and 13 years since the outstanding Preferred shares have been increased. Meantime no notes or bonds have been issued or debts incurred. The employees continue to increase share holdings. The income of the subordinate companies of The Mackay Companies is greater than is required to pay the dividends of The Mackay Companies, but its policy is to obtain from those companies only sufficient funds to meet those dividends.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING FEB. 1.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Income from investments				
In other companies	\$5,021,095	\$4,695,497	\$4,519,365	\$4,683,265
Div. on pref. stock (4%)	x\$1,873,164	x\$1,905,853	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Div. on com. stock	(6%) 2,482,824	(6) 2,482,824 (5) 2,425,998	(5) 2,425,998	(5) 2,425,998
Oper. exp., incl. transfer agents', registrars' and trustees' fees, office rent, salaries, Federal income tax, &c.	644,884	301,121	89,059	56,800
Balance carried forward	\$20,223	\$5,697	\$5,108	\$557,446

BALANCE SHEET FEBRUARY 1.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Investments	\$93,294,193	\$93,277,977	Prof. shares issued	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Cash	30,582	26,574	Com. shares issued	\$41,380,400	\$41,380,400
			Balance, profit	1,944,375	1,924,151
Total	\$93,324,775	\$93,304,551	Total	\$93,324,775	\$93,304,551

The dividends as reported by the company are not apportioned to the different classes of stock but are stated in a lump sum (\$4,355,988 in 1919 and \$4,388,677 in 1918). Regular dividends for the years 1918-19 and 1920 were paid on the Common stock at the rate of 6% per annum, and, knowing that the company has been buying in its Preferred shares (see text above), we have assumed that the outstanding Common stock has remained unchanged at \$41,380,400, and that the sums disbursed as dividends on the Preferred shares were the amounts remaining after deducting the 6% on the full amount of Common. If this method be correct, the average amount of Preferred stock outstanding in 1919-20 was \$46,829,100, and the total amount retired to date about \$3,170,900.—V. 110, p. 769

General Baking Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 27 1919.)

President William Deining, New York, Feb. 18 1920, wrote in substance:

Results.—The net profit for the year after making full provision for depreciation of plants and property, bond interest and income and war excess profits taxes, amounts to \$870,606. After paying 7% in dividends (or \$414,750) on the Preferred stock the total undistributed profit and loss surplus Dec. 27 1919 was \$2,124,402.

The net profits for the year are equivalent to 14.6% on the Pref. stock or 9.3% on the entire outstanding capital stock, both Common and Preferred. The accumulated Preferred dividends still remain 22 1/2%, and the undistributed surplus at Dec. 27 1919, after allowing for these accumulated dividends will leave 23.7% for the Common stock.

The sum of \$308,308 was charged off against the profits for the year for depreciation of plants and the total reserves for depreciation now amount to \$1,624,547, all of which have been created out of the earnings. During the past year, the sum of \$130,654 was expended for improvements and additions to plants and charged to the property accounts.

The current assets now amount to \$2,849,360 and the current liabilities, which include the estimated provision for excess profits and Federal income taxes payable throughout the year 1920 amount to \$919,394. The difference of \$1,929,966 represents the working capital, an increase of \$491,028 over Dec. 31 1918.

RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 27.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net income	\$1,355,338	\$1,004,956	\$964,019	\$919,053
Bond, &c., interest	\$176,424	\$238,420	\$213,199	\$205,156
Reserve for depreciation	308,308	307,323	216,712	213,113
Paid on \$500 guaranty				50,000
Preferred dividends, (7%)	414,750	(4) 237,000	(4) 237,000	(4) 237,000
Total deductions	\$899,482	\$782,743	\$665,591	\$705,269
Balance, surplus	\$455,856	\$222,213	\$328,108	\$213,784

b In 1919 net income is shown after making estimated provision for excess profits and Federal income taxes.

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	Dec. 27 '19.	Dec. 28 '18.	Liabilities—	Dec. 27 '19.	Dec. 28 '18.
Real estate, bldgs., &c.	\$5,032,819	4,902,164	Preferred stock*	5,925,000	5,925,000
Good-will	7,010,868	7,010,868	Common stock	3,400,000	3,400,000
Invest. (Kobak Baking Co.)	1,740,000	1,740,000	Bonded debt	2,834,000	2,900,000
Other investments	9,600	9,600	Notes payable		310,000
Cash	710,423	520,700	Accts. payable, &c.	980,128	593,504
Accounts receivable	447,737	493,803	Accrued interest	12,675	13,345
Inventory	1,305,790	1,238,344	Pfd. div. pay Jan 1	103,688	59,250
U. S. Liberty bds.	191,430	94,479	Depr., &c., reserve	1,624,547	1,268,820
U. S. bond purch'd.	190,982	66,924	Surplus	2,124,402	1,668,546
Miscellaneous	84,697	61,696			
Total	16,727,343	16,138,468	Total	16,727,343	16,138,468

* On Dec. 27 1919 the unpaid accumulated dividends on the preferred stock aggregated 22 1/2%. y Includes estimated provision for excess profit and Federal income taxes.—V. 110, p. 469.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., New York City.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Pres. B. L. Hupp, Feb. 21 1920, wrote in substance:

Results.—The net profits for the year, after providing estimated adequate reserve for Federal taxes, depreciation, renewals and contingencies, amount to \$2,139,569.

Bank Loans Reduced.—Bank loans have been reduced during the fiscal year from \$1,850,000 to \$200,000 and the other indebtedness is for income and excess profits taxes and for merchandise, &c., not subject to cash disc't.

Dividends on Second Pref. Stock Proposed.—Since the floating debt has been reduced to a conservative amount, conditions are quite favorable to consider the payment of back dividends on the 2d Pref. stock, and your directors now believe the company will be in position to discharge the accumulated dividends for 1915 and 1916 before or by the end of the current year; the initial payment on which may be made about May 1. As rapidly as our financial condition permits, all of the back dividends on the 2d Pref. stock will be paid and thereafter your directors hope the regular dividends may be resumed and paid quarterly as and when due. Until this is accomplished and needed additional capacity is provided for, dividends on the Common stock will not be considered.

Sinking Fund.—The requirements for the redemption of 1st Pref. stock of \$75,000 for each of the years 1915 to 1919, both incl., have been provided for, and 4,003 shares of this stock have been purchased and discharged from registry.

Federal Taxes.—The "reserve for contingencies" of \$1,089,870 set up on Dec. 31 1918, as well as a specific tax reserve, as per statement for that year, have been applied on payments of Federal taxes made during the year 1919.

Additions.—The growing demand necessitates increased manufacturing facilities and plans for extensions and new buildings are now being formulated and will be carried out when building operations are on a more favorable basis.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net income	\$2,139,569	\$1,053,222	\$1,522,404	\$752,252
1st pref. div. (7%)	325,481	344,050	344,050	344,050
Balance, surplus	\$1,811,088	\$709,172	\$1,178,354	\$408,202

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (INCL. SUB. COS.) DEC. 31.

Assets—	1919.	1918.	Liabilities—	1919.	1918.
Real estate, bldgs., plant, &c.	\$13,133,922	13,046,234	1st pref. 7% cum	4,599,700	4,865,000
Inventories (cost)	4,335,213	4,451,973	2d pref. 7% cum	2,060,000	2,060,000
Accounts receivable (less reserve)	3,094,722	3,060,476	Common	8,090,000	8,090,000
Miscel. invest. &c.	136,659	103,393	Notes payable	200,000	1,850,000
U. S. cert. of Indebt. and Liberty bds.		1,160,013	Accounts payable	1,213,076	848,223
Cash on hand, &c.	440,461	799,016	Prov. for war excess & income taxes	1,071,604	1,697,614
Prepaid insur., &c.	138,124	118,635	Conting. reserve		1,089,870
			Res. for redemp. of 1st pref. stock	375,000	85,000
Total	21,279,102	22,733,740	Surplus	3,819,132	2,298,033

Total 21,279,102 22,733,740
—V. 109, p. 2269.

Weyman-Bruton Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Treasurer I. L. Elliott, March 2, wrote in brief:

Provision has been made out of the earnings of the year for all taxes, including income and excess profits tax. After these and all deductions for charges and expenses of management, the net earnings are \$1,727,205; for charges and expenses of management, the net earnings are \$1,727,205; deducting Preferred dividends (\$328,216) and four dividends of 2 1/2% each on Common stock, aggregating \$662,300, the total profit is \$736,689 surplus Dec. 31 1919 was \$1,819,802 (against \$1,083,113 on Dec. 31 1918).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Net earnings, Common dividends, Pref. dividends, Balance, surplus.

"Net earnings" are stated after deducting yearly all charges and expenses of management, and provision for all taxes, including "Income and excess profits" tax. In March 1918 a stock dividend of 20% (\$920,000) was declared on the \$4,600,000 Common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16, to take the place of the quarterly distribution on the Com. stock usually paid April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 and on Dec. 31 1918 a further 2 1/2% (\$138,000) in cash. (V. 106, p. 1040.)

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Balance Sheet table with columns for 1919 and 1918, and rows for Assets (Real est., fixtures, patents, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.—New Officers.—B. L. Bugg, recently Federal Manager, has been elected President; J. L. Edwards, V.-Pres.; W. E. Paschall, Treas., and H. V. B. Gilbert, Sec.—V. 110, p. 260, 764.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Files Bond Petition—Officers.—The company has filed a petition with the Maryland P. S. Commission for approval of a proposed \$20,000,000 Equipment 6% Gold bond, to be dated Jan. 1 1920, due annually for 15 years, in compliance with the agreement between the Director-General of RRs. and the various railroad companies for the purchase of equipment contracted for by the Government.

Bennington & Rutland Ry.—To Pay Bonds.—See Rutland RR. below.—V. 70, p. 985.

Boston & Maine RR.—Equipment Notes, &c.—The stockholders on Feb. 25 authorized the issue of \$10,000,000 equipment notes to provide for the purchase of 20 locomotives, 1,500 gondola cars and 500 box cars allocated to the road by Director-General of Railroads during Federal control.

Boston Revere Beach & Lynn RR.—Fare Increase.—The Mass. P. S. Comm. has approved an increase in fares from 8 to 10 cents, and the company is to issue strips of 10 tickets for 85 cents.—V. 109, p. 1890.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Equip. Notes.—The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$2,263,456 6% 15-year equip. notes, proceeds to be used to pay for equipment allocated to the company by the Government while under Federal control.—V. 110, p. 560.

Central RR. of New Jersey.—Officers.—Chairman, George F. Baker, Pres., & Gen. Mgr., W. G. Bester; V.-Pres. & Gen. Counsel, R. W. de Forest; Sec. & Treas., F. T. Dickerson; Asst. to Pres., C. H. Stein; Comp., J. A. Taylor; V.-Pres. & Frt. Traffic Mgr., T. B. Koons.—V. 109, p. 189.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Officers.—The organization from and after the end of Federal control will include: Hale Holden, Pres.; C. G. Furham, Executive V.-Pres.; O. E. Perkins, formerly President, V.-Pres.; T. S. Howland, V.-Pres. & Treas.; C. E. Spenn, Traffic V.-Pres.; O. M. Spencer, Gen. Counsel; L. B. Allen, Gen. Mgr. of the line East; G. W. Holdredge, Gen. Mgr. of the lines West, and H. R. Safford, Assistant to the President.

Chicago & West Indiana RR.—Bonds Called.—One hundred twenty-seven (\$127,000) General Mgtg. bonds of 1882 have been drawn for redemption on March 1 next at 105 and int. at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y.—V. 109, p. 1366.

Cincinnati Newport & Covington Lt. & Traction Co.—The stockholders will vote Mar. 10 on approving the execution and delivery of a mortgage by Union Light, Heat & Power Co. to secure an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 of bonds, of which there is to be issued at this time \$2,150,000 of 5-year 7% gold bonds (see offering in V. 110, p. 365) for the purpose of paying, refunding and retiring all the outstanding bonds of the company, amounting to \$1,864,300, and for making such extensions and additions to the property as may be reasonably necessary.—V. 107, p. 1099.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—The Guaranty Trust Co., New York, is prepared to exchange at its trust department the outstanding temporary Ref. & Impt. Mgtg. 5% bonds for definitive bonds of this issue with coupons due July 1 1920 and subsequent attached.—V. 109, p. 2439.

Cleveland Railway.—Seek Repeal of 7% Dividend.—Owing to a lawsuit brought by Sheriff Edwin D. Barry, a stockholder, resulting in a temporary injunction restraining a referendum on the ordinance granting the company the right to increase its dividend rate from 6% to 7%, the City Council is seeking to repeal the ordinance and return the dividend rate to 6% and therefore invalidate the lawsuit and render unnecessary any referendum.—V. 110, p. 764.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Equipment Notes—Officers.—The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$4,365,544 6% 15-year equipment notes, proceeds to be used to pay for equipment allocated to the company by the Government while under Federal control.

Duluth-Superior Traction Co.—Annual Report.—Cal. Years—1919, 1918, 1917. Operating revenue, Total gross income, Deduct—Interest on funded debt, Miscellaneous debits, Net income, Also to gen. mgtg. sinking fund in 1919, 1918, 1917.

Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Equipment.—The Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities has approved a petition of the company for the purchase of 200 1-man cars at a cost of \$904,940 and 12 snow-sweepers at a cost of \$52,551 from proceeds of sale of \$2,000,000 serial bonds.

Eric RR.—Equipment Notes.—The company has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$4,958,442 6% 15-year equipment notes, proceeds to be used to pay for equipment allocated to the company by the Government while under Federal control.—V. 110, p. 764.

Hocking Valley Ry.—New Officers.—The organization from and after the end of Federal control will include: H. E. Huntington, Chairman of board, New York; Geo. W. Stevens, President (filling vacancy), Richmond, Va.; C. E. Graham, Senior V.-Pres., and F. H. Davis, V.-Pres., N. Y.; G. B. Wall, V.-Pres. in charge of traffic, Richmond; A. Trevett, Sec.-Treas., and A. C. Rearick, Counsel, N. Y., and F. D. Hodgeson, Comptroller, Columbus, O.—V. 110, p. 261.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co., N. Y. City.—Tenders.—The Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., as trustee, will, until Apr. 1 receive tenders for the sale of (\$248,218) First & Refunding Mgtg. 5% Gold bonds due Jan. 1 1926, at not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 110, p. 261, 558.

Kansas City Terminal Ry.—Equipment Notes.—The Missouri P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$219,560 6% notes, payable in 15 annual instalments, proceeds to be used to pay for engines furnished the company by the Government while under Federal control.—V. 108, p. 378.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—New Officers.—Milton H. Smith, who has served as President of the company under Federal control, will continue in that capacity after March 1; W. L. Mapother will resume his former position as Vice-President; G. W. Wickesham will act as counsel.—V. 110, p. 765.

Mahoning & Shenango Ry. & Light Co.—New Name.—A change of name to Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co. became effective Feb. 21 by charter amendment in both States. Harper & Turner of Philadelphia say in brief: The company's securities have always ranked high in this section. It was felt, however, that a more appropriate title would in this section. The estimated gross business for 1920 is \$7,300,000. This compares with \$3,001,450 in 1914 and \$1,670,088 in 1906. This growth reflects the great strides made in the manufacturing district and the enterprise of the management. It is understood that the company will show for the calendar year 1919 \$854,000 net income, over all interest charges; January 1920 was the best month in its history.—V. 110, p. 562.

Michigan Central RR.—Obituary.—Henry Russell, V.-Pres. and Gen. Counsel, died Feb. 18.—V. 108, p. 2324.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Equipment Notes—Officer.—The Missouri P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$10,500,000 6% 15-year equip. notes, proceeds to pay for equipment allocated to the company by the Government while under Federal control.

New Orleans Ry. & Light Co.—Rejects City's Offer.—The New Orleans Gas Light Co. (a subsidiary of New Orleans Ry. & Lt. Co.) has rejected the city's offer of \$5,250,000 for its plant and mains, but has not broken off negotiations if the city desires to continue them.—V. 110, p. 261, 765.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—New Officers.—J. S. Pysatt, the retiring Federal Manager of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., has been elected President; G. H. Walker, Chairman, replacing Frank Andrews, who remains General Counsel; J. H. Landerdale, Treasurer, and Roy Terrell, Secretary and Vice-President. Members of the Executive Committee will be G. H. Walker, J. S. Pysatt, N. A. McMillan, Willard V. King, Elisha Walker and Lorenzo E. Semple.—V. 110, p. 765.

New York Central RR.—Equip. Trusts—Officers.—The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue not to exceed \$14,848,010 6% equipment notes to be delivered at par to the Director-General of Railroads for equipment purchased by the Director-General and delivered to the railroad during Federal control. The notes are to mature in 15 years.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Notes.—The company has petitioned the Massachusetts P. U. Commission for authority to issue \$1,813,000 6% serial notes maturing from 1921 to 1936, proceeds to be used to reimburse the U. S. Government for equipment allocated company while under Government control.—V. 109, p. 1987.

New York Railways.—Interest Postponed.—Judge Julius M. Mayer of the Federal District Court has ordered receiver Job E. Hedges to withhold payment of \$125,000 interest due March 1 on

the \$5,000,000 Lexington Ave. & Pavonia Ferry RR. 5% bonds and \$75,000 due on the \$3,000,000 Columbus & Ninth Ave. RR. 5% bonds.—V. 110, p. 562.

Norfolk Southern RR.—Officers.—

The organization from and after Federal control will include: Marsden J. Perry, Chairman of board; R. H. Swartwout, Vice-Chairman; Joseph H. Young, Pres.; C. I. Millard and E. D. Kyle, V.-Pres'ts; Capt. M. Manly, Treas., and M. S. Hawkins, Secretary.—V. 110, p. 78.

Northeast Oklahoma RR.—Acquisition.—

The company (successor to Northeast Oklahoma Traction Co.), it is reported, has bought the road formerly operated by the Oklahoma Kansas & Missouri Ry. (V. 107, p. 2477), from Miami to Century, Okla., 15 miles, and is converting it to electric motive power for both passenger and freight service. J. F. Robinson, Pres.; W. H. Trapp, V.-Pres.; H. B. Cobban, Gen. Mgr.; Treas. and Sec.; W. J. Martin, Chief Engineer.

Oklahoma Kansas & Missouri Ry.—Sold.—

See Northeast Oklahoma RR. above.—V. 107, p. 2477.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co.—New Name.—

See Mahoning & Shenango Ry. & Light Co. above.

Pennsylvania Railroad.—New Director.—

Andrew W. Mellon has been elected a director, succeeding Henry C. Frick, deceased.—V. 110, p. 658, 765.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Listing—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange on Feb. 25 authorized the listing of a further \$20,210,800 of capital stock on issuance in exchange for outstanding voting trust certificates, making the total authorized to be listed \$30,000,000. The income account for the 11 mos. ended Nov. 30 1919 shows operating revenue, \$32,216,937; operating income (after taxes), \$10,122,757; non-operating income, \$183,341; gross income, \$10,606,098; fixed charges, \$8,023,349; net income, \$1,882,748, against \$1,534,816 for entire year 1918. Dividends of 5% for the 12 mos. call for \$1,499,290.—V. 110, p. 465.

Piedmont & Northern RR.—New Officer.—

Z. V. Taylor, President of the Southern Public Utilities Co., has been elected President, succeeding E. Thomason who resigned.—V. 107, p. 1837.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Railways.—Interest Payments.—

Interest due Dec. 1 1918, June 1 1919 and Dec. 1 1919 on bonds of the Second Avenue Traction Co. will be paid on presentation at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., 59 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 110, p. 659, 562.

Reading Company.—Officers of Railway.—

The following appointments have been made by the directors of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co., effective March 1: John F. Auch, who was formerly V.-Pres. in charge of traffic, has been made Assistant to the President; Charles H. Ewing, who was formerly V.-Pres. and who became Federal Manager under Government operation, again becomes V.-Pres. in charge of operation and maintenance; E. B. Crosley succeeds Mr. Auch as V.-Pres. in charge of traffic; William L. Kintner becomes General Solicitor; A. B. Bierck, Comptroller; J. D. Landis, Purch. Agt.—V. 110, p. 360.

Rhode Island Company, Providence.—Earnings.—

Collectors' Income Acct. for Dec. 1919, and Cal. Year 1919 Compared with 1918.

December 1919	Increase or Decrease (+ or -)	Per Cent.	Calendar Year 1919	Increase or Decrease
Operating revenue	\$687,807	+\$110,584	\$6,970,675	+\$659,390
Operating expenses	730,302	+259,606	5,928,263	+\$12,712
Net oper. rev. def.	\$142,495	—\$148,422	\$1,042,412	—\$153,322
Non-oper. income	2,076	+1,412	37,855	+73,481
Total net inc. def.	\$140,419	—\$147,010	\$1,080,265	—\$226,833
Deductions—Taxes	\$49,281	—\$12,475	\$621,584	—\$17,035
Rentals	97,116	+325	1,161,874	+17,935
Int. and discount	26,524	—	328,255	+11,733
Miscellaneous	5	—12	1,631	—715
Balance, deficit	\$213,345	\$134,848	171.79	\$1,033,380
				\$255,856

Richmond Fred. & Potomac RR.—Proposed Merger.—

A special commission representing the interests of the State of Virginia has formally approved the merger of this road with the Washington Southern Ry. under the above name. The effect of the merger is practically a round-trip line between Quantico, Va., and the south end of Potomac Bridge, including the Potomac yards, at a price of \$8,000,000. The road is estimated by the special commission to be worth more than \$10,000,000.—V. 110, p. 168.

Rock Island South. RR.—Forecl. Sale—Prot. Comm.—

W. S. Hammors & Co., Portland, Me., under date of Feb. 21, advises that on a petition of the bondholders' protective committee, the Illinois State Court at Galesburg, Ill., granted a receiver for the road. The court has set Mar. 18 1920 as the date for the foreclosure sale of the property. The Rock Island Southern RR. is controlled by the Walsh brothers of Rock Island, Ia.

Rutland RR.—To Pay Bonds.—

The \$500,000 2d M. 5% bonds of the Bennington & Rutland Ry., due Mar. 1 1920, will be paid off at maturity at office of Treasurer of Rutland Railroad, Grand Central Station, N. Y. City.—V. 108, p. 1611.

St. Joseph (Mo.) Ry., Lt., Ht. & Power Co.—Files Suit.

The company filed suit on Jan. 7 against the Missouri P. S. Commission in the Federal Court at Jefferson City, asking a permanent injunction to restrain the Commission from enforcing a 7-cent fare in St. Joseph. For rate-making purposes the Commission has valued the holdings of the company in its various lines at \$5,800,000. The company contends that a fair valuation would be \$11,521,839. It asks the court to order an 8-cent fare and higher lighting and heating rates than the Commission awarded. The company contends that the rates of the Commission are confiscatory.—V. 109, p. 2440.

St. Louis-San Francisco RR.—Equipment Notes.—

The Missouri Public Service Commission has authorized the company to issue \$15,028,101 6% Equipment notes, due in 15 annual installments, to reimburse the U. S. Government for equipment allocated the company while under Federal control. The equipment consists of 3,500 box cars, 1,000 gondola cars, 33 light Mikado engines and 7 switching engines.—V. 110, p. 659, 465.

Sandusky Norwalk & Mansfield Electric Ry.—

At the Federal Court at Cleveland on Feb. 14 C. G. Taylor, receiver, was given three weeks in which to appraise the scrap value of the system, which is roughly estimated at \$175,000. This action was taken in behalf of the majority bondholders who desire to scrap the road. The court, it is stated, has taken steps to give the minority bondholders the privilege of buying in the property. The receiver has jurisdiction over 25.5 miles of track between Norwalk and Plymouth and 6.9 miles between Plymouth and Shelby. The northern division, it is stated, only is involved in the courts.—V. 110, p. 466.

Southwestern Ry. (of Georgia).—New Officers.—

J. F. Minis has been elected President, W. R. Cox, Vice-President and Gordon I. Hardeman, Secretary & Treasurer.—V. 106, p. 710.

Tampa Southern RR.—Road Completed.—

The company has completed its line from Orient, on the Atlantic Coast Line, near Tampa, to Bradenton, about 40 miles. D. C. Gillette of Tampa is President.—V. 105, p. 2457.

Terminal RR. Association of St. Louis.—Equip. Notes.

The Missouri P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$315,000 6% 15-year gold notes to reimburse the Government for equipments purchased for the company while under Federal control.—V. 110, p. 765.

Underground Elec. Rys. of London.—Dividends.—

The London "Economist" of Feb. 7 reports: "The Underground Railway dividends were announced on Thursday night, and most of them are at a reduced rate. Final dividends and rates for the whole year 1919 and 1918 are compared below":

	Final Dividends.		Whole Year.		Carried Forward 1918.	Carried Forward 1919.
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.		
Underground Electric, Inc.	% per	Ann.	%	%		
Bonds, red. 1919	6	2	5	4		
Central London, Def.	—	—	—	—	£36,700	£34,000
London Electric (L10)	2 1/2	1 1/4	2	1 1/2	17,485	11,762
City and South London	2 1/2	2	2	2	23,604	20,942
London General Omnibus	8	3	8	7	24,567	19,750
Metropolitan District, 5% 2nd Pref. Stock	7	3	5	4	60,900	59,726
					21,331	22,008

* Paid free of Income tax.

The distribution for the full year on the Underground Electric 6% income bonds is at the rate of 4% free of tax, as against 5% for 1918, and the balance forward is reduced from £30,760 to £34,000, "subject to further fluctuations in exchange." This proviso is necessary in view of the fact that the coupons are payable in New York and Amsterdam at the par of exchange.—V. 110, p. 168, 466.

Worcester Consolidated St. Ry.—Bond Extension.—

President F. H. Dewey informs us that holders of the \$700,000 4 1/2% Debenture bonds due Mar. 1 1920, will be offered the right to extend the bonds to Mar. 1 1925 at 7%. About \$500,000 in amount, representing the largest holders, have approved of the plan and agreed to extend. The bonds are to be sent to Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, to be stamped with agreement and have new coupons attached.—V. 110, p. 765.

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Aetna Explosives Co., Inc.—Claims Settled.—

Judge Julius M. Mayer in the U. S. District Court on Feb. 16 made an order approving the final adjustment of claims under contract between the receivers of the company and the U. S. Government totaling \$3,266,218 and of similar contracts with the Government of France amounting to \$241,425, which were in force at the time the armistice was signed and which were subsequently modified.—V. 110, p. 79.

Ajax Rubber Co.—Stock Increase—Director.—

The stockholders voted Feb. 21 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. None of the new stock will be issued at the present time, the increase being made mainly for future requirements. William McMahon has been elected a director. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 has been declared payable March 15 to stock of record Feb. 28.—V. 110, p. 659.

Alaska Gold Mines Co.—Quarterly Report.—

	1919—3 Mos.—1918.		1919—12 Mos.—1918.	
Gross val. bullion & concentrates produced	\$415,353	\$227,542	\$1,467,390	\$1,134,523
Ore production, &c.	288,810	104,856	982,472	663,122
Milling	177,558	100,662	617,888	420,421
Other expenses	37,586	32,178	144,499	141,493
Other income	Cr. 4,028	Deb. 8,227	Deb. 12,796	Deb. 19,777
Operating loss		\$84,573	\$78,351	\$275,131
				\$110,290

Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd.—Obituary.—

Captain David Kyle, V.-Pres. and director, died Feb. 8.—V. 100, p. 1088.

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Dividend Increase.—

A quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share has been declared on the 80,000 shares of stock (no par value), payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 15. The previous distributions were April 1919, \$1.50; June, \$1.50; October, \$2. 2 1920, \$2. Incorpor. in N. Y. Jan. 9 1919. Compare V. 110, p. 263, 360.

American Foreign Trade Corp.—Rights—Bal. Sheet.—

This importing and exporting concern, affiliated with Tobacco Products Corp., reports by its President, Henry M. Day, as of Feb. 9 in brief: The stockholders on Feb. 5 authorized the proposed increase of Common stock (from 150,000 shares) to 535,000 shares, par \$100 each (fully paid and non-assessable) and also the amendment of the charter. [See V. 110, p. 660, 466, 361.] Right to subscribe to new Common shares at \$7 per share will expire March 5. Payments must be made in N. Y. funds at the office 72 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City. [There is also an authorized \$5,000,000 of 7% Cum. Pref. stock—Ed.]

Resume of Operations of Corp. Since Its Organization in May 1919.

The corporation's international business was inaugurated when their first 5,000-ton ship was dispatched to Constantinople and its cargo of American manufactured articles was bartered in the Levant. Your directors, in June, anticipating the demoralization of foreign exchanges, ordered preparations for bartering all cargoes.

Constantinople has been chosen as the head office for the Levant, with a full staff to take care of imports and appraise the exports. Concessions were obtained and bonded and free warehouses engaged. An office building is under construction on one of the principal corners in the wholesale district. Branch offices have been established at Smyrna, Samouni, Trebizond, Kerassun, Batoum, Novorossisk, Constanza, Varna and are proposed at Alexandria, Egypt, and Beirut, Syria. This part of the world is rich in raw materials, that are now largely offered in exchange for the daily necessities of life. Your company has entered into very satisfactory agreements with large American houses to import for them wool, hides, skins, tobacco, precious stones, &c., &c., which they formerly purchased from Germany and Austria. EGYPT produces no tobacco and as its financial position is equal to that of America, its money being at a premium, we intend trading Russian tobacco in that country.

Our facilities for handling shipping economically and with dispatch are already productive of satisfactory results. We are now acting as consignees of many lines of steamers entering Constantinople under the American flag, and procure return cargoes to this country on vessels carrying the American flag—naturally bringing a substantial revenue to us. We are the only corporation that is in a position to handle such business, other than those controlled by Greek, French and English shipping interests.

The 88, Beatrice of 5,000 tons capacity under charter to your company is now loading a second cargo in the Levant. Looking forward to a considerable increase in business in that part of the world, your directors have deemed it advisable to propose this increase in the Common stock.

The corporation has also exported a large quantity of merchandise to Czechoslovakia, returns of which have been received and arrangements are now being made to enter into new business in that country.

The financial statement as of Dec. 31 1919 would have been considerably increased had not the recent longshoremen's strike in New York tied up all shipping. The expenses of opening branches and headquarters abroad were of necessity high in view of our small invested capital. Many of the expenses written off from profit and loss will not occur again. The directors have declared an initial dividend on Pref. stock of 1 1/4%, payable Feb. 16.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1919 (Total each side \$4,762,750).

Cash	\$65,338	Preferred stock	\$1,327,500
Bills & accounts receiv.	748,571	Common stock	127,375
Employees stk. subscrip'ns	25,131	Accts. & bills payable	1,445,919
Merch. (here and abroad)	2,833,465	Due consignors	493,075
Furniture & equipment	29,805	Res. for deprec., duties, &c.	202,820
Prepaid expenses	50,500	Est. profit 88 Beatrice to Dec. 31 1919	57,341
		Surplus (7 mos. oper'ns)	100,720

See also Tobacco Products Corporation below.—V. 110, p. 660, 466.

American Gas Co., Phila.—Dividends Resumed.—

A quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the capital stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 21. Last dividend was made in June 1918, at which time 1 1/2% was paid.—V. 110, p. 80.

American-La France Fire Engine Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net profits.....	\$924,292	\$415,975	\$596,289	\$353,670
Federal taxes.....	343,888	106,627	160,934	140,000
Preferred dividends (7%)	138,873	138,873	140,000	140,000
Com. dividends (7½%)	107,093	(9,855,602)	(4½)65,250	(4)58,000

Balance, surplus..... \$334,528 \$84,873 \$230,105 \$155,570
Profit & loss surplus..... \$1,320,702 \$902,174 \$767,015 \$356,910

The dividend rate of the Common stock was increased from 6 to 8% in May 1919 and with the quarterly payment on Feb. 16 1920 to 10% (2½% quarterly). Compare V. 110, p. 361, 263.

American Mfg. Co. of Mass.—Extra Dividend, &c.—
An extra annual dividend of 5% has been declared on the \$8,000,000 Common stock along with the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the Common stock and 1½% on the \$4,000,000 Pref. stock all payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Mar. 15. Regular quarterly dividends on the Pref. stock have also been declared payable July 1, Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. An extra dividend of 2% was paid on Mar. 31 1919 on the Common stock. In October last the company purchased the land at Greenpoint, N. Y. on which its plant stands.—V. 107, p. 404.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—
The stockholders will vote April 7 on extending and continuing the term of incorporation and the duration of the business in the State of Colorado for a period of 20 years from Apr. 28 1919. In accordance with the provisions of the statutes of the State of Colorado governing the duration of corporations, domestic and foreign. In that State.—V. 110, p. 263, 169.

A. T. Securities Co., N. Y.—Dividend.—
A regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 has been declared on the Common stock, payable March 15 to holders of record March 5. The initial of \$1.25 was paid Dec. 5 1919.—V. 109, p. 2358.

Avery Co., Chicago.—Postpones Plan.—
The Chicago "Tribune" states that the recapitalization plan of the company was presented to the stockholders on Feb. 17, but action was deferred until March 9. The acceptance of the plan is practically assured. It is understood. It is proposed to increase the 7% Cumul. Pref. stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and to increase the Com. stock from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000; also to increase the directorate from 9 to 18 members. The question of changing the par value of the Com. stock is left in abeyance. It is understood that the increase in capital is preliminary to a considerable expansion in the plant and business of the company. This expansion may include the absorption of several other concerns.—V. 110, p. 766, 361.

Barnet Leather Co.—Directors.—
Morris S. Barnet, Sylvan M. Barnet, Sigmund Rothschild, Mortimer Heyman, Leon H. Kronthal, Hugh K. Pritchett, Edward L. White and Edward B. Levy have been elected directors. The income account and balance sheet will be issued as soon as audited.—V. 109, p. 1989.

Barnett Oil & Gas Co.—Reorganization.—
A reorganization being "inevitable" owing to the failure of the share holders to respond to the plan to increase the capital stock as proposed May 21 1919, a plan of reorganization has been submitted and stockholders were given until and including Mar. 5 1920 to deposit their stock, either regular shares or voting trust certificates, with the Coal & Iron National Bank, 143 Liberty St., N. Y. City, and must also deposit cash with said bank to the amount of 10% of the face or par value of their shares of either regular stock or voting trust certificates. A circular dated Dec. 1 1919 says: After the consummation of the plan the depositing stockholders will be entitled to receive 6% non-cumulative Preferred stock to the total amount of their cash deposit in this new company which is to be organized to purchase the properties at foreclosure sale, and also in addition 30% of the amount of their present holdings in the Common stock of the new company. Committee: Walter U. Lawson, Preston B. Seaman and Walter C. Booth, with John F. De Angelis as Secretary, Room 1715, 120 Broadway, New York City.—V. 107, p. 405.

Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.—Sale of Lowell Plant.—
A Boston press dispatch states that J. Murray Howe of Boston has purchased and resold to various interests the greater part of the company's Lowell plant which covers about 10 acres and contains 20 buildings with an aggregate floor space of 25 acres. The dispatch says that, while no figures have been given out, it is ascertainable that what has been disposed of so far aggregated \$1,500,000 or more.—V. 106, p. 711.

Bigheart Producing & Refining Co.—Scrip Dividend.—
A scrip dividend of 2½% has been declared on the stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 25 in the form of a note payable Jan. 1 1921, with interest at the rate of 6% from Jan. 1, said scrip or note being callable at any time at the option of the company at par and int. It is explained that while the earnings would justify a cash distribution, the money stringency and the pending construction of the company's refinery make a conservative course advisable.—V. 110, p. 169.

Brennan Packing Co., Chicago.—Prof. Stock Offered.—
Fort Dearborn Trust & Sav. Bank, Drivers Trust & Sav. Bank and Merrill, Cox & Co., Chicago, are offering at \$52 per share and div., yielding about 7½%, of 20,000 shares of Cumul. & Partic. Pref. stock, Class A, of no par value. Prof. as to cumul. divs. at rate of \$4 per share per annum, payable Q.-M., and participating share for share, after the Class B shares have received divs. in any year to an amount equal to \$2 per share per annum. Prof. as to assets to an amount equal to \$50 per share, and partic. in further distribution share for share, after the Class B shares have received \$50 per share. Entitled to full voting power. Red. at \$57½ per share, all or part. Company was organized in 1905 to succeed the business of National Provision Co. established in 1897. Is one of the largest independent packers of fresh and salt pork in the United States. Gross sales increased from \$1,444,000 in 1909 to over \$16,000,000 in 1919.

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—Directors Re-Elected.—
At the annual meeting on Feb. 24, the following were unanimously re-elected as directors: Frank Bailley, Charles A. Boddy, James C. Brady, N. F. Brady, H. L. Bridgman, William C. Courtney, Daniel J. Cream, Horace C. DuVal, Walton Ferguson, George B. Gallagher, William V. Hester, Adrian T. Kiernan, Thomas E. Murray, M. S. Sloan, W. F. Wells.—V. 110, p. 263, 557.

Brooklyn Union Gas Co.—Injunction Sets Rate Limit.—
The formal order granting an injunction against the State and city authorities charged with the enforcement of the 80c gas law was filed in the Federal Court Feb. 25. The order fixes the price of gas at not above 97c per 1,000 cu. ft. The injunction extends to Aug. 1 1920 but the time may be extended. The order also provides that the difference between 80c and the price to be charged shall be set aside and deposited under the direction of the Court. To attend to this matter Richard Wellins is appointed special master with instructions to deposit the amount turned over to him with the New York Trust Co., the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. and the Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—V. 110, p. 766, 661.

California Packing Co.—Dividend Increased.—
A regular quarterly dividend of 1½% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Mar. 15, to holders of record Feb. 28. Previous dividends paid were 1½% quarterly, from June 1917 to Mar. 1918, and 1½% quarterly from June 1918 to Dec. 1919. A director is quoted as saying that the gross sales for the year ending Feb. 28 1920, will approximate \$75,000,000.—V. 110, p. 362, 468.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Dividend Increased.—
A dividend of \$1 (10%) has been declared on the \$6,425,160 stock, par \$10, payable March 22 to holders of record March 5. Last December a dividend of 50 cents was paid, in Sept. \$1 was paid, in June 50 cents, and \$1 in March 1919. The "Boston News Bureau" says: "According to an official of the company, the increase in the quarterly dividend from 50 cents to \$1 per share is due entirely to the good cash position as a result of copper sold for delivery in the first quarter of the year." Of its production last year of 46,450,000 lbs. of copper, the company sold 90%, or approximately 41,805,000 lbs.—V. 110, p. 264, 661.

Canada Foundries & Forgings Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Total earnings.....	\$242,082	\$612,116	\$695,586
Bond interest, taxes, &c.....	72,147	160,292	109,712
Preferred dividends (7%)	67,200	67,200	67,200
Common dividends.....	(2%)115,200	(12½)115,200	(15)144,000

Balance, surplus or deficit..... def. \$12,485 sur. \$269,424 sur. \$374,674
Total surplus..... \$1,255,223 \$1,397,705 \$1,128,281
—V. 108, p. 976.

Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—Report—Div. Inc.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings.....	\$15,039,277	\$14,094,392	\$13,533,815
Net earnings.....	4,580,273	4,338,079	4,023,864
Bond interest, &c.....	2,243,594	2,013,981	1,845,463
Preferred dividends (7%)	875,000	875,000	875,000
Common dividends.....	(4%)480,000	—	—

Balance, surplus..... \$981,679 \$1,449,097 \$1,303,401

A quarterly dividend of 1¼% has been declared on the Pref. stock, payable April 1 to stock of record March 15; also a dividend of 1½% on the Common stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28. Previously a dividend of 1% was paid on both the Common and Pref. stocks.—V. 109, p. 2174.

Canadian Locomotive Co.—Dividend Increased.—
A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common stock and 1¼% on the Pref. stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. A quarterly dividend of 1¼% has been paid since July 1917 except in Jan. 1920, when 1¼% was paid.—V. 109, p. 2442.

Carib Syndicate, Ltd.—Obtains Columbia Oil Lands.—
The company, it is stated, has acquired (for the most part in fee simple) control of the properties of the Equatorial Oil Co., comprising about 250,000 acres of land adjoining the properties of the Tropical Oil Co. in Colombia.—V. 110, p. 170.

Casey-Hudson Co. (of Illinois)—Prof. Stock Offering.—
George H. Taylor Jr. & Co., Chicago, are offering, at 100 and div., by advertisement on another page, \$300,000 8% Cum. Serial Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Callables before maturity upon payment of \$105, if called prior to Jan. 1 1925, and at \$110 per share thereafter. Red. \$31,000 each Jan. 1 1923 to 1932. Divs. Q.-S.

Data from Letter of President Wm. J. Casey Dated Feb. 20 1920.
Company.—Incorp. in Illinois in Jan. 1915 as Wm. J. Casey Co. In 1916 took over the business of Hudson Steel & Brass Co., under name of Casey-Hudson Co., and later acquired property and patents of J. S. Dunlap Co. Is engaged in manufacture of automatic screw machine products, Billmont master wrenches, Dunlap silver blade cream whips, spark plugs and other specialties. Company is doing business with a large number of manufacturing concerns, such as Packard, Stutz, Stromberg, Brunswick-Balke-Collider, Oliver Typewriter, &c.

Capitalization after Present Financing—

	Auth.	Issued.
Preferred stock, 8% cumulative	\$500,000	\$300,000
Common stock (no par value) Class "A"	7,500 sh.	7,500 sh.
Class "B"	2,500 sh.	2,500 sh.

3,000 shares Class "A" Common stock held in escrow until balance of \$200,000 Pref. stock issued.

Earnings.—Net earnings for 1919 amounted to \$121,531. Average annual net earnings for past four years were \$109,178. Net earnings for Jan. 1920 amounted to about \$15,000, and for Feb. are running at the rate of about \$18,000 per month.
For 1919 gross sales amounted to \$867,905, and company now has orders on hand amounting to over \$750,000.

Central Foundry Co.—Stricken from List.—
The Common stock and the Ordinary Pref. stock have been stricken from the N. Y. Stock Exchange list. The company and the Essex Foundry of N. J. were consolidated into the Iron Products Corp. during 1919 as per plan in V. 108, p. 2530.—V. 109, p. 689.

Chesbrough Mfg. Co.—Regular Dividend Increase.—
A quarterly dividend of 3¼% has been declared on the Common stock payable March 31 to holders of record Feb. 20. From 1917 to 1919, inclusive, 3% and ¼% extra was paid each quarter, except in Dec. 1918, when, owing to the abnormal conditions, no dividend was paid.—V. 109, p. 1989.

Chicago By-Products Coke Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Sold.—
Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago, announce the sale at 99 and int., to yield from 7.10% to 7.25%, by advertisement on another page, of \$13,000,000 1st Mtge. 7% Serial gold bonds, guaranteed jointly and severally, principal and interest, by endorsement by the Koppers Co. of Pittsburgh and the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. of Chicago (see "Annual Reports" in V. 110, p. 654, 655).
Dated Feb. 2 1920. Maturing \$867,000 each Feb. 1 1924 to 1937, incl., and \$862,000 Feb. 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000 (c). Int. payable F. & A. at Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee, or at Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., without deduction of any Illinois or Federal taxes except any Federal income tax in excess of 2%. Company agrees to pay or refund the Pennsylvania 4 mill tax. Red. on 4 weeks' notice on any int. date on and after Feb. 1924 at 102 and int., all or in part; in the latter event, those last maturing shall be retired first by lot.

Data from Letter of President H. B. Rust, Dated Pittsburgh, Feb. 20.
Company.—The Koppers Co., Pittsburgh, has formed the Chicago By-Product Co. (incorp. in Delaware), owning all of the capital stock, and has contracted to construct for the company on a 166-acre site, at Chicago, a combined water-gas plant and by-product coke plant, having a daily minimum capacity of 30,000,000 cu. ft. of gas, in addition to coke and other products.
The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. has contracted both to lease the water-gas plant for a period of 25 years and also to purchase the entire gas and coke output of the by-product coke plant for a like period. The annual rental payments and the purchases under this contract will be an operating expense of the latter company, the net operating income of which, for the calendar year 1919, was \$3,235,994, and for the past ten years has never been less than \$1,800,000 and has averaged in excess of \$4,700,000 per annum.

Because of the greater economy inherent in the Koppers system and the additional revenue from by-products of the coke plant, gas can be sold profitably under the 25-year contract at a price materially lower than the cost of production in existing Chicago plants. Therefore, economy as well as legal liability, under the lease and sale 25-year contract, would require the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., in the improbable event of a decrease in demand for gas, to close down part of its existing plants, if necessary, and continue to take the full output of gas and coke of these combined plants.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used in constructing the above named plants. Pending such construction, the funds have been deposited with Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee, for use as construction is carried on. The cost of the real estate and plants, over and above the funds provided for by this issue (amounting to about \$5,000,000) has been met through the sale of the company's stock, and the issuance of \$600,000 2d Mtge. bonds.

Security.—Secured by a closed first mortgage on the entire real estate, and on the combined plants which are to be constructed. In addition, the Koppers Co. has caused to be pledged with the trustee, as part security, certain collateral having a value, based on present quoted prices, in excess of \$13,000,000. This collateral at present consists of 8,000 shares of stock of Aluminum Co. of America and 20,000 shares of stock of the Gulf Oil Corp. Koppers Co. covenants that the market value of such collateral will be maintained at all times at least equal to the principal amount of bonds of this issue outstanding.

Earnings.—It is estimated by Koppers Co. that net earnings of the company upon completion of the plants will be \$2,800,000 p. a. The maximum yearly interest requirements of these bonds will amount to \$910,000 and the maximum yearly interest requirements, plus the annual installment of principal to commence Feb. 1 1924, will amount to \$1,777,000.

It is estimated by the construction engineers that operation under this contract will increase the net operating income of the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. over \$1,250,000 per annum.

Koppers Ovens.—These have been in use in the United States for 12 years and 90% of the by-product coke capacity built since their introduction is of Koppers design. The ovens now installed have a carbonizing capacity of over 42,000,000 tons of coal and an estimated output in excess of 240,000,000 cu. ft. of gas p. a., or more than double that of all other types of by-product coke ovens combined.

Directors.—A. W. Mellon, R. B. Mellon, C. D. Marshall, H. H. McClinck, C. J. Ramsburg, W. F. Rust and H. B. Rust, all of Pittsburgh.

Childs Co., N. Y.—Increased Dividend Rate.—The regular quarterly dividend on the Common stock has been increased from 1 to 1 1/2%, the extra 1% paid in September and again in December last being omitted. The dividend now declared is payable with the 1 3/4% on the Prof. stock on March 10 to holders of record Feb. 27. In 1919 dividends aggregating 4% in all were paid on the Common shares.—V. 110, p. 468, 558.

Chino Copper Co.—Earnings—Divs. Decreased.

		—3 Mos. end. Dec. 31—		—12 Mos. end. Dec. 31—	
		1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Total net profits.....	\$450,626	\$66,801	\$1,389,984	\$4,143,317	
Dividends.....	652,485	869,080	2,609,960	3,914,910	
do raise.....	(15%)	(20%)	(60%)	(00%)	

Balance..... def. \$161,859 def. \$803,179 def. \$1,219,955 sur. \$228,407

The Chino Copper Co. on Feb. 26 declared a quarterly dividend of 37 1/2¢ a share, compared with 75¢ three months ago; Ray Consolidated, 25¢ a share, compared with 50¢ three months ago, and Nevada Consolidated 25¢ a share, compared with 37 1/2¢ three months ago.

Utah Copper Co. declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share, the same as in Dec. 1919. All these dividends are payable March 31 to stock of record March 12.

Following the directors meetings of the Porphyry Copper Cos., Charles Hayden made the following statement:

"It was the belief of the boards of directors that, with the general financial conditions as they are to-day, and with the production of copper still on a basis of 50%, with the price still low, and with some problems of back taxation still to be settled, whatever dividends were declared this first quarter of the new fiscal year should be on an ultra conservative basis.

"The very strong treasury position of Utah left no ground for discussion as to declaring the regular dividend. It was deemed wise, however, to make the reductions that were made in the other three porphyries, though with the hope that before the end of 1920 the general financial conditions of the country and of the copper metal market in particular would be such that the shareholders might receive for the fiscal and calendar year 1920 the full dividends as paid in 1919.—V. 110, p. 80.

Cincinnati Gas & Elect. Co.—Refunding Notes.—Earnings.—The \$2,225,000 6% notes due March 15 will be paid off at maturity at office of Equitable Trust Co., N. Y. City. In connection with this payment, company will issue \$2,400,000 6% 3-year Secured Gold Notes, dated Dec. 1 1919, which have been underwritten by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. As to recent sale of 7% notes see V. 110, p. 468, 80.

		1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross earnings.....	\$8,024,174	\$7,679,788	\$7,379,700	\$6,170,377	
Net earnings.....	2,812,411	2,301,243	2,548,410	2,262,627	

Cities Service Co.—Div. of 1 3/4% in Common Stock.—The company has declared the regular monthly cash divs. of 1/2% of 1% on the Common, Preferred and Preference "B" stocks, and the usual stock dividend of 1 3/4% (not 1 1/2% of 1%) in Common stock on the Common stock, all payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 15.—V. 110, p. 766, 564, 468.

Cleveland Furnace Co.—Merged.—See Otis Steel Co. below.—V. 109, p. 175.

Coca-Cola Co. of Delaware.—Initial Com. Dividend.—An initial dividend of \$1 a share on the Com. stock (no par value) has been declared, payable April 2 to holders of record March 13. S. A. Austin, of N. Y., has been elected a director.—V. 110, p. 363.

Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.—Resignation.—Lewis Brown Gawtry has resigned as Vice-President to become First Vice-President of the Bank for Savings.—V. 110, p. 564, 662.

Consol. Interstate-Callahan Min. Co.—Divs. Resumed.—A dividend of \$2 (20%) has been declared, payable in quarterly installments of 50 cents on March 30, June 30, Sept. 30 and on Dec. 30 to holders of record March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15. The last previous dividend was 75 cents (7 1/2%) paid Oct. 1 1918.—V. 110, p. 363, 662.

Crane Co. of Chicago.—New Prof. Stk. for Employees.—Vice-President J. B. Berryman is quoted as saying: "The capitalization was changed from \$17,000,000 to \$27,000,000 so that Preferred stock might be created. This will amount to the entire increase, par \$100, and bearing interest at 7%, all of which will be offered to the employees. Just how much may be offered at this time, however, has not been decided yet."

No change was made in the amount of the Common, but the par value of the shares was reduced from \$100 to \$25.—V. 104, p. 1492.

Cuyamel Fruit Co., New Orleans.—Notes Offered.—Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans, are offering at prices to net from 6 1/2% to 7% according to maturity, by advertisement on another page, \$2,000,000 Marine Equip. 6% Serial Gold notes.

Dated Mar. 1 1920. Due serially \$100,000 monthly from Mar. 1 1921 to July 1 1922. Int. payable M. & S. at Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, trustee. Denom. \$1,000. Red. all or part at 101 on any int. date upon 30 days' notice.

Data from Letter of Ferdinand Katz, Vice-President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in New Orleans in 1911 with a paid up capital of \$5,000,000, and is now one of the leading fruit producers and importers. Owns over 100,000 acres of land well adapted to the raising of bananas; also owns 100 miles of railroad, with complete equipment, about 400 cars, and its own wharves. Present marine equipment consists of 3 steamers of about 1,700 tons each, 4 large steel barges just being completed at a cost of \$300,000, and a great deal of small water-craft.

Purpose.—To pay for 5 new combination freight and passenger steamers in course of construction at contract prices aggregating about \$3,000,000, of which the first \$1,000,000 will be paid out of the current assets.

Capital & Surplus.—The capital and surplus, according to the statement of Nov. 30 1919, were over \$5,200,000, and the total current liabilities were \$81,000. There were outstanding on Nov. 30 1919, \$79,000 of bonds (since reduced to \$63,000), which are not callable at this time.

Earnings.—Earnings for the past several years have averaged over 5 times the interest charges required by this note issue, and company expects to pay off these notes out of its current earnings in the next two years. President, S. Zomurray.

Dayton (O.) Power & Light Co.—Listing, &c.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional \$576,000 6% Cum. Pref. stock on notice of issuance, making the total amount authorized to be listed \$4,306,000.

For the 11 months ended Nov. 3 1919 the gross earnings were \$2,600,048; total income, \$961,314; interest, sinking fund &c., \$593,876; Pref. dividends \$176,182; balance, surplus, \$221,256.—V. 110, p. 469.

Dennett Surpassing Coffee Co.—Bonds Called.—One hundred twenty Gen. M. 6% 5-year gold bonds, dated Mar. 1 1916, numbers ranging from 13 to 687, have been called for payment Mar. 1 1920 at par with interest to Sept. 1 1920 at the office of the Treasurer, 147 Reade St., N. Y. City.

Dominion Oil Co.—Explanation as to Suit.—Chairman O. N. Haskell explains the suit brought by William C. Weisbrod as follows: "The Weisbrod suit is a claim to an interest in some undeveloped leases for which the Dominion Oil Co. advanced \$165,000. The Dominion Oil Co. does not list any property in controversy. In any oil

field the industry is subject to every variety of claims. Dominion Oil Co. is a corporation of Texas, and no court would have jurisdiction to entertain a claim except in Texas or Louisiana, where the company could be legally sued. Dominion Oil Co. stands no chance of losing a dollar or an acre of lease in this case.—V. 109, p. 1894.

Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd.—Production—New Officer.

Year Ending—	Pig Iron.	Steel Ingot.	Rails.	Wire Rods.	Billets, &c.	Misc.
1919.....	235,000	254,500	112,870	40,700	268,000	9,870
1918.....	289,000	330,700	115,800	46,900	341,000	34,790

* Blooms and billets for sale.
J. W. Norcross, President and Managing Director of the Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., has been elected a director, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. K. L. Ross.—V. 110, p. 469, 662.

Eastern Steamship Co.—Initial Dividend.

An initial dividend of \$1.50 per share on Prof. stock has been declared payable March 31 to holders of record March 19.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings.....	\$4,475,153	\$3,691,832	\$4,562,396
Net earnings.....	\$506,272	\$376,748	\$78,652
Deductions.....	296,884	314,465	376,323
			712,237

Balance, surplus..... \$209,388 \$62,283 def. \$297,671 def. \$102,659
Operating revenue for the month of December aggregated \$193,384, as against \$190,451 for December of 1918. Surplus after charges showed a deficit of \$116,537, against deficit \$34,219.—V. 109, p. 274.

Elgin National Watch Co.—Extension to Cost \$1,000,000.

President Charles H. Hubbard states that plans are under way for the erection of a modern hotel by the company. Also an extension of the present factory buildings—estimated cost will exceed \$1,000,000.—V. 109, p. 1894.

Empire Steel & Iron Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross income.....	\$851,780	\$1,207,029	\$1,500,251
Interest, depreciation, &c.....	389,681	212,526	182,076
Net income.....	\$462,108	\$994,503	\$1,618,175
Reserve for Federal taxes & conting.....	58,000	510,000	600,000
Preferred dividends.....	150,000	250,000	387,500

Balance, surplus..... \$254,108 \$234,503 \$630,675
—V. 108, p. 1063.

Fajardo Sugar Co., Porto Rico.—Annual Report.

July 31 Years—	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Sugar, &c., produced.....	\$4,532,427	\$4,366,671	\$3,286,366	\$4,162,851
Miscellaneous receipts.....	168,897	226,982	196,312	164,193
Total.....	\$4,701,324	\$4,593,653	\$3,482,678	\$4,327,044

Deduct—Producing and mfg. costs, &c..... 3,841,421 3,591,184 2,790,670 2,601,605

Net income..... \$859,902 \$1,002,468 \$692,008 \$1,725,439
Miscellaneous..... 79,239 79,243

Purchase of San Cristobal assets, losses on final liquidation..... 40,000
Int. on bills payable, &c..... 144,199 103,453 38,440 79,813
Depreciation..... 165,431 154,349 98,275 114,589
Dividends..... (10)333,775 (10)333,720 (10)333,720 (17)558,410

Balance, surplus..... a\$137,258 \$331,703 \$181,572 \$947,028

a Before providing for Federal income, war and excess profits taxes.—V. 108, p. 584.

Fayette R. Plumb, Inc. (Phila. and St. Louis).—Bond Offering.—Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int., yielding 7%, by advertisement on another page, \$400,000 First Mtge. 7% Gold bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1920. Due \$20,000 each Feb. and Aug. 1 from Feb. 1 1921 to 1930. Denom. \$500. Interest payable F. & A. at the Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, or Bankers Trust Co., New York. Red. as a whole on any int. date at 102 1/2 and int. upon 30 days' notice.

Data from Letter of Pres. Fayette R. Plumb, Philadelphia, Feb. 10.

Company.—Business founded in 1856 by Jonathan Yerkes, later changed to Yerkes & Plumb and in 1897 incorporated as Fayette R. Plumb, Inc. Plants at St. Louis and Philadelphia have a total floor space of 243,644 sq. ft. Engaged in the manufacture of hand tools, consisting chiefly of hammers, hatchets, axes, sledges, wedges and mauls, necessities for mechanics, contractors, railroads, lumber camps and industrial plants, and extensively used by farmers and householders.

Purpose.—Purpose is to extend the St. Louis plant, to furnish working capital for the increased business from this extension and to purchase the controlling interest in the Carver File Co. of Philadelphia.

Earnings.—Net earnings after all charges, incl. maintenance, depreciation, Federal taxes, &c., for the 4 1/2 years to Dec. 31 1919, have totaled \$822,276. This is an annual average of over 4 1/2 times the annual payment on account of principal or over 12 times the average annual payment for interest on these bonds.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1919 (After Giving Effect to New Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant & equip., less depr. res.	\$787,734	Capital stock.....	\$822,500
Inventories.....	558,064	First Mtge. 7% bonds.....	400,000
Bills & accounts receivable.....	221,129	Reserve for Federal taxes.....	167,166
Other current assets.....	90,519	Accounts payable.....	92,299
Investment securities.....	447,520	Surplus.....	646,436
Deferred charges.....	23,435	Total (each side).....	\$2,128,411

—V. 110, p. 770.

Federal Motor Truck Co., Detroit.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Total sales.....	\$10,525,265	\$8,664,528	\$6,005,246
Net profits.....	\$1,281,707	922,635	456,825

Fisk Rubber Co.—Initial Dividend.

An initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share has been declared on the Common stock (par \$25), payable April 1 to holders of record March 15, placing the stock on a 12% annual basis.—V. 109, p. 2268.

Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Co.—Stock Approved.

The Mass. Department of P. Utilities has approved the issuance of \$346,000 of new stock, par \$50. Proceeds of 3,830 shares are to be applied to the payment of an equal amount of the company's obligations as of June 30 1919, and the proceeds of 3,107 shares to the payment of cost of plant expansion. The new stock it is stated will be sold at \$60.—V. 109, p. 2443.

Fulton Motor Truck Co.—Plan.

The stockholders' protective committee, 71 Wall St., E. E. Vreeland, Chairman, has prepared "a final and complete plan," which calls for the organization of the Fulton Motors Corporation under laws of Delaware with 150,000 shares of Class A stock, \$10 par value, and 250,000 shares of Class B, no par value stock, but no bonds or mortgage.—V. 110, p. 565.

General Electric Co.—To Increase Capital.—The stockholders will vote March 16 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$125,000,000 to \$175,000,000, par \$100.

O. A. Coffin, Chairman, under date of Feb. 20, says in substance: "The proposed increase is to enable company to obtain additional working capital from time to time through subscription thereto by the stockholders, to provide shares for distribution of the usual semi-annual stock dividends, and for other corporate purposes. Present auth. capital is \$125,000,000, of which \$122,965,400 is now issued and outstanding, leaving \$2,034,600 in treasury unused. The volume of orders received for the past six months has been at an unprecedented rate and far beyond the capacity of the company's existing production facilities. A careful survey of the financial and factory requirements of the company made by its officials as of Jan. 31 indicated that

there would be needed therefor during the next 12 months about \$30,000,000, which includes provision for the payment of the \$15,000,000 3-year notes maturing July 1, 1920. To apply on these requirements, company has sold \$15,000,000 20-year 5% debentures. [See V. 110, p. 663.] It is the view of the directors that further funds should be provided by subscription to increased capital stock to be offered later to shareholders and by the sale of securities owned by the company.—V. 110, p. 663, 565.

General Motors Corporation.—Listing, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after March 1 1920 of temporary certificates for 15,703,310 shares of Common stock without nominal or par value (total authorized, 50,000,000 shares), in exchange for outstanding shares of Common stock of the par value of \$100 each, with authority to substitute permanent engraved certificates in exchange for outstanding temporary certificates of Common stock without nominal or par value, or outstanding certificates for Common stock of the par value of \$100 each, in the ratio of one share of the par value of \$100 for ten shares without par value.

The total authorized capital stock consists of 56,100,000 shares, of which 200,000 Pref. stock, par \$100; 900,000 shares Debenture stock, par \$100; 5,000,000 shares 7% Debenture stock, par \$100; and 50,000,000 shares Common stock without any nominal or par value.

The company previously gave notice that exchange might be made on and after May 3, 1920, but by reason of the confusion and trouble on the part of the delay until May 3, the corporation is desirous of issuing immediately temporary certificates exchangeable for permanent engraved certificates when ready for delivery.

It was recently stated that the Janesville Machine Co. and the Samson Tractor Co., both units of the General Motors Corp., have been merged into a consolidation known as the Samson Tractor Co. Rapid progress, it is said, is being made on the quantity production schedule which has been mapped out, close to 100 tractors a day being turned out, compared with 55 a day at the close of last year.

The Olds Motor Works, Ltd., of Canada, another subsidiary, will have its new plant at Oshawa ready by March 1. From this plant the Canadian requirements for Oldsmobile trucks and passenger cars will be filled. In its first year an aggregate of about 5,000 trucks and passenger cars will be turned out.—V. 110, p. 565, 469.

Gilmers, Inc.—Acquired.—Status.—

See United Retail Stores Corp. below.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co., Akron, O.—Purpose of Capital Increase—\$30,000,000 Notes Underwritten.—President B. G. Work, under date of Feb. 16, says in substance:

Purpose of Financing.—The business now operated has, within the past few months, been abandoned after 50 years. Never before during that period has it rested upon such a sound foundation with brighter prospects. Our business in 1919 was limited only by ability to produce. Approximately \$10,000,000 is now being expended in additional manufacturing facilities which will come into production during this year. The annual business should then exceed \$200,000,000. For such progressive development it is necessary to provide increased capital otherwise than from earnings.

On this basis, the financial strength of the company will justify a larger distribution of earnings. In addition, the management deems it advisable to have shares of Common stock available for purchase by the employees (see V. 110, p. 767).

Capital Stock.—It is proposed to increase the authorized common stock from 600,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each to 1,500,000 shares having no par value. No change is to be made in the present outstanding [\$39,600,000] Preferred stock.

Of the 1,500,000 Common shares of no par value, 600,000 shares will be issued in exchange, share for share, for the present outstanding Common stock; 125,000 shares will be set aside for sale to employees upon such terms as the directors shall from time to time prescribe; 375,000 shares will be reserved for issue in connection with the \$30,000,000 notes, and the remaining 500,000 shares reserved for future redemption.

Convertible Notes.—The Five-Year 7% Conv. Gold Notes are to be dated April 1 1920, in denom. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Convertible, if accompanied by appropriate stock purchase warrants, on and after April 1 1922, until maturity or earlier payment, into Common stock, at not more than \$80 per share. Red., all or part, on any interest date, at 103 if redeemed on or before April 1 1923; at 102 if redeemed thereafter, and on or before April 1 1924, and at 101 thereafter (with interest). Each \$1,000 note will have a stock purchase warrant attached (which may be detached and held and disposed of separate and apart from the note) entitling the holder on or before March 31 1923, or if all notes are earlier redeemed, on or before the redemption date, to purchase 12½ shares of Common stock at not more than \$80 per share. The warrants attached to notes of smaller denom. will permit the purchase of a proportionately smaller number of shares.

Proceeds of this note issue will be used to retire current debt and provide additional capital for the expansion of its business.

Notes Underwritten.—The sale of the notes has been underwritten by a group of bankers headed by Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Trust Co. and Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York.

Offerings to Stockholders.—Upon approval by the stockholders, Common stockholders of record March 15 1920 will have the right to purchase notes at the rate of \$100 of notes for each two shares of Common stock held, at \$99 and int., if any, for each \$100 note, or alternatively, to purchase shares of Common stock at the rate of 1¼ shares for each two shares held, at \$80 per share and also may subscribe, subject to allotment, for additional notes or shares at the same prices. (b) Preferred stockholders will be given the privilege of subscription at the above prices to notes or shares without limitation as to amount but subject to allotment. Notes or stock subscribed for must be paid for in full at the office of Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y., on or before April 1 1920.

The stockholders will vote on March 8 1920 on retiring 11,880 shares of the Pref. stock (par \$100) in accordance with the charter, which provides for the retirement annually of 3% of the largest amount of Preferred stock at any one time outstanding. Compare V. 110, p. 767, 663.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron.—Coal Lands.—

The company, it is stated, has acquired 2,000 acres of coal lands in the vicinity of Harrisville in eastern Ohio. Title to the properties has been taken in the name of International Coal & Coke Co.—V. 109, p. 2268, 2261, 2175

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co. Ltd.—Approve Bonds (Underwritten)—Capital Inc.—Status.—

The shareholders on Feb. 25 authorized: (a) an issue of \$2,500,000 Five-Year 8% Conv. Debenture bonds to be dated May 1 1920, and to be first offered for cash at par to all the shareholders pro rata; (b) an increase in the capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

Shareholders of record March 6 will be entitled to subscribe for the debenture bonds at par to the amount of about one-sixth of their holdings, subscriptions to be payable in cash in N. Y. City in two equal installments on March 31 and May 29, respectively. All subscriptions, together with payment of the first installment of 50%, must be made on or before Mar. 31.

Underwritten.—Entire issue of bonds has been underwritten by Hayden, Stone & Co.

Description of Bonds.—Limited to \$2,500,000. Dated May 1 1920, due May 1, 1925. Interest payable May & Nov. at office or agency of company in N. Y. City. Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee. Convertible at any time prior to maturity into ordinary shares at rate of one share of \$100 par value for \$55 principal amount of bonds. Redeemable, all or part, at any time after May 1 1921, and on or before May 1 1923, at 110% and interest; thereafter at 105% and interest; upon 90 days' notice, and during which time the right of conversion shall continue unimpaired.

Data from Letter of President Wm. H. Nichols, Dated Feb. 25 1920.

Developments, &c.—The declining ore reserves in the Phoenix mine made apparent in 1912 the advisability of extending the company's mineral holdings if its life were to be materially prolonged. This was accomplished by obtaining possession of the properties at Ayoax, where the mines were opened up, a new smelter constructed, and the first furnace blown in early in 1914. Since then extensive developments have been carried out, involving construction of a modern town with streets, electric lights, water system, &c., largely from the earnings of the company, in addition to which dividends exceeding \$5,000,000 have been paid since June 30 1914.

In addition there has been added to the fixed assets of the company, at a cost of about \$7,000,000, amongst others: (1) an auxiliary steam power plant of 3,000 nominal h. p., to supplement the hydro-electric power during the winter months; (2) a smelting plant to recover copper values from fine dust; (3) a battery of 30 by-product ovens, with bunkers power-house, &c.,

to furnish continuous supply of coke adjacent to smelter. (4) Coal fields on Vancouver Island containing upwards of 7,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, and now producing about 700 tons per day. (5) Extensive timber claims, together with a well-equipped sawmill.

Reserves Production, &c.—Development and exploration had established at Ayoax, as of June 30 1914, ore reserves to the amount of 9,563,000 tons, which have since been augmented to 11,000,000 tons, in addition to 3,914,075 tons since mined and smelted therefrom. In addition to the ore reserves there has been developed upwards of 10,000,000 tons of lower-grade ore containing some 150,000,000 lbs. of copper.

There also has been withdrawn and smelted during this period from the Phoenix mine 4,455,674 tons of ore, the remaining recoverable ore reserves of this mine amount to about 500,000 tons. In the period June 30 1913 to Dec. 31 1919, properties have produced a total of 210,545,136 lbs. of copper, 2,599,265 ozs. of silver, and 159,739 ozs. of gold.

Operating Statement Fiscal Years ended June 30.

	1913-14.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.
Operating profits.....	\$588,489	\$4,080,618	\$5,664,328	\$3,673,949	\$186,569
Interest.....	148,837	261,323	211,532	311,325	406,407
Dividends.....	899,901	899,911	1,349,962	1,500,042	1,312,637

Surplus
(+ or -)..... -460,349 + 2,919,384 + 4,102,834 + 2,042,582 - 1,532,376
Deplet'n & depr'n..... 1,579,926 2,039,966 2,015,491 764,670

January Output..... 1920. 1919. 1918.
Copper output (in lbs.)..... 1,975,439 3,156,486 4,209,393
—V. 110, p. 365, 565.

Greene-Cananea Copper Co.—Production.—

	Copper (lbs.)	Silver (ozs.)	Gold (ozs.)
Output for Jan. 1920.....	3,000,000	114,090	590
Output for Jan. 1919.....	3,000,000	106,480	780
Output for Jan. 1918.....	3,130,000	96,970	730
Output for Jan. 1917.....	5,700,000	156,690

—V. 110, p. 265, 365.

Gulf Oil Corporation.—Earnings.—

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings.....	\$97,431,516	\$85,904,805	\$70,499,403
Operating expenses.....	62,130,188	49,779,314	41,013,567
Net profits.....	\$35,301,328	\$36,124,991	\$29,485,836
Depreciation.....	19,305,251	16,677,064	11,723,450
Interest, taxes, &c.....	6,585,224	6,866,531	6,111,640
Dividends (5%).....	2,104,513	2,082,102	2,074,320

Balance, surplus..... \$9,356,340 \$10,500,492 \$9,576,426
The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1919 shows profit and loss surplus of \$67,693,042, compared with \$58,336,702 on Dec. 31 1918. Capital stock was increased during 1919 from \$34,837,100 to \$35,284,600. Total assets and liabilities were \$218,476,442, against \$173,175,606 the previous year.—V. 109, p. 682.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Dividend—Earnings.—

A dividend of 7% on the 1st Pref. stock was declared yesterday, payable in four quarterly installments of 1¼% each on April 1 (to holders of record March 15), July 1, Oct. 1 1920 and on Jan. 2 1921. A regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the 2d Pref. stock was also declared, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. The net income for January, after provisions for taxes, depreciation, &c., was reported as \$115,357, compared with \$57,241 in Jan. 1919 and \$370,132 in Jan. 1918.—V. 110, p. 365.

Hackensack Water Co.—Rate Increase Denied.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has denied the company's application for permission to increase the rates charged for water supplied to the City of Hoboken. The city has a 25-year contract with the company and this, owing to increased costs, has proved unprofitable. Investigation by the Commission disclosed, however, that the company is able financially to stand the loss, and therefore the commission held that it is not entitled to the relief sought.—V. 110, p. 663.

Handley-Knight Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.—Stock.—

Allen G. Thurman & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., are syndicating an offering of this company's stock in Detroit, Chicago, Toledo and Grand Rapids. Company was organized in Delaware with an authorized capital of 80,000 shares, no par value stock, and will engage in the manufacture of a high grade motor car. The cash working capital initially provided is \$1,000,000, which was paid in by prominent capitalists and business men of Kalamazoo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Toledo, Dayton, Rochester, Wheeling, W. Va., Youngstown, Des Moines, Battle Creek, and Shreveport, La.

Directors are Walter Stewart, Martin V. Kelly, Harry Don Blyker, H. B. Parker, H. C. Howard. Officers are James I. Handley, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; W. E. Upjohn, V.-Pres.; C. S. Campbell, V.-Pres.; W. L. Otis, Sec. & Treas.

Hare's Motors.—Joint Operation.—

E. S. Hare, former Vice-President of the Packard Motor Car Co., has announced the organization of this operating company with himself as President for the joint control of the Locomobile (V. 110, p. 82) the Mercer (V. 109, p. 2362) and the Simplex (V. 103, p. 2244) automobile companies.

Henrico County Gas Co.—Purchased by City.—

The distribution system of the company has been purchased by the City of Richmond for \$175,000. Until supply mains connecting the distribution system with the City Gas Works have been laid the company's plant will be operated under lease by the Director of P. Utilities.—V. 109, p. 1796.

Illinois Brick Co.—Earnings, &c.—

The report for 1919 shows earnings for last year of \$355,909, compared with a deficit in the preceding year of \$277,921. The company has paid of \$250,000 in notes and resumed dividends at the rate of 6% p. a., distributing 3% for 1919. It also added \$214,910 to surplus. (Chicago Economist) —V. 109, p. 2443.

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Brit. & Ireland).—

Annual Report.

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Net after deprec., etc.....	£4,665,109	£3,826,191	£4,688,539	£4,515,036
Pensions.....	200,000	100,000
To general reserve.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Dividends on—				
Pref. "A" shares (5¼%)	272,759	272,759	272,759	272,759
Pref. "B" shares (6%)	315,628	315,628	315,628	315,628
Pref. "C" shares (10%)	263,822	263,822	263,822	263,822
Ordinary shares.....	2,089,105	1,358,479	1,253,981	1,252,252
Ordinary divs.—Regular (10%)	(10%)	(10%)	(10%)	(10%)
Extra (5%)	(5%)	(6¼%)	(12¼%)	(12¼%)
Bonus to customers.....	194,420	141,353	133,348	129,075
Total.....	£4,335,734	£3,452,041	£2,239,538	£3,234,536
Surplus for year.....	£329,375	£374,150	£249,001	£75,800

a Including transfer and other fees.—V. 109, p. 1465.

International Petroleum Co., Ltd., Canada.—Additional Stock.—Rights.—

The directors have resolved to issue 1,353,401 shares of £1 each of the Common stock at 85 (the par value) per share payable in New York funds at par. The new stock will be issued on the basis of share for share of the Preference and Common stock issued and fully paid up as at the close of business Mar. 5. Shareholders are entitled to subscribe at the office of the company at 56 Church St., Toronto, Can., or at Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 16-22 William St., N. Y. City, on or before Mar. 15.

It is generally understood that at least part of the proceeds of the stock will be used in connection with the purchase of the Tropical Oil Co., negotiations for which have been pending for several weeks. Compare V. 109, p. 1800.—V. 109, p. 1278.

Laclede Gas Light Co.—New Officers.—

G. B. Evans and Charles Marce have been elected directors. C. L. Holman has been elected President; G. B. Evans, First Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; W. H. Whitton, 2d Vice-Pres. & Sec.; and W. S. Dodd, Treas.—V. 110, p. 769.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Cal. Years (1919, 1918), Col. Years (1919, 1918), and financial data including Gross profit, Dep. exp., Total income, etc.

Lackawanna Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing Results for Calendar Years of Company and Subsidiary Companies for years 1919 through 1915, including Sales, Net earnings, Bond, etc.

a Note.—The net earnings here include "the total net earnings of all properties after providing for all taxes including war and excess profits taxes and deducting all other expenses, including ordinary repairs and maintenance but not renewal expenditures and other appropriations for the current year which are separately deducted as shown. The item "bond interest, &c.," includes interest on bonds and other obligations, deducting discount on bonds retired."—V. 109, p. 1465.

Laurentide Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Cal. Years (1919, 1918), Cal. Years (1919, 1918), and financial data including Gross revenue, Misc. income, Total revenue, Expenses, Bond interest, etc.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Listing of New Class B Common Stock.—Annual Report.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Mar. 1 1920 of the initial \$5,374,100 Common stock B (of an authorized issue of \$21,496,400) and on and after June 1 1920, \$5,374,100 Common stock B, all in shares of \$100 each, on issuance in exchange for full-paid subscription warrants, making the total to be listed \$10,748,200.

Locomotive Co. of America.—Joint Operation.—

See Hare's Motors above.—V. 110, p. 82. For annual report see preceding pages. The company expects to begin payment of accumulated dividends on Second Prof. stock about May 1.—V. 109, p. 2269.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—To Issue Stock.—

The authorizing will vote March 9 on authorizing the sale of the unissued Common stock at not less than par as follows: (a) 40,411 shares pro rata to the Com. stockholders, and 20,211 1/4 shares to those connected now or hereafter with the management and operation of the company.

Masillon (O.) Electric & Gas Co.—New Bonds Offered.—

The company has sold to West & Co. of Philadelphia an issue of \$200,000 3-year collateral trust 7% notes subject to the approval of Ohio P. U. Commission. These notes are being offered at 98 1/2 and int.—V. 103, p. 2082.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co., Kent, O.—Consolidation &c.—

Consolidation.—The stockholders of Mason Tire & Rubber Co. and Mason Cotton Fabrics Co., will vote Mar. 31 on the absorption of Mason Cotton Fabrics Co. by the former company. The combined assets of Apr. 1 1920 should show between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000 with over \$5,000,000 working capital and no current liability.

Capitalization.—The Prof. stock of Mason Tire & Rubber Co. is to be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and present Common stock consisting of \$1,000,000, par \$10, Series "A" (voting) stock will be changed to 100,000 shares Series "A", no par value, and present \$1,500,000, par \$10, Series "B" (non-voting) Common stock will be changed to 150,000 shares of Series "B", no par value.

Rights, &c.—Stockholders of the Fabric Company, upon the consolidation, will receive (a) one share of the Rubber Company's Prof. stock for each share of Fabric Prof. stock (par \$100), plus cash equaling accrued div. from date of issuance, payable Apr. 1. (b) One share of Rubber Company's no par Series "B" stock for each two shares of Fabric Common stock. Holders of the present Common stock of the Mason Co. will exchange their Common stock, share for share, for the new no par stock of the Series of that which they now own.

Mercer Motors Co.—Joint Operation.—

See Hare's Motors above.—V. 109, p. 2362. Middle States Oil Corp.—Annual Report—Stock.—The annual report will be found in the advertising department on a preceding page.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has listed temporary certificates for \$666,670 additional capital stock (of an authorized \$5,000,000), with authority to add on and after March 1 1920 \$583,330 additional, which are to be distributed on that date as a stock allotment to shareholders of record Feb. 20, making the total amount applied for \$3,500,000.

Table with columns for Company, Incorporated Where, Date, Par, Stock Issued, Mid.States Owns, including No. 1 Oil Co, No. 77 Oil Co, Ranger Texas Oil Co, etc.

The company reports that the company in continuing this plan of distribution of stock allotments to shareholders has allowed as a basis on oil-production the sum of \$500 per barrel of daily average production, as soon as the production and earnings of newly acquired properties and leases

have replaced the surplus or replacement fund, which replacement fund consists of all surplus, over and above and amount sufficient to pay cash dividends as declared and set aside by the board of directors, for the specific acquisition of additional properties and development. Gas production is not included in stock apportionments, and the income therefrom is applied to the replacement fund without capitalizing for such stock allotments." See also aforesaid report.—V. 110, p. 172.

Militor Motors Corporation.—New Name.—

President N. R. Sinclair announces that the name of the Militor Corporation has been changed to Sinclair Motors Corporation. The interests of the Knox Motors Co., of Springfield, Mass., were absorbed early in 1919.—V. 108, p. 1613.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Court Grants Rate Increase.—

United States Judge Wilbur E. Booth has raised the rate for gas from 83 cents to 93 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. "as a temporary rate." The receiver petitioned for \$1.06.—V. 110, p. 664.

Montgomery, Ward & Co., Chicago.—Status.—

See United Retail Stores Corp. below.—V. 110, p. 655, 586.

National Casket Co., Boston.—Dividends—Additional Stock Rights.—Financial Statement.—

The company under date of Jan. 30 issued a circular to the stockholders which says in substance:

Extra Cash and Stock Dividend.—Following the declaration by the executive committee of the regular quarterly div. of 1 1/2%, and an extra div. of 1% payable March 30 1920 the trustees voted a stock div. of 5% payable March 30 to stock of record Feb. 5. Extra cash div. paid during the present fiscal year are as follows: Sept. 30 1919, 3/4%; Dec. 30 1919, 1/4%, and it is further planned to pay an extra cash div. of 1% on June 30 1920. Offer of Stock to Stockholders.—In order to obtain additional funds for conducting, extending, and improving the growing business the trustees authorized the issuance of 7,430 34-100 shares of stock, and directed that these be offered to stockholders at par to the extent of 15% of their present holdings. All stockholders of record Jan. 30 1920 are given the right to subscribe on or before March 10 1920, when payment in full shall be made. Such stock shall not be entitled to div. upon capital stock declared Jan. 21 1920, payable March 30 1920. The stock purchased shall be dated and issued April 1 1920. See also under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 110, p. 665, 566.

National Lead Co.—Dividend Increase.—

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$20,655,400 Common stock, being at rate of 6% per ann., payable March 31 to holders of record March 12. The distributions in 1918 and 1919 aggregated 5 1/2% per ann.; in 1916 and 1917, 4%; 1911 to 1915, 3% p. a., and from 1906 to 1910, 3 to 5%.—V. 108, p. 1614.

Natl'l Plate Glass Co., Detroit.—Acquisition—Officers.—

Arrangements for acquisition by the company of the plants and property formerly belonging to the Columbia Plate Glass Co., Blairsville, Pa.; Saginaw (Mich.) Plate Glass Co. and the Federal Plate Glass Co., Ottawa, Ill., were consummated yesterday. The company is controlled by the Fisher Body Corp. and will supply the requirements of that corporation for plate glass in connection with its business. Officers.—The officers will be: Pres., H. J. Eckenrode, formerly Gen. Mgr. of Edward Ford Plate Glass Co., Toledo; V. Pres., Lawrence P. Fisher; Sec., William A. Fisher; Treas., Leon S. Wescott. See V. 110, p. 568.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings—Divs.—

Table showing Three Months Ended Dec. 31—1919, 1918, 1917. Gross production (lbs.), Net earnings, Depreciation, &c., Dividends, Balance, deficit.

For the year 1919 company reports a deficit after dividends of \$1,773,828, against a deficit of \$3,096,164 in 1918. The total production of copper for the year 1919 was 43,971,592 lbs., against 76,607,062 lbs. in 1918. See also Ohio Copper Co. above.—V. 110, p. 267.

North American Co.—Annual Report—Capital Inc.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1919, 1918, 1917), Interest received or accrued, Dividends received, Profits, &c., Total, Expenses and taxes, Interest, Account written off, Dividends (5%), Surplus to profit and loss, Cash on hand Dec. 31 1919.

The stockholders will vote March 17 on classifying the present outstanding capital stock (all of one class) of \$29,793,300 into Preferred and Common shares. The Prof. shares are to be of \$50 par value, and the Com. shares, pending the enactment of suitable legislation in the State of New Jersey, are to be of \$25 par value. The stockholders will also vote on increasing the number of authorized shares of Prof. stock to 500,000 and the number of authorized shares of Com. stock (at present 300,000 shares par \$100) to 750,000.—V. 109, p. 780.

North Butte Mining Co.—Production.—

Table with columns for January, Copper production (lbs.), 1920, 1919, 1918.

Ohio Oil Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of \$2.75 has been declared on the stock, along with the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25, both payable Mar. 31 to holders of record Feb. 28. An extra dividend of \$4.75 a share was paid Dec. 1919 and \$2.75 in Sept. 1919, prior to which \$4.75 extra (10%) was paid each quarter from March 1916 to June 1919, incl.—V. 109, p. 1993.

Otis Steel Co., Cleveland.—Rights to Subscribe for Additional Preferred Stock (Underwritten)—Status and Earnings.—

The Common stockholders of record March 1 will be given the right to subscribe in full in cash on or before March 16 for an additional amount of not to exceed \$5,145,850 par value of 7% Cum. Prof. stock at par and divs. from Jan. 1 1920 to March 16 1920 (\$101.46 per share) at the rate of one share of Preferred stock for each eight shares of Common stock held. Stock certificates will be issued carrying the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, payable April 1 1920.

Subscription warrants will be issued only for full shares. Where necessary, a fractional warrant will be issued but no subscription may be made on a fractional warrant, but if surrendered on or before March 16 1920, with other fractional warrants, in amounts together aggregating full shares, a subscription warrant for the number of shares represented thereby will be issued in exchange therefor. The warrants must be delivered to the Mercantile Trust Co., 115 Broadway, New York, or to the First Trust & Savings Co., Cleveland, O., on or before March 16 1920, accompanied by payment of the full subscription price. All payments received in New York must be in New York funds.

Data from Letter of President G. Bartol, Dated Feb. 19 1920.

Progress of Business.—Following the signing of the armistice in 1918 and extending through the first half of 1919, conditions became quiet in the steel industry and the output of our plants was affected in sympathy with this condition. In the second half of the past year an improvement developed in the market for our products but operations were seriously interfered with by reason of strikes and labor unsettlement. Advantage was taken of these conditions to rebuild and enlarge one of the company's two blast furnaces, so that the pig iron production in 1920 should be practically twice that of 1919.

With the opening of 1920 the demand for all our products had become so great that all plants, excepting the blast furnace, which will be in operation about Feb. 25, are being operated at 100% capacity. Your directors

have decided, in order to meet the existing demands of customers and to take care of future requirements, that it is imperative to construct at once eight new sheet mills at the Riverside works, which should be in production in fall of 1920.

Purpose of Issue.—Of the proceeds of this Preferred stock it is expected that about half will be used in the construction of the new sheet mills, and the balance will be added to working capital to enable the handling of larger volume of business.

Assets.—Upon the issuance of the additional \$5,115,800 Pref. stock now offered the total outstanding will be about \$9,976,450. Total net assets, after giving effect to the proceeds of this additional Pref. stock will be equal to about \$251 per share on the total amount to be presently outstanding.

Acquisition and Earnings.—The company took over the properties of Cleveland Furnace Co. (V. 100, p. 175) as of Oct. 1 1919. The combined consolidated net earnings, after depreciation (excluding certain interest charges which have been eliminated), plus 7% on the proceeds of the new Preferred stock now being offered, were as follows:

Table with columns: Combined Net Earnings (After Adding 7% Before Providing After Providing on Proceeds of New Preferred Stock) for Fed. Taxes. After Providing. Annual average for the four fiscal years ended Dec. 31 1919 (1919 partly est.). \$6,018,404 \$3,782,891

Equivalent earnings on Pref. stock, incl. amount to be presently issued (approx.) \$60 per share \$38 per share. The company has on its books all the orders that the management deems it wise to accept for future delivery.

Underwritten.—This offering of Pref. stock has been underwritten to the extent of \$5,000,000 by William Salomon & Co., N. Y., who agree to take such part of the stock not subscribed for by stockholders.—V. 110, p. 770.

Pacific Lighting Corporation.—Annual Report.—

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Total gross income, Oper. exp., taxes, int., &c., Balance, Depreciation, Preferred dividends (5%), Common dividends.

Balance sur. \$265,704 def. \$29,934 sur. \$165,412 sur. \$88,769. The Pacific Lighting Corp. is a holding company owning, besides the entire capital stock of Los Angeles Gas Electric Corp., \$1,040,000 Common and \$300,000 Pref. stock of Pacific Gas & Electric Co. of San Francisco.

Peerless Truck & Motor Corp.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 1/4% has been declared on the \$10,000,000 capital stock (par \$50), along with the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%.

Peoples Gas Lt. & Coke Co., Chicago.—Bonds, &c.—See Chicago By-Products Coke Co. above.—V. 110, p. 651.

Price Brothers Co., Ltd.—Stock Dividend.—A stock dividend of 22% has been declared payable Feb. 25 to holders of record Feb. 25. This increases the outstanding capital stock to \$6,100,000.—V. 110, p. 367, 660.

Quaker Oats Co., Chicago.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: 1919, 1918. Gross, after Taxes, Deprec'n. &c., Preferred Dividends, Common Dividends, Balance, Surplus.

Ray Consolidated Copper Co.—Dividend Decreased.—See Chino Copper Co. above.—V. 110, p. 83, 288.

Republic Rubber Corp., Youngstown.—Capital Inc.

The stockholders voted Feb. 20 to increase the authorized capital stock from 650,000 shares to 1,500,000 shares, no par value. President Guy E. Norwood, in connection with the capital increase, under date of Feb. 4, says in substance: Company is in urgent need of additional working capital with which to finance its constantly increasing business.

William Wilms has been elected Chairman of the board and will have charge of finances; E. F. Jones succeeds G. E. Norwood as President, and H. J. Stambaugh as Treasurer succeeds Myron Arms II.—V. 110, p. 567.

St. Joseph Lead Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 2 1/4% has been declared on the stock along with the regular quarterly dividend of 2 3/4%, both payable Mar. 20 to holders of record Mar. 9. The regular rate has been 10% p. a. (2 1/4% quar.) since June 1919. In Mar. 1919, 3 1/4% was paid.—V. 109, p. 987.

Seneca Copper Corp., N. Y.—Bonds Auth.—Stock Inc.—The stockholders voted Feb. 25 (a) to issue \$500,000 8% 5-year Conv. Debenture bonds, convertible after 1922 into capital stock at rate of 5 shares of stock for each \$100 bond; (b) to increase the Capital stock by the issuance of 50,000 additional shares, of which 25,000 shares will be issued and reserved for the conversion of the bonds. Compare V. 110, p. 665, 722.

Simplex Automobile Co.—Joint Operation.—

See Hare's Motors above.—V. 103, p. 2244.

Sinclair Motors Corporation.—New Name.—

See "Millitor Motors Corporation" above.—V. 108, p. 1613.

Southern California Edison Co.—To Pay Bonds.—

In reply to an inquiry we are advised that the \$1,977,000 6% Convertible Gold Debentures due Mar. 15, will be paid at the option of the holder, at the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, or Bankers Trust Co., New York. There will be no special financing in connection with their payment.—V. 109, p. 2445; V. 110, p. 173, 269, 666.

Spicer Manufacturing Co., South Plainfield, N. J.—Prof. Stock Offering.—Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Cassatt & Co. are offering, when, as and if issued, at 100 and div. yielding 8%, \$3,000,000 8% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Dividends Q.-J. Red. all or part on any div. date on not less than 30 days' notice, at 110 and div. Beginning with Jan., 1921, a sinking fund will be established to retire in each year for five years not less than 3% of the largest amount of Pref. stock outstanding, and thereafter at least 5% of such stock outstanding.

Application will be made to list this Preferred stock on the N. Y. Stock Exchange.—V. 110, p. 666.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock, along with the regular quarterly dividend of 3%, both payable April 1 to holders of record Feb. 27. Like amount was paid in January 1920.—V. 110, p. 269.

Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—Annual Report

Table with columns: 1919, 1918. Net earnings, Debt—For contingent and pension funds and bad debt reserve, Federal taxes, Dividends on Preferred stock, Dividends on Common stock, Extra compensation to exec. & oper. g committees.

Balance, surplus—\$1,681,652 \$1,630,653. x Further war profits tax, \$522,942, for which no provision was made in 1918 statement, is deducted from surplus earnings of 1919. A cash dividend of 2% with an extra 2% was paid on Common stock Feb. 10 1920.—V. 110, p. 473.

Texas Gas & Electric Co.—Receiver Appointed.—

S. R. Bertrou, Jr., has been appointed receiver for this company, formerly the Texas Southern Electric Co. (V. 99, p. 347), upon the company's application. The company, which operates gas, electric and light plants in 12 South Texas towns, was organized in 1914 by Boston capitalists and is operating under a trust agreement with Randolph F. Tucker, J., Earl Appleton, Willard E. Glazier, Alexander Henderson, Thomas Hunt, John C. Rice, Neldon H. Munroe, all of Boston, as trustees.

Tobacco Products Corp., N. Y.—Allied Company.—

In reference to the rights to subscribe to the American Foreign Trade Corp. stock (V. 110, p. 660, 466, 361), President J. M. Dixon, in circular of Feb. 16, says in part:

The American Foreign Trade Corp. was organized primarily for the purpose of engaging in trade in the Near East, or Levant, from whence we receive the leaf tobacco used in the manufacture of our cigarettes. We were prompted to participate in this company owing to the fact that we have always suffered heavily in the cost of transmitting funds to that part of the world to pay for raw materials.

While the original purpose of the American Foreign Trade Corp. was to barter for tobacco, it has developed into a general trading organization. It has made satisfactory arrangements for supplying importers with wool, hides, skins, tobacco, precious stones, flax, raising, tanning material, &c., a business formerly handled largely by German and Austrian firms.

The handling of a large number of American vessels consigned to the company; the expense of unloading, advancing payment for port charges and freight; expense of warehousing in and out, and the reloading for American ports; in addition to the business that is being offered from Greece, Turkey, Russia, Rumania and Bulgaria, makes it desirable that the company obtain more capital. A number of vessels are now enroute to Constantinople, consigned to the company, the unloading alone of which will net the company a profit of from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for each 5,000-ton ship.

We believe that the demoralized state of the foreign exchange market is likely to necessitate that trade be conducted entirely on a barter basis for a number of years to come. See also American Foreign Trade Corp. above.—V. 110, p. 473, 368.

Todd Shipyards Corp.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of \$1 25 has been declared on the stock, along with the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 75, both payable March 20 to holders of record March 6.—V. 109, p. 886.

Tropical Oil Co., Pittsburgh.—

See International Petroleum Co., Ltd., above.—V. 109, p. 1800.

Trumbull Public Service Co.—Mortgage Notes Sold.

Subject to the approval of the Ohio P. U. Commission, Otis & Co., of Cleveland, have purchased \$360,000 7% mortgage notes.—V. 108, p. 1516.

Union Light, Heat & Power Co.—Bonds.—

See Cincinnati Newport & Covington Light & Traction Co. under "Railroads" above.—V. 110, p. 368.

Union Tank Car Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Net earnings, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Profit & loss surplus.

* After depreciation, amortization, &c., \$1,017,053 Federal taxes for 1918 and \$200,000 reserve for annuities.—V. 110, p. 568.

United Cigar Stores Co.—Status.—

See United Retail Stores Corp. below.—V. 110, p. 473.

United Drug Building Co.—Offering of Guaranteed Notes.

Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis, is offering at par and int., to net 6%, \$1,750,000 6% 1st M. Real Estate serial notes. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Secured on buildings with 14.6-10 acres of ground located on Kingshighway Boulevard and San Francisco Ave. in St. Louis. Value of mortgaged property, \$3,000,000. Dated Aug. 15 1919 and mature annually on Aug. 15, commencing Aug. 15 1920, to Aug. 15 1933. Principal and interest guaranteed by an irrevocable 20-year lease of the property to the United Drug Co. of Boston, for an amount sufficient to pay principal, interest and all fixed charges during the life of this issue.

United Drug Co.—Earnings.—Guaranteed Bonds.—

Table with columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Operating expense, Merchandise profit, Other income, Total operating profit, Dep. taxes, doubt' accts., Federal taxes, estimated, Written off accounts.

Net profit—\$4,275,004 \$2,506,609 \$3,156,007 \$2,014,810

* Includes profit on sale of Vivado Co. See United Drug Building Co. above.—V. 110, p. 772.

United States Envelope Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Net profits, Interest, Preferred dividends (7%), Common divs. (9 1/4%), Depreciation, Reserve for taxes, Real estate reserve.

Balance, surplus—\$292,714 \$285,850 \$438,197 \$738,195

Profit & loss surplus—\$1,442,426 \$1,224,578 \$928,799 \$890,602

Utah Copper Co.—Ear. 3 Mos. Ended Dec. 31—Divs.—

Table with columns: 1919, 1918, 1917. Net profits, Miscellaneous, Nevada Consolidated dividends, Bng. & Garfield Ry. dividends, Garfield Chem. & Mfg. dividends, Total net profits, Dividends paid, do rate.

Balance—sur. \$262,720 def. \$729,497 sur. \$3,655,069

The financial results for the calendar year 1919 show total net income of \$8,252,295, against \$18,945,780 in 1918 and a deficit after dividends of \$1,494,544, contrasted with a surplus in 1918 of \$2,700,880. These figures are subject to such adjustments in the annual report as may be necessitated by recomputation of taxes and other entries when the company's accounts are audited.

See also Chino Copper Co. above.—V. 110, p. 474.

For other Investment News, see page 581.

Reports and Documents.

REPUBLIC IRON & STEEL COMPANY

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1919.

To the Stockholders of the Republic Iron & Steel Company:

The Board of Directors submits herewith its Twentieth Annual Report of operations for the fiscal year ending December 31 1919, together with a Financial Statement and General Report on the condition of the property at the close of the year.

INCOME REPORT.

The problems of readjustment from war to peace, referred to in our last Annual Report, were continuing factors of influence on general business throughout the year 1919. The first effect of the Armistice was business uncertainty and reaction, resulting in a period of liquidation and declining prices. This situation continued throughout the first four months of the year 1919, followed by gradual improvement in demand for iron and steel, in both foreign and domestic markets, under which influence prices strengthened, but at no period of the year did the price level exceed that recommended by the Industrial Board of the Department of Commerce in effect March 21 1919, while the average value of all iron and steel products shipped during the year 1919 was about 12% less per ton than the average shipping values of the preceding year. Cost of production, however, throughout the year, was on a gradually increasing scale—operations being adversely affected by labor inefficiency, lack of transportation and by a series of strikes, affecting both the mills and mines, which troubles are referred to more at length hereinafter. As a result of these conditions, a sub-normal output for the year ending December 31 1919 followed, the decline in production being emphasized during the strike period of the fourth quarter of the year, while the average production for the year for all iron and steel products was about 30% less than the preceding year. In consequence of adverse operating conditions, together with strike losses, earnings were reduced; Net Profits applicable to Dividends for the year ending December 31 1919, after making full deductions for repairs, maintenance, depreciation, extinguishment, taxes and other contingencies, being \$2,141,195 69.

Although the Net Earnings for the year were not sufficient to satisfy the dividend requirements of both the Preferred and Common Stock outstanding, the Board of Directors were of the opinion that accumulated profits warranted a continuation of dividends at rates authorized, particularly as an early return to normal operations and profits was prospective and has since been realized.

On account of large cash expenditures made during recent years for property additions and extensions, also because of the Company's expanding business needs, the Board of Directors decided to strengthen the Working Capital by the proceeds of sale, at par, to the holders of the Common Stock, of 26,480 shares of the unissued authorized Common Stock and 1,610 shares of Treasury Common Stock. Upon the completion of this transaction, the total outstanding Common Capital Stock will be \$30,000,000, and the Working Capital will be increased by the sum of \$2,809,000.

Pursuant to our general policy of extending and diversifying production, the Company acquired during the latter part of May 1919, by cash purchase, the land and property of the DeForest Sheet & Tinplate Company at Niles, Ohio, the capacity of which property is now being doubled, which, with other general improvements authorized will aggregate an expenditure of approximately \$4,000,000—upon completion of this program our earning power should be materially increased.

As a general result, the net reduction to the Surplus Account for the year was \$1,241,490 31 and the Net Balance of Surplus as of December 31 1919 was \$33,880,971 91, while the Net Balance of Working Assets as of December 31 1919 was \$23,610,604 56.

INCOME ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1919.

Net Earnings from operations after deducting charges for maintenance and repairs of plants, amounting to \$4,707,709 50	\$4,456,341 45
Interest and Income from Investments	575,496 24
Total Profits for the Year	\$5,031,837 06
<i>Less—</i>	
Provision for Depreciation and Renewal of Plants	\$1,381,226 21
Provision for Exhaustion of Minerals	460,905 30
Provision for Income Tax	315,112 46
Interest on Bonds and Notes	733,403 03
	2,890,641 00
Net Profits for the Year	\$2,141,196 69
Surplus at December 31 1918	35,122,462 22
	\$37,263,658 91
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Dividends—7% on Preferred Stock	\$1,750,000 00
Dividends—6% on Common Stock	1,632,687 00
	3,382,687 00
Net Surplus Carried to Balance Sheet	\$33,880,971 91
Net Profits Applicable to Dividends	\$2,141,196 69

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1919.

ASSETS.	
<i>Capital Assets—</i>	
Property Accounts:	
Cost of properties, Dec. 31 1918	\$86,368,647 02
Net additions for the year ending Dec. 31 1919	4,306,951 41
	\$90,675,598 43
<i>Investments:</i>	
In Potter Ore Company	\$401,000 00
Investments in and advances to other companies	904,524 01
	1,305,524 01
<i>Cash Deposited with Trustee—</i>	
For redemption of 10-30 Year Gold bonds in addition to bonds of a par value of \$6,868,000 00, retired in terms of the Trust Deed, per Contra	96,900 00
<i>Current Assets—</i>	
Inventories of Manufactured Products, Materials, and Supplies on hand and in transit at or below cost	\$15,943,239 31
Ore Contract Payments, represented by Ore at Docks	1,182,731 08
Accounts and Notes Receivable after deducting Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Accounts	5,723,761 20
Investments in United States Liberty and Victory Bonds, including balances due from employees in respect of bonds purchased on their behalf	8,023,149 80
Cash in Banks	1,223,748 00
	32,096,629 39
<i>Deferred Charges to Operations—</i>	
Expenditures for Explorations, Stripping at Mines, Advanced Royalties, &c., chargeable to Future Operations	1,671,664 66
Total	\$125,846,316 46
Net Current Assets	\$23,610,604 56
LIABILITIES.	
<i>Capital Stock—</i>	
Common—273,520 shares of \$100 00 each	\$27,352,000 00
<i>Less—In Treasury</i>	79,200 00
	\$27,272,800 00
Preferred 7% Cumulative—250,000 shares of \$100 00 each	25,000,000 00
	\$52,272,800 00
10-30-Year 5% Sinking Fund Mortgage Gold Bonds— (Total authorized issue \$25,000,000)	
Total issued	\$19,869,000 00
<i>Less—Bonds Purchased for Sinking Funds</i>	\$6,868,000 00
Bonds held in Treasury	6,928,000 00
	12,941,000 00
First Mortgage 6% Serial Gold Bonds Outstanding on Bessemer Mines Nos. 1 and 2	900,000 00
Potter Ore Company Bonds— \$300,000 00 Outstanding First Mortgage 5% Bonds guaranteed jointly with Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, less that Company's proportion	150,000 00
Bonds Outstanding on the Martin & Palos Coke Works Properties	102,000 00
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>	
Accounts and Bills Payable	\$5,922,768 00
Estimated War Profits Tax, Income and Regular Taxes	1,547,049 66
Accrued Bond Interest	161,922 92
Provision for Dividends payable Jan. 2 and Feb. 2 1920	846,592 00
Unclaimed Dividends	7,692 25
	8,486,024 83
<i>Reserves—</i>	
For Exhaustion of Minerals and Mining Equipment	3,570,232 78
For Depreciation and Renewals of Plants	10,757,188 37
For Relining and Rebuilding Furnaces	532,158 93
For Fire and Accident Insurance	788,942 84
For Contingencies	1,464,996 80
	17,113,519 72
<i>Surplus—</i>	
Balance Dec. 31 1919, per attached statement	\$33,880,971 91
	\$125,846,316 46
WORKING CAPITAL.	
The following statement covers items affecting Working Capital from organization of the company to December 31 1919, and is followed by Comparative Statement of Net Working Assets, as shown by the books of the company as at December 31 1917, 1918 and 1919:	
Working Capital May 3 1899	\$6,500,000 00
Collateral Notes Issued October 1 1904	7,000,000 00
Bond Issue October 1 1904	10,000,000 00
Preferred Capital Stock Sold	110,000 00
10-30-Year Bonds	19,869,000 00
Mortgage Notes on Haselton Property	1,475,000 00
Additional Preferred Stock Issued	4,583,100 00
Additional Common Stock Sold	81,800 00
Amounts Reserved out of Profits for Depreciation and Renewals, Insurance and Contingencies	17,113,519 72
Net Profits May 31 1899 to December 31 1919	71,978,380 78
	\$138,710,800 50
<i>Expended—</i>	
Dividends on Preferred Stock	\$32,793,936 87
Dividends on Common Stock	5,303,472 00
Collateral Notes Canceled	7,000,000 00
Bonds Retired	16,928,000 00
Haselton Notes Paid	1,475,000 00
Bond Sinking Fund	96,900 00
Investments, Securities, &c.	1,155,524 01
Prepaid Mining Expense, &c.	1,671,664 63
New Construction	41,801,011 11
Property and Plants	6,874,687 32
	115,100,195 94
Net Current Assets per Balance Sheet	\$23,610,604 56
<i>Consisting of:</i>	
Inventory	\$15,943,239 31
Ore Contract Payments	1,182,731 08
Accounts and Bills Receivable	5,723,761 20
U. S. Government Certificates and Bonds	8,023,149 80
Cash	1,223,748 00
	\$32,096,629 39
<i>Less Current Liabilities</i>	8,486,024 83
Net Current Assets	\$23,610,604 56

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET WORKING ASSETS.

	Dec. 31 1919.	Dec. 31 1918.	Dec. 31 1917.
Current Assets			
Inventory	\$15,943,239 31	\$13,639,976 64	\$13,475,652 15
Ore Contract Payments	1,182,731 08	621,342 25	908,863 23
Accounts & Bills Receivable	5,723,761 20	7,295,129 84	6,980,005 13
U. S. Government Certificates and Bonds	8,023,149 80	13,766,465 40	14,358,265 40
Cash	1,223,748 00	4,072,684 55	4,367,793 91
	\$32,096,629 39	\$39,395,598 68	\$39,090,579 82
Less Current Liabilities	8,486,024 83	10,605,830 08	13,145,043 54
Net Current Assets	\$23,610,604 56	\$28,729,968 60	\$25,945,536 28

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME.

	Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1918.	Year Ending Dec. 31 1917.
Net earnings from Operations, after deducting charges for Maintenance and Repairs of Plants, amounting to	\$4,456,341 45	\$18,177,046 85	\$28,329,718 46
December 31 1919, \$4,707,709 50			
December 31 1918, 5,147,442 76			
December 31 1917, 3,559,157 62			
Interest and Dividends Received	575,496 24	729,767 82	439,302 93
Total Profits for the Year	5,031,837 69	18,906,814 67	28,769,021 39
Less—			
Provision for Depreciation and Renewal of Plants	1,381,220 21	4,183,319 07	1,999,760 26
Provision for Exhaustion of Minerals	460,905 30	512,619 78	274,072 31
Provision for Excess Profits Tax, &c., and other Contingencies	315,112 46	5,680,759 44	9,878,657 30
	2,157,237 97	10,376,698 29	12,152,489 87
Net Profits for the Year	2,874,599 72	8,530,116 38	16,616,531 52
Deduct—			
Interest on Bonds and Notes	733,403 03	738,182 44	759,334 67
Net profits applicable to Dividends	2,141,196 69	7,791,933 94	15,857,196 85
Add—			
Surplus December 31 1918	35,122,462 22		
Surplus December 31 1917		30,711,988 28	
Surplus December 31 1916			18,236,251 43
	37,263,658 91	38,503,922 22	34,093,448 28
Deduct—			
Dividends on Preferred Stock	1,750,000 00		
Dividends on Common Stock	1,632,687 00		
Dividends on Preferred Stock		1,750,000 00	
Dividends on Common Stock		1,631,460 00	
Dividends on Preferred Stock			1,750,000 00
Dividends on Common Stock			1,631,460 00
	3,382,687 00	3,381,460 00	3,381,460 00
Net Surplus Carried to Balance Sheet	33,880,971 91	35,122,462 22	30,711,988 28

INVENTORIES.

The inventory was taken in accordance with the Company's usual custom of cost for all products mined or manufactured by the Company. The purchased material was taken at cost or at the market price in case this was lower than cost.

	As of Dec. 31 1919.	As of Dec. 31 1918.	As of Dec. 31 1917.
Classification—			
Finished Product	\$2,959,000 06	\$2,587,570 49	\$1,771,153 76
Pig Iron	1,284,495 65	517,894 94	1,755,275 59
Puddle mill products	90,069 91	40,623 17	122,951 75
Billets, Blooms, Slabs, &c.	1,443,007 79	1,026,759 86	1,198,206 65
Ores	6,406,200 13	5,685,034 91	4,314,760 47
Scrap	662,920 18	586,628 07	1,127,902 95
Ferro-Manganese	118,984 23	298,339 01	652,862 39
Fuel	461,309 84	838,275 16	316,616 94
Rolls, Molds and Stools	227,074 59	291,987 44	318,332 04
Stores	1,790,427 01	1,536,816 24	1,426,670 71
Commissary Supplies	153,403 67	134,426 63	124,775 38
Miscellaneous	346,346 25	271,021 38	369,481 27
Total	\$15,943,239 31	\$13,525,386 30	\$13,475,652 15

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND DISPOSITION OF INCOME.

	Year ending Dec. 31 1919.	Year ending Dec. 31 1918.	Year ending Dec. 31 1917.
Gross Profits	\$5,031,837 69	\$18,906,814 67	\$28,769,021 39
Depreciation and Charges	2,890,641 00	11,114,880 73	12,911,824 54
Net Profits	2,141,196 69	7,791,933 94	15,857,196 85
Dividends	3,382,687 00	3,381,460 00	3,381,460 00
Amount carried to Surplus	* 1,241,490 31	4,410,473 94	12,475,736 85
Balance Surplus Account	33,880,971 91	35,122,462 22	30,711,988 28

GROSS VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

Year ending December 31 1919	\$45,872,344 55
Year ending December 31 1918	75,224,110 08
Year ending December 31 1917	78,326,461 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ANNUAL CHARGES TO COST OF PRODUCTION AND DEDUCTIONS FROM PROFITS FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, DEPRECIATION, AND OTHER PROVISIONAL FUNDS.

	Year ending Dec. 31 1919.	Year ending Dec. 31 1918.	Year ending Dec. 31 1917.
Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,707,709 50	\$5,147,442 76	\$3,559,157 62
Charges for Depreciation and Renewal of Plants	1,381,220 21	4,183,319 07	1,999,760 26
Total	\$6,088,929 71	\$9,330,761 83	\$5,558,917 88
Provision for Exhaustion of Minerals	460,905 30	512,619 78	274,072 31

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY ADDITIONS.

Additions to the Property Account during the year aggregated \$4,306,951 41. The total New Construction to date, December 31 1919, is:

Blast Furnaces	\$11,436,357 80
Steel Plants, Rolling Mills and Factories	18,931,540 28
Ore Mines, Coal Mines, Coke Ovens and Quarries	10,984,294 97
Miscellaneous	448,788 06
Total	\$41,801,011 11

SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

	Year ending Dec. 31 1919.	Year ending Dec. 31 1918.	Year ending Dec. 31 1917.
New Construction	\$2,746,888 60	\$5,273,190 65	\$3,582,109 46
Property Additions	1,560,062 81	61,256 93	3,784,373 46
Property Sold			1,977 40
Property Written Off		750 00	71,041 35
Unexpended Balance of Provision for Depreciation and Renewals for Year	987,675 23	1,612,334 28	1,509,328 37
Net Balance of Property Account	79,918,410 06	70,596,444 37	74,869,398 45

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

The uncertain and disturbed condition of business during the first four months of 1919, seriously affected employment during that period, labor being reduced to a half-time basis,

while radical reductions also occurred in the selling prices of iron and steel and profits, yet inasmuch as the cost of living was unchanged, wage rates were maintained in the hope of future business improvement. This expectation was realized during May and June, 1919, by increased business activity, followed by increased employment; in fact, operations became normal during the third quarter of this year, as a result of which unemployment disappeared and a labor shortage developed. This situation was taken advantage of by agitators and radical labor leaders to emphasize the spirit of general unrest and discontent. This agitation culminated in an effort by the American Federation of Labor to unionize the steel-workers. As a result, a general strike was declared on Sept. 22 1919, followed by a complete shut-down of all of our plants in the Youngstown, Ohio, district, although many of our employees were reluctant to quit work, in fact, our men never made any direct demands upon us, although indirect demands were made for them, through the public press, by the labor organization claiming recognition. After several weeks of idleness, the management of the company decided to resume operations and notified its employees that work would be resumed under Open Shop conditions; that the policy and practice of the Company would be to meet its employees, either individually or by committees, to discuss any matters affecting working conditions, wages, &c., in accordance with our previous practice.

Operations were resumed in part on Oct. 11 1919, under strike conditions, subject to continued picketing and threats of violence against all employees reporting for work, but notwithstanding these difficulties, gradual resumption of work followed, with normal operations in sight during November, when operations were again badly crippled by the coal strike, which closed down about 50% of our coal mines, while the balance of our coal production was partly commandeered by the Government for public use, and as a result of these conditions, our fourth quarter's employment on the average, was reduced to one-third time.

On account of restricted operations, due to lack of demand during the first four months of the year, and to shut-downs caused by the strike beginning Sept. 22 1919, labor statistics are not fairly comparable with preceding years. It is interesting, however, to note that the present wage rates, as compared with pre-war rates, are up about 135%, whereas the cost of living is estimated not to exceed 82% above pre-war costs, but at operating points, where the Company exercises control over rents and stores, the increase in living costs was substantially below 82%.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED.

	Year ending Dec. 31 '19.	Year ending Dec. 31 '18.	Year ending Dec. 31 '17.
North—			
Ore mines	582	751	678
Coal Mines and Ovens	1,619	1,989	1,418
Furnaces	882	1,474	1,421
Works	6,093	7,681	7,765
Total North	9,176	11,895	11,282
South—			
Ore Mines	860	780	1,052
Coal Mines and Ovens	1,178	1,353	1,472
Furnaces	518	587	657
Commissaries	52	53	47
Total South	2,608	2,773	3,228
Grand Total	11,784	14,668	14,510

TOTAL EXPENDED FOR LABOR.

Year Ending—	Amount.	Average per Man.
December 31 1919	\$21,466,605 56	\$1,822
December 31 1918	23,747,260 97	1,619
December 31 1917	17,574,480 56	1,211
December 31 1916	12,778,836 21	979

UNFILLED ORDERS.

The balance of unfilled orders on hand Dec. 31 1919 shows a substantial increase as against the previous year, while the current demand for iron and steel is in excess of supply at rising prices. Another factor of a stimulating character is, that of rising costs, which, unless placed under control, will inevitably result in further advances. The conditions noted have suggested a conservative policy of sales, otherwise our unfilled order balances would have been considerably in excess of those reported herein.

It is gratifying to state that arrangements entered into for the extension of our export trade, referred to in our last Annual Report, met with satisfactory results and promise continued growth. Our export business, however, suffered similarly to domestic business, on account of the general embarrassment to both production and shipments. The outlook for future business, both domestic and foreign, is encouraging, and full operations for an indefinite period are promised.

Comparative statement of order balances is submitted herewith:

FINISHED AND SEMI-FINISHED.

December 31 1919	389,524 tons.
December 31 1918	143,383 "
December 31 1917	318,324 "

PIG IRON.

December 31 1919	96,855 tons.
December 31 1918	63,132 "
December 31 1917	100,619 "

For the loyal and efficient service rendered by the officers and employees of the Company who co-operated with them for the protection of property and the rights of free labor, the Board of Directors desires to express its earnest appreciation.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN A. TOPPING, *Chairman.*

THE SHAWINIGAN WATER AND POWER COMPANY

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st 1919.

SUBMITTED TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 17th 1920.

FINANCIAL.

Your Directors have pleasure in submitting for your consideration their Annual Report, showing the gross earnings for the year \$3,727,045.15, against \$3,621,074.37 for the previous year, and net revenue of \$1,473,743.03, as against \$1,410,093.98.

The expenses of operation have continued on a high level, the cost of material and labor not having decreased during the year, the management has however, made a strong effort to increase the efficiency of the Company's operation and by various methods endeavored to counterbalance the increasing operation costs.

After making the necessary appropriations for Sinking Fund, Reserve Fund, Fire Insurance Reserve and Employees' Pension Fund, there was carried forward a balance of \$30,550.39.

On December 15th the Company's issue of 6% Notes matured, but inasmuch as the larger part of these had been converted into shares, there remained but a small part of the issue to retire in cash. As a result of this conversion, the amount paid out for dividends during the year shows a substantial increase.

Early in the year your Directors set forth to the shareholders, in a carefully prepared statement, the facts concerning the various securities which the Company had outstanding, showing their inadequacy for the future needs of the Company and outlining a plan whereby a new issue of bonds might be created and the existing securities retired. The assent of the shareholders to this plan was duly given at a meeting held on October 8th. Pursuant to this authority your Directors arranged with the holders of the Company's 4½% Debenture Stock to exchange their Stock for Bonds of the newly authorized issue and this arrangement has been completed.

It is hardly necessary to comment on the strong position of your Company in view of the fact that it has retired both of its note issues previously made, as well as the entire issue of Debenture Stock. There remains outstanding only the amount of the newly authorized Bond issue and somewhat less than \$4,000,000 of the original issue of First Mortgage Bonds. Your Company is thereby well equipped for any financial operation which may be required in the future.

It will be of interest to the shareholders to note that during the year, with a view of stimulating the interest of its employees, an arrangement was made whereby they could invest their savings in shares of the Company. The proposal was favorably received and has resulted in a substantial number of shares being placed with the Company's employees.

Your Company now has 2,872 shareholders in Canada, United States, Great Britain and other countries.

CONSTRUCTION.

Comparatively little construction work has been carried on during the year as, owing to the high cost of material and uncertain conditions prevailing, it has been deemed wise to curtail expenditure for extensions so far as has been consistent with efficient operation. However, notwithstanding this, some important work has been carried out, including the improvement of the cable crossing at Three Rivers by the addition of one circuit; a new transmission line constructed from Joliette to Sorel; the improvement of the plants of the Canada Carbide Company Limited, and some of the other manufacturing industries controlled by your Company at Shawinigan Falls.

DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

The Electric Distribution Companies operated by your Company have all made gains during the year, and, as the result of careful operation, these Companies show a substantial increase in earning power. It is reasonable to expect that all of these Companies will show further increases in the year 1920.

CANADA CARBIDE COMPANY LIMITED.

The output of the Canada Carbide Company Limited was seriously affected by the termination of the war, and during the early part of 1919 was materially reduced. Strenuous efforts have been made in the endeavor to get back its pre-war markets and to extend the sale of carbide into new territory. During the past several months these efforts have resulted in an increasing business and we expect shortly to have this output on a basis substantially greater than previous to the war.

CANADIAN ELECTRODE COMPANY LIMITED.

The Canadian Electrode Company Limited, which was organized to supply the electric furnace requirements at Shawinigan Falls, has operated successfully during the year, both in respect to quality and quantity, and has met all demands at Shawinigan Falls.

CANADIAN ELECTRO PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED.

The Canadian Electro Products Company Limited ceased operations about the first of January 1919. Up to that time its only customer was the Imperial Munitions Board, the whole plant and process being for war purposes. Early in 1919 advantage was taken of industrial conditions to establish sales organizations for the purpose of creating a market for its products, and gradually a business has been built up which we consider in the near future will result in our operating this Company at its full capacity. The use of acetic acid and other chemicals produced by the plant has largely increased as the result of the war and it is confidently expected that this plant will continue as a permanent addition to the industries at Shawinigan Falls.

OTHER PLANTS.

Some of the plants at Shawinigan Falls not controlled by your Company were also affected by the cessation of the war and the industrial conditions of 1919. Notwithstanding this they have operated almost continually throughout the year and with the increase of business which has occurred within the last two or three months, these plants are now all running at full capacity.

POWER CONTRACTS.

During the year 1919 additional power contracts were made to the extent of 25,000 H.P. The most important new contract was that made with the St. Maurice Lumber Company, a subsidiary of the International Paper Company. This contract will benefit the Shawinigan Company not only by the increased load on its plant, but by reason of the effect it will have on the general prosperity of the City of Three Rivers, by employment of labor and increase in the industrial activities.

WATER CONDITIONS.

The water conditions during 1919 were good, the river maintaining an ample flow during the year. The result of the storage of water at La Loutre Dam has fully met the expectations of the Company's engineers.

The general benefit to the communities affected by the development of water powers is being more and more appreciated and it would be difficult to overestimate the value of this element in the development of the Province of Quebec.

GRES FALLS PROPERTY.

In connection with the Gres Falls property of your Company careful surveys have been completed; studies of the water conditions made and rock borings are now in progress to determine the location of the rock on which the dam and power plant will ultimately be located; to the end that at such time as this development may be required to meet the purposes of your Company, we shall be fully equipped to proceed with the work.

POWER SITUATION.

We may summarize the power situation in which the Company is interested, as follows:—333,700 horse power of electrical and hydraulic development now installed at Shawinigan Falls and at the Laurentide Power Company Limited. There may be added in the future 100,000 horse power at Shawinigan Falls, 60,000 horse power at Laurentide Power Company Limited and 150,000 horse power at Gres Falls, thus making a total of 643,700 horse power.

GENERAL.

It is proper to call the attention of the shareholders to the extraordinary conditions which, as the result of the war, prevailed during the year 1919. While these conditions were somewhat more or less anticipated, the termination of the war, nevertheless, came upon the industrial organizations of the country unexpectedly. The problem of demobilizing and the consequent return of millions of men to this continent necessarily affected the industrial situation and it has taken practically the whole of 1919 to stabilize these conditions.

Uncertainties regarding the financial conditions abroad and particularly in the enemy countries have all contributed to the difficulty of many industries resuming their normal activities. The unrest and uncertainty as regards the future of labor conditions has been a contributing factor. Notwithstanding all these deterring influences, the manufacturing industries of this country and the United States are now operating at a high capacity.

In conclusion it may be said of your Company that considering its extensive development, the larger part of which was made under pre-war conditions, with economy in construction which would be impossible to-day, and having in mind that the energy developed by your plants has risen in value as the result of the increased cost of its production by

other than the Hydro-Electric means, we can look forward confidently to the future and feel that your Company is in an unassailable position in respect of its ability to carry out its purposes with all possible advantages.

Submitted on behalf of the Directors,

J. E. ALDRED, President.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION DECEMBER 31 1919.

ASSETS.

Table listing assets including Real Estate, Property and Power Development, Machinery, Transmission Lines, Securities of Subsidiary and Other Companies, Moveable Plant and Equipment, Prepaid Charges, Accounts and Bills Receivable, and Cash in Banks and on Hand.

LIABILITIES.

Table listing liabilities including Capital Stock, 5% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds, Less Bonds purchased and Bonds held by Trustee for Sinking Fund, 5 1/2% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund, Accounts and Bills Payable, Bond Interest and Dividend payable in January, Reserve and Sinking Funds, Contingent and Insurance Funds, Depreciation and Renewal Reserve, Employees' Pension Fund, Reserve for Taxes, and Surplus.

Audited and verified. SHARP, MILNE & CO., Chartered Accountants. Montreal, February 5th 1920.

Certified Correct. W. S. HART, Treasurer.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 1919.

Table showing profit and loss for 1919, including Gross Earnings for year from all sources, Operating expenses, Power Purchased, Maintenance and Repairs, Taxes and Insurance, General Expense, and Water Storage Rentals.

Table showing interest and other financial items, including Interest on Consolidated Mortgage Bonds, Interest on Debenture Stock, Interest on Two-Year 6% Convertible Notes, Interest on 5 1/2% Bonds, and Interest General.

Table showing net revenue and balance from 1918, including Total balance brought down and Distributed as follows.

Table showing dividends and reserves for 1919, including Dividends for Year, Reserves for Sinking Fund, Fire Insurance Reserve, Employees' Pension Fund, Reserve for Taxes, and Surplus.

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CURRENT NOTICES

The annual statement of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Haley Flako, President, and Frederick H. Ecker, Vice-President, published in last week's issue is a record of amazing growth and magnitude of the largest life insurance company in the world.

Newburger, Henderson & Loeb have issued a circular outlining the exceptional investment opportunities offered in Japanese Government Bonds. Not only are the price and security attractive, but special attention is directed to the additional opportunity offered by the decline in foreign exchange.

C. I. Hudson & Co. are issuing for free distribution a special letter on the "Features of the Pending Railroad Legislation Affecting the Value of Railroad Securities," which is of most importance to investors in railroad securities.

Blyth, Witter & Co. have published a comprehensive key to individual income tax returns for the year 1919. It includes photographic reproductions of actual returns and is very convenient and helpful to the taxpayers.

Rutter & Co., 14 Wall St., have prepared a Federal income tax chart (pocket size) showing at a glance the Federal taxes on incomes for 1919, based on \$2,000 personal exemption.

Minsch, Menell & Co., Inc., announce the opening of their new offices at 115 Broadway, New York, to deal in investment securities. They will also act as correspondents of Aldred & Co.

United Retail Stores Corporation, New York.—Status—Acquisitions and Interests in Companies Since Organization.—Alex H. Sands Jr., Secretary, under date of Feb. 10, says in substance:

United Cigar Stores Co.—The company is practically an outgrowth of the United Cigar Stores Co., which as a pioneer in the development of the chain store idea, has developed a splendid organization and progressive store management. As all chain store development rests primarily on suitable locations, it was realized that the large real estate department, with its organization pretty well covering the country, could, without much additional expense, secure stores for other lines of business besides cigars, and that the experience of the successful heads of the various departments of the company could be applied to any field of chain store management considered desirable.

Purpose of Organization.—The United Retail Stores Corp. was formed in June 1919 (V. 108, p. 2439, 2638; V. 109, p. 79, 585), and acquired about 90% of the Common stock of the United Cigar Stores Co. by offering to give two shares of its Class A stock in exchange for one share of Cigar Stores Common stock. At the same time the company sold 50,000 shares of its Class A stock for cash, thereby securing working capital.

The purpose is to arrange for the direction and guidance of all departments of retail merchandising, each line of business to be run as a separate corporation, having its own complete organization. Under this plan, there will be a chain of cigar stores, a chain of candy stores, a chain of grocery stores, a chain of department stores, &c., each working as a separate unit under its own corporate name, but controlled by the U. R. S. Corp. The financial plan of the company in a general sense is to furnish capital for each enterprise, selling about half of the stock of each corporation to the members of the organization of that corporation and to the public.

Progress Since Organization.—Since the formation of the company the following has been accomplished: (a) During 1919 the United Cigar Stores Co. added 86 stores to its chain and reached total sales for the year of \$62,000,000, an increase of \$10,000,000 over 1918. This company has 142 new stores already secured, to be opened in 1920, and, of course, many more new stores will be leased during the year. The management expects over \$70,000,000 business this year.

(b) R. S. Candy Stores.—The U. R. S. Candy Stores, Inc., has been formed (V. 109, p. 484), and has issued 1,100,000 shares of stock, 400,000 of which was bought by the U. R. Stores Co. and 700,000 shares sold to the latter's stockholders and the public (V. 109, p. 686). The Candy Company is headed by experienced candy men now engaged in opening candy stores. More than a dozen stores have been rented in N. Y. City and others out of town. The Candy company is establishing a modern factory in Brooklyn for the manufacture of "home made candies," and a large plant has been secured in Baltimore for the production of chocolates. Also the business of Furst & Kraemer of New Orleans (V. 109, p. 1280; V. 110, p. 174) has been acquired and the business of extending their chain of retail stores in the Southern States is being actively pushed.

(c) Gilmer Bros.—A large interest in the business of Gilmer Bros., operating nine department stores and a wholesale general merchandise business in the following cities is being acquired (V. 110, p. 568), viz.: Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington and Durham, N. C.; Danville, Lynchburg and Roanoke, Va. A new store has also been leased in Norfolk, Va., where Gilmer Bros. will open another department store, and the aforesaid real estate department is seeking additional locations in other cities.

The business of Gilmer Bros. amounts to about \$8,000,000 annually, and the management which built up the business will be continued. It is believed that this chain of general merchandise stores should be promptly extended into most of the medium-sized cities of the country, making it eventually one of the largest retail enterprises in the country. (Gilmer's Inc. was incorporated in Delaware on or about Feb. 17 with an authorized capital of \$60,000,000.)

(d) Montgomery Ward & Co.—A substantial interest has been acquired in the mail order business of Montgomery Ward & Co. of Chicago (V. 109, p. 1707, 1800, 1994). The transaction whereby this stock was acquired and \$30,000,000 new capital put into the company for the expansion of its business was handled by directors of the U. R. S. Co. entirely in the interest of the U. R. S. Co. and the Montgomery Ward Co., no individuals participating to the extent of a single dollar in the transaction. The Montgomery Ward Co. is doing, at the present time, a business of about \$100,000,000 annually, and between 150 and 200 millions is the mark set by the management to be reached within a year or two.

Other Investments.—Several million dollars has been invested in stocks of other companies, that, over a reasonable period of time, should result in good profits to the Retail Stores Co. Through various transactions a considerable profit in addition to dividends received from the Cigar Stores Co. has already been made. Summing up the situation, the U. R. S. Co. already has, besides these profits last referred to and the investments in stocks of other companies, control of or a substantial interest in retail merchandising corporations whose aggregate sales will reach over 225 millions annually.—V. 110, p. 568, 473.

U. R. S. Candy Stores, Inc.—Officers—Status.—George J. Wise, Miss L. I. Entwistle and Edward A. Wadsworth have been elected Vice-Presidents, who, together with Edward W. Wells, Pres. Irvin Furst, Vice-Pres., Alex. H. Sands, Jr., Sec. and George Watley, Treas., complete the organization.

See United Retail Stores Corp. above.—V. 110, p. 174. Western States Gas & Electric Co. of Calif.—Stock.—The company has applied to the Calif. RR. Commission for permission to issue \$603,000 Pref. stock, proceeds to reimburse the company's treasury for moneys paid into the sinking fund and for the purpose of obtaining funds to carry out construction plans for 1920.—V. 109, p. 1468.

Williamstown Water Co.—Bonds Approved.—The Mass. Department of P. Utilities has approved an issue of \$150,000 6% 20-year bonds to refund a like amount maturing May 1 1920.

Willys-Overland Co., Toledo, O.—To Increase Common Stock and Create \$25,000,000 New Junior Convertible Pf. Stk.—The stockholders will vote March 24 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$75,000,000 made up of \$50,000,000 Common (par \$25) and \$25,000,000 Pref. (par \$100) to \$125,000,000, to consist of \$75,000,000 Com., \$25,000,000 existing Pref. stock and \$25,000,000 new Junior Pref. stock, and the issuance and disposal of all or any part of the increased capital stock.

The stockholders will also act on making the Junior Pref. stock redeemable and convertible into Com. stock, and the method by and the price at which the stock shall be redeemable or convertible, and on reserving a portion of the authorized Com. stock to effect such conversion.

President John N. Willys says in substance: The purpose of the capital increase is to place the company in a position where it may be fully prepared to raise additional working capital whenever the directors deem such action necessary.

It was stated at the special meeting of Aug. 14 1919 that all of the company's working capital was needed for the production and marketing of the two new models and for that reason it could not consider the financing of a third model. Time has proven the correctness of this conclusion. Concentrating upon two models, Model 4 and the Knight-Engined Model 20, the company enters the year 1920 with the largest volume of business on its books in its history—from contracts for delivery during the balance of 1920 totaling over 150,000 cars.

Current production is at the rate of 600 cars per day and it is now planned to increase production without additional plant investment to 800 cars per day, and it is believed that even with this enlarged production it will not be possible to supply the demand.

The strike at Toledo, which continued from April practically throughout 1919, has been officially and unconditionally declared off, and there are now at the Toledo plant more than 14,000 employees. During the strike, company maintained its sources of supplies of raw material, continuing receive shipments, so that at this time it has an inventory of about \$40,000,000 in raw materials and parts.

Earnings in the first quarter, based on the present schedule of shipments, can be conservatively estimated at \$3,500,000, which should produce an annual profit estimated at \$16,000,000—a showing which warrants that 1920 will prove by 100% the best earning period in the company's history.—V. 110, p. 772.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Feb. 27 1920.

American trade is slowing down. The tendency of merchants in most sections of the United States is to pick their way cautiously. They are ordering less merchandise both for immediate and future delivery. The word of order is conservatism. It is spreading to all parts of the country. Many are buying only enough to supply immediate needs. There is a growing feeling that prices may have reached their peak or are close enough to it to make discretion highly desirable. The possibility of credits being contracted directly or indirectly through the raising of rediscount rates especially in view of recent unfavorable bank statements, undoubtedly has a more or less sobering effect in big centres of business. So has the feeling that seems to be spreading that deflation of war inflated prices has already begun. Exports have fallen off. Western meat packing concerns are laying off some thousands of men because of the contraction in the export demand. Imports of textiles and food are increasing. Englishmen are having it instilled into them, it appears, that the more American goods they buy at retail or otherwise the more it tends to depreciate the pound sterling and injure British trade interests. Australian mutton is being tanshipped from England to America. The competition of European with American goods in American markets, though as yet not really very formidable, tends to increase and become a more or less serious factor in American markets. In the end by helping to readjust the foreign exchanges it will have a beneficial effect but in the meantime it can easily disturb and depress American prices.

Apart from this a scarcity of cars and the severe weather in one of the hardest winters witnessed in the United States in many years hamper business. Train service has been interrupted in New England by snows and elsewhere by persistent cold, frozen switches, &c. It delays deliveries. Roads in some parts are in bad condition, clogged with snow. Production in the meantime is inadequate in some branches to meet current orders and catch up with old business. Some manufacturers, as steel and iron, are much wanted but production lags both through short hours and labor inefficiency. Inefficiency curiously enough is a factor in Europe, notably in France, as well as in the United States. The effects of the influenza epidemic accounts for this to some extent in this country, but the real trouble lies deeper. The war itself in one way or another is evidently at the root of the evil.

Retail trade, as well as wholesale trade, is less active. There is no doubt more or less irritation everywhere over the continued high cost of living. Food prices decline but slowly. Clothing is very dear, and the quality furnished for the most part poor, even at prices double or more what was formerly paid. Housing is scarce and rents are mounting. People are scrutinizing prices more and more carefully, if not angrily. Naturally enough all this tends to curtail business, especially as the hope is held out that prices are at or have passed their worst and that there will be relief later in the year.

The recent passing of the Railroad Bill has pleased the mercantile community and it is hoped that it will be promptly signed, regardless of the efforts of labor officials to have it vetoed. It looks as though the steel trade would be greatly benefited by the return of the roads to their owners. It is known that inquiries for large numbers of cars and locomotives are already in the market. Thousands of cars, in fact, are wanted. Taking the business of the country as a whole it is in no bad shape and there is no feeling of depression. The business community simply feels that it is a time to proceed more carefully and it is doing it; that is all.

A San Francisco commission merchant now in this City, is quoted as saying that millions of dollars worth of foodstuffs sold to Europe during the past three or four years is being returned and resold in American markets to take advantage of the rate of money exchange. Shipments are coming from England, France, Holland and Scandinavian countries. Business between the United States and Siberia has been stopped as a result of the capture of Vladivostok by Social Revolutionaries. Several steamships which left San Francisco for that destination early this year loaded mostly with textiles were diverted to Japan. London dispatches say that the Allies will decline to deal with Soviet Russia until they are satisfied that the Bolshevik horrors have come to an end. Later it was stated in London advices that Great Britain is ready to trade with the Russian co-operative societies as soon as they are ready to trade with the English. England and France are anxious to avoid a drain of gold to the Western Hemisphere.

Building unions are threatening a strike among trades workers unless the Employers' Association expels the Iron League Erectors' Association. There ought to be some means of putting a stop to this kind of thing as subversive of the interests of society in this time of dire need for housing. Great German chemical plants, which were forced to close recently because of a lack of fuel, have resumed operations on receiving American coal, which will be paid for in chemical products.

A new high price of £419 a ton for spot tin in London is followed by reports of negotiations by American interests for

control of the total output of the Nigerian tin fields. Tin is one of the few necessities that this country does not produce. America is compelled to import tin and London looks for attempts by this country to improve its position by control of some big fields.

A French boycott of American shipping is the first concrete result, it is said, of the recent report of Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, in which he opposed the idea of further American Government loans to France or any other European nation. This suggests the old saying that if you lend a friend money you lose one friend and sometimes the money also. Southern jobbers, as a rule, are buying, it seems, more carefully than for three weeks past, not counting on a continuance of the feverish demand witnessed a while ago. With a view of stabilizing the lumber market one large concern has reduced prices from 10 to 30% to be effective until at least June 1.

The Senate has adopted the Underwood resolution to create a commission to negotiate with Canada regarding modification of embargoes on wood pulp and print paper.

The Building Trades Council, composed of representatives of forty-one "key" unions in the building industry, has decided it is stated that all steel framework on new buildings which have been put up by non-union steel workers must be torn down before it will permit its carpenters, masons, plasterers and bricklayers to complete the structures. According to Robert P. Brindell, President of the council, there are about seventeen skeletons for big buildings in New York which are affected by the order. If the owners of these buildings want them completed, Brindell is quoted as saying, "they will have to tear down all the work put up by the non-union iron erectors."

That is an interesting report from London that large quantities of Australian mutton ordered for the army and now in England will be shipped to America for sale, one ship fully loaded now in port being diverted immediately to our shores. There are large quantities of American foodstuffs lying in European harbors, it is said, for which Europe is unable to pay American dollars. Some of this produce may also be sent back to the United States.

LARD lower; prime Western 20.40@20.50c.; refined to the Continent 25.25c.; South American 25.50c.; Brazil in kegs 26.50c. Futures fell owing to a drop in sterling exchange, dullness of cash trade, a decline in hogs and corn and general liquidation. Later there was a rally with some advance in hogs and corn. But it is a fact that packing houses are reducing their working forces. To-day covering of shorts caused some advance, and the ending is higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	cts. 20.80	Holl- 20.77	20.90	20.85	20.75	20.75
July delivery.....	21.30	day. 21.32	21.50	21.55	21.27	

PORK quiet and slightly lower; mess \$40@\$42; nominal, family, \$52@\$53. May pork closed at 34.50c., a decline for the week of 10c. Beef steady; mess \$16@\$18; packet \$17@\$19; extra India mess \$40@\$42. Cut meats unchanged; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs. 25½@26½c.; picnic 4 to 10 lbs. 15½@17½c.; pickled bellies 26@28c. Butter, creamery 65½@66c. Cheese, flats 15@31c. Eggs, 60@62c.

COFFEE steady but quiet; No. 7 Rio, 14½@15c.; No. 4 Santos, 24@24½c.; fair to good Ccuta, 23@23½c. Futures declined early despite higher Brazilian cables. They were offset by a decline in sterling exchange and general selling by commission houses. The trade and Wall Street bought to some extent. To-day prices declined and they end lower for the week.

March.....13.97@14.00|July.....14.67@14.68|December.....14.46@14.47
 May.....14.43@14.44|September.....14.51@14.52|January.....14.41@14.42

SUGAR has been quiet and slightly lower, becoming steadier later. Cuba, 96 degrees test, 10.16½c., duty paid; Porto Rican, 9.50@10c.; refined, granulated, 15c. The Cuban crop is estimated at about 4,500,000 tons, compared with 4,000,000 tons last year, but the world's visible supply of sugar is put at only about 15,826,000 tons, compared with 16,919,000 tons a year ago, and the high record production of 20,655,000 tons in 1914. This decrease is accounted for by some through the loss in beet sugar production in Europe. The total domestic consumption of sugar last year was about 4,100,000 tons, against 3,400,000 tons for the previous year. Sales of 135,000 bags Porto Rico in port and afloat at 9.50c. c.i.f. and 40,000 bags Cuba in port and afloat at 9½c., cost and freight, the former to refiners and the latter to operators. Later sales were made to Canadian refiners of 29,000 bags Cubas for clearance Saturday at 9½c. cost and freight and of 10,000 bags to operators for late February and March clearance at 9½c. c.i.f. Willett & Gray stated the Cuban receipts at the ports for the week at 152,070 tons, against 144,206 tons last week; exports 80,058 tons, against 132,291 tons a week ago; stock 353,921 tons, against 280,909 last week; centrals grinding 185; exports, included 67,752 tons to the United States Atlantic ports. The weather was favorable. To-day's closing prices were as follows:

May.....10.15@10.25|July.....10.02@10.10|Sept.....9.95@10.05

OIL.—Linseed is still inactive at unchanged prices; car lots, \$1 77 Feb.-March, \$1 72 for April, \$1 62 for May and \$1 52 for June-Sept. Lard, strained winter, lower, at \$1 70; extra, \$1 60. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 18½c.; Cochin, 20@20½c. Olive, steady at \$3 10; corn, car lots, 23.56c. Cod, domestic, \$1 12; Newfoundland, \$1 16@\$1 18. Cottonseed, crude, immediate, 17.50c.@18c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 98. Common to good strained rosin, \$17 10.

PETROLEUM in good demand and steady; refined in bbls., 23.50@24.50c.; bulk, 15@16c.; cases, 27@28c. Gasoline, motor, in steel bbls., 26 1/2c.; consumers, in steel bbls., 28 1/2c.; gas machine, steel, 45 1/2c. The Oil Land Leasing Bill has been signed by President Wilson.

RUBBER was quiet for a time and depressed despite the fact that London was steady and unchanged. Smoked ribbed sheets here 46 1/2c. early; first latex crepe 46 1/2c.; Para up river fine 42 1/2c.; Central, Corinto 32c.;

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been quiet but rates are reported steady, although tonnage is plentiful. Exports are light. The foreign trade in that respect has slowed down noticeably.

TOBACCO has been rather quiet pending further developments. Business was recently badly hampered by the almost impassable conditions of the streets. In any case something of a lull after recent great activity was to be expected.

COPPER in pretty good demand and steady; electrolytic 19@19 1/4c. Tin steady at 61 1/4c. Lead in fair demand and higher at 9@9 1/4c. spot New York.

STEEL is in steady demand and of course very firm. Consumers want it for prompt delivery. There is little offering for distant delivery and apparently not much wanted.

COTTON

Friday Night, Feb. 27 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 176,942 bales, against 189,730 bales last week and 142,755 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 5,334,297 bales, against 3,737,989 bales for the same period of 1918-19 showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1919 of 1,596,308 bales.

Table with 8 columns: City, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Lists cotton receipts for various ports like Galveston, Texas City, etc.

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 Feb. 27, 1919-20, 1918-19, Stock 1920, 1919. Compares current week's performance with previous years.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with 7 columns: Receipts at, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915. Shows historical cotton receipts at major ports.

Since Aug. 1, 5,334,297 3,737,989 4,511,864 5,536,057 5,402,039 8,093,162

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 150,244 bales, of which 92,201 were to Great Britain, 22,086 to France and 35,957 to other destinations.

Table with 4 columns: Week ending Feb. 27 1920, From Aug. 1 1919 to Feb. 27 1920. Breaks down exports by destination: Great Britain, France, Other, Total.

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.

Table with 7 columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other, Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock. Shows cotton on ships and pending exports.

* For Japan. a Including 1,500 bales for Japan. b Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has much of the time been quiet but it was more active to-day. March has monopolized the attention at times. It has risen to a premium of 278 points over May. The certificated stock here is now less than 5,000 bales. This has made shorts nervous. Southwestern spot houses, it is understood, have been firm believers in the value of the March option for some time past. On the rise they are supposed to have been selling. The Liverpool market has been in the main firm though latterly it has wavered on futures and spot prices have fallen sharply. Liverpool, however, has been in the main a buyer here. The Continent has also bought here to some extent. In Liverpool, Manchester and Continental buying has been a feature. Trade "calling" has attracted attention there. Manchester is doing a big business. It is said to be crowded with buyers from all over the world. And it is reported that at the South the spot demand for the better grades has increased. Unsold stocks at Galveston and Houston are reported to be the smallest for some years past. In New York it is claimed that sales have been made of spot cotton at 300 points "on" March.

Meanwhile the big discounts here as compared with spot prices at the South even on the near months to say nothing of the distant months have also tended to make the short interest nervous. Very few March notices have been issued. In fact to all appearance not more than 100 bales. It has also been bruted about that owners of March contracts want the cotton and will expect delivery. Whether there is any truth in this remains to be seen. But the statement seems to have received pretty general credence. The passage of the Railroad Bill had more or less favorable effect. So did reports that Russia is offering peace to the Allies. It is said, too, that England and France are disposed to renew trade relations with Russia. This it is assumed would have a more or less beneficial effect on the American cotton trade. Meanwhile the weather at the South has been cold and field work is said to be backward in many sections.

Some reports scout the possibility of an increase in the acreage. There are many reports of a shortage of labor and of the high cost of production, partly owing to big wages demanded.

And at times foreign exchange has been firmer. Ghent, Belgium advices state that several of the largest cotton mills there have started to work day and night. Much stress is still laid on the scarcity of cotton goods the world over. Some Manchester advices take the ground that there is no likelihood of a letup in the demand or a decline in prices this year. Others here think that as long as the spot prices at the South are maintained it is idle to expect any material decline here, especially as the certificated stock is so small as to make short selling seem extra-hazardous. Moreover it appears that there is no cotton headed from the South for New York for tender on March contracts.

On the other hand the later deliveries like July and beyond show a tendency to cut loose from March and May. Today they ended lower, where March and May closed unchanged. There has been considerable selling of July and October. Reports from the South in some cases say that there will be an increase in the acreage whatever may be said to the contrary. They add that more fertilizers will be used than for some years past and of high grade. Germany will send more or less potash. Sales of mules are very large. And it is also maintained by some that labor will not be so scarce as has been asserted. With the demobilization of the army they believe that the supply of labor will be larger than it has been for some years past. They think there is no avoiding that conclusion. And to-day came a report that the Alexandria, Egypt, cotton exchange has been closed owing to the collapse of a big bull campaign. It appears that the decline in Egyptian cotton recently has been 15 to 17 cents. This report was also accompanied by reports of political riots there. Prices, however, have certainly broken very badly there within a week. And the exchange might have been closed as a prudential measure. Another thing that attracted attention here to-day was the fact that a resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives by a member from Connecticut to investigate the alleged profitteering by cotton and woolen mills during the last five years. This of itself caused not a little selling. And a statement by Bernard Baruch in Washington was taken as meaning that he was looking for a decline in commodities generally.

As for the spot markets at the South it seems to be generally believed that the lower grades are not wanted. They appear to be dull and more or less nominal in price. Some reports, too, say that there is practically a deadlock in some of the spot markets in Texas. It is not denied that holders are maintaining prices. But on the other hand it appears to be quite as certain that buyers are holding aloof. General trade at the South seems to be less active than it was recently. In fact trade in this country is said to be slowing down in not a few directions. Money has been 10 to 12%. Though foreign exchange has rallied somewhat the rates are still, of course, abnormally low. Print cloths here and at Fall River have been quiet. It is asserted in some quarters that there has been a decline in some goods within the last six weeks of 16 to 19 cents per pound. To-day prices were at one time higher partly under the influence of the March squeeze. Also Liverpool, the Continent and Wall Street bought. Some reports were in circulation of a better spot

demand in parts of the South. But later came a decline. Spot sales at Liverpool were only 4,000 bales. The stock there increased during the week. As already intimated March ended unchanged, recovering from some early reaction. But New Orleans and the South generally were selling October. The belief of many is that deflation is bound to bring about a decline sooner or later in all commodities, and that cotton will prove no exception. March ended at a rise for the week of 115 points. But July showed scarcely any change and later months in some cases ended at a small net decline. At the close the market was regarded as more of a two-sided affair for everything except March. Middling uplands closed on the spot at 39.65, an advance for the week of 65 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:
Feb. 21 to Feb. 27— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
Middling uplands— Hol. Hol. 39.35 40.10 39.55 39.65

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 27 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1920 c.....	39.65	1912 c.....	10.45	1904 c.....	15.10	1896 c.....	7.81
1919.....	26.90	1911.....	14.25	1903.....	10.25	1895.....	5.56
1918.....	32.45	1910.....	14.65	1902.....	8.75	1894.....	7.62
1917.....	17.05	1909.....	9.65	1901.....	9.31	1893.....	9.19
1916.....	11.20	1908.....	11.45	1900.....	9.19	1892.....	7.06
1915.....	8.35	1907.....	11.15	1899.....	6.56	1891.....	6.00
1914.....	13.05	1906.....	10.85	1898.....	6.31	1890.....	11.31
1913.....	12.60	1905.....	7.60	1897.....	7.44	1889.....	10.12

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'l.	Total.
Saturday.....		HOLIDAY			
Monday.....		HOLIDAY			
Tuesday.....	Quiet, 35 pts. adv.	Steady.....	2,059	-----	2,059
Wednesday.....	Steady, 75 pts. adv.	Steady.....	-----	-----	-----
Thursday.....	Quiet, 25 pts. dec.	Steady.....	-----	-----	-----
Friday.....	Quiet, 20 pts. dec.	Steady.....	-----	-----	-----
Total.....			2,059	100	2,159

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Feb. 27—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales, 1,110,000	502,000	466,000	821,000
Stock at London.....	10,000	15,000	19,000	26,000
Stock at Manchester.....	154,000	93,000	60,000	83,000
Total Great Britain.....	1,274,000	610,000	545,000	930,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	-----	-----	-----	1,000
Stock at Bremen.....	-----	-----	-----	1,000
Stock at Havre.....	300,000	156,000	107,000	317,000
Stock at Marseilles.....	-----	4,000	2,000	7,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	81,000	70,000	34,000	94,000
Stock at Genoa.....	215,000	48,000	15,000	71,000
Stock at Trieste.....	-----	-----	-----	1,000
Total Continental stocks.....	596,000	278,000	158,000	492,000
Total European stocks.....	1,870,000	880,000	703,000	1,422,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	57,000	23,000	35,000	88,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe.....	587,033	290,641	132,000	248,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Eur'e.....	58,000	48,000	77,000	152,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	166,000	397,000	353,000	145,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	950,000	*871,000	*575,000	731,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,444,051	1,396,841	1,498,506	1,288,333
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,276,887	1,513,617	1,295,928	1,141,728
U. S. exports to-day.....	9,455	3,929	-----	13,968
Total visible supply.....	6,418,426	5,432,028	4,669,434	5,230,029

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Liverpool stock.....	bales, 883,000	313,000	297,000	692,000
Manchester stock.....	127,000	63,000	26,000	64,000
Continental stock.....	513,000	*247,000	*133,000	*411,000
American afloat for Europe.....	587,033	290,641	132,000	248,000
U. S. port stocks.....	1,444,051	1,396,841	1,498,506	1,288,333
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,276,887	1,513,617	1,295,928	1,141,728
U. S. exports to-day.....	9,455	3,929	-----	13,968
Total American.....	4,840,426	3,828,028	3,382,434	3,889,029
East India, Brazil, &c.—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Liverpool stock.....	227,000	189,000	169,000	129,000
London stock.....	10,000	15,000	19,000	26,000
Manchester stock.....	27,000	30,000	34,000	19,000
Continental stock.....	83,000	*31,000	*25,000	*51,000
India afloat for Europe.....	57,000	23,000	35,000	88,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	58,000	48,000	77,000	152,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	166,000	397,000	353,000	145,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	950,000	*871,000	575,000	731,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,578,000	1,604,000	1,287,000	1,341,000
Total American.....	4,840,426	3,828,028	3,382,434	3,889,029
Total visible supply.....	6,418,426	5,432,028	4,669,434	5,230,029
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	30,02d.	17,18d.	23,81d.	11,48d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	39.65d.	26.00c.	32.70c.	17.45c.
Egypt, good sakel, Liverpool.....	93.50d.	30.58d.	31.38d.	26.75d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	49.00d.	33.00d.	39.00d.	18.50d.
Braoch, fine, Liverpool.....	24.6c.	16.41d.	22.15d.	11.05d.
Timnevely, good, Liverpool.....	24.85d.	16.66d.	22.40d.	11.23d.

* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 50,000 bales. The above figures for 1920 show an increase over last week of 3,800 bales, a gain of 986,398 bales over 1919, an excess of 1,748,992 bales over 1918 and a gain of 1,188,397 bales over 1917.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Feb. 21.	Monday, Feb. 23.	Tuesday, Feb. 24.	Wed. day, Feb. 25.	Thurs. day, Feb. 26.	Friday, Feb. 27.	Week.
March							
Range			36.35-84	36.85-63	37.35-89	37.35-95	36.35-95
Closing			36.78-84	37.57-60	37.67-68	37.67-70	
April							
Range			34.80	35.50	35.45	35.50	
Closing							
May							
Range			33.97-40	34.25-11	34.81-32	34.55-75	33.97-32
Closing			34.30-35	34.96-98	34.90-95	34.89-95	
June							
Range			32.50	33.00	33.10	32.70	
Closing							
July							
Range		HOLI- DAY	31.73-30	31.98-74	32.40-90	31.93-67	31.73-96
Closing		HOLI- DAY	32.00	32.61	32.52	32.20-24	
August							
Range				31.80	32.00	31.65	31.65-00
Closing				31.25	31.70	31.50	31.27
September							
Range					31.00-10	30.95-99	30.00-10
Closing					30.50	31.60	30.57-63
October							
Range				29.83-18	29.90-53	30.17-78	29.60-40
Closing				29.83-87	30.50	30.31-35	29.87-88
November							
Range					29.45	30.10	29.94
Closing							29.50
December							
Range				29.42-65	29.43-00	29.73-20	29.26-73
Closing				29.30-40	29.05-98	29.81	29.32-35
January							
Range				29.20-40	29.23-60	29.55-90	29.35-40
Closing				29.08	29.65	29.51-55	29.00

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AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Feb. 27 1920.			Movement to Feb. 28 1919.			
	Week.	Season.	Stocks Feb. 27.	Week.	Season.	Stocks Feb. 28.	
Ala., Bufala	27	5,240	40	2,547	17	4,255	2,915
Montgomery	279	65,131	1,042	15,426	227	58,316	478
Selma	187	36,219	154	3,302	177	54,297	303
Ack., Helena	307	29,073	793	7,509	472	35,709	192
Little Rock	2,296	169,879	3,650	48,734	2,207	130,259	1,105
Pine Bluff	500	78,839	1,000	32,509	2,400	105,319	1,407
Mo., Albany	1	9,399	4	2,968	6	9,967	4,441
Atlanta	1,790	133,783	2,370	37,743	1,242	103,546	1,040
Augusta	3,560	210,740	4,153	42,454	1,897	148,390	2,340
Columbus	3,028	447,986	11,777	162,011	4,003	319,956	3,496
Macon	62	33,749	1,727	18,897	75	50,673	30,275
Rome	957	211,911	3,800	36,444	2,009	153,531	2,243
La., Shreveport	1,283	70,522	2,045	50,344	917	105,542	117
Mob., Columbia	166	16,627	388	2,828	60	17,542	70
Clarkdale	2,651	120,057	780	45,871	1,906	119,890	2,245
Greenwood	1,000	104,636	2,000	47,509	1,899	113,778	2,309
Meridian	197	32,724	432	8,878	216	33,493	571
Natchez	2	24,815	1,751	7,585	481	36,613	471
Vicksburg	151	17,059	259	10,441	471	28,630	482
Yaacoo City		32,497		8,899	892	34,843	591
Mo., St. Louis	16,702	545,758	16,232	10,330	13,483	401,647	13,364
N. C., Gr'nabory	800	39,097	1,300	9,052	500	26,726	790
Raleigh	50	9,286	50	285	28	5,277	190
O., Cincinnati	1,200	39,700	1,400	18,400	4,751	97,109	4,251
Okla., Ardmore							
Chickasha		11,635		10,397	1,234	38,953	1,020
Hugo	154	24,552	6	3,553	300	27,143	353
Oklahoma		37,395	6	6,247	599	34,040	600
S. C., Greenville	2,072	115,500	3,613	35,167	2,035	60,370	42
Greenwood		15,104		7,900		13,362	10,059
Tenn., Memphis	34,574	857,952	24,692	305,433	17,841	663,043	11,793
Nashville		1,436		1,010		1,268	1,552
Tex., Abilene		47,135		4,074		7,054	601
Brenham	62	6,072	307	1,996	39	16,138	30
Clarksville	294	37,570	490	6,792	469	36,239	457
Dallas	2,313	65,185	1,689	17,672	1,825	71,883	1,465
Honey Grove	431	39,381	319	5,674	299	22,237	225
Houston	43,576	1,012,466	34,311	255,626	19,806	1,397,556	25,767
Paris	1,595	100,625	1,089	15,037	2,500	90,929	2,233
San Antonio	350	40,084	393	1,390	790	36,447	800
Total, 41 towns	123,081	5,677,232	122,162	1,676,887	87,932	4,743,726	83,528

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 919 bales but are to-night 236,730 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 35,149 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:

Feb. 27 Shipped—	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	16,232	550,737	13,364	639,439
Via Mounds, &c.	3,628	335,261	6,396	327,752
Via Rock Island	1,442	15,315		19,290
Via Louisville	1,378	65,532	2,081	84,749
Via Cincinnati	700	21,963	2,574	56,202
Via Virginia points	1,946	131,520	368	93,626
Via other routes, &c.	22,624	270,926	29,984	424,931
Total gross overland	47,950	1,391,254	54,767	1,390,619
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	1,893	131,311	612	42,577
Between interior towns	995	55,993	1,996	39,097
Inland, &c., from South	3,624	170,084	3,076	152,820
Total to be deducted	6,512	363,388	5,684	234,494
Leaving total net overland*	41,438	1,027,866	49,083	1,156,125

* Including movement by rail to Canada, a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 41,438 bales, against 49,083 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 128,259 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	—1919-20—		—1918-19—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Feb. 27	176,942	5,334,297	92,631	8,737,989
Net overland to Feb. 27	41,438	1,027,866	49,083	1,156,125
Southern consumption to Feb. 27	71,000	2,101,000	60,000	2,213,000
Total marketed	289,380	8,463,163	301,614	7,107,114
Interior stocks in excess	991	474,840	4,404	817,001
Came into sight during week	290,299		206,018	
Total in sight Feb. 27		8,938,003		7,924,115

Nor. spinners' takings to Feb. 27 96,921 1,998,641 26,060 1,394,716 a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years: Week— Bales. Since Aug. 1— 1918—Mar. 1 221,261 1917-18—Mar. 1 9,051,318 1917—Mar. 2 151,265 1916-17—Mar. 2 10,148,108 1916—Mar. 4 182,012 1915-16—Mar. 4 9,289,620

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Feb. 27.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Feb. 21.	Monday, Feb. 23.	Tuesday, Feb. 24.	Wed. day, Feb. 25.	Thurs. day, Feb. 26.	Friday, Feb. 27.
Galveston	41.25		41.25	41.50	41.50	41.25
New Orleans	39.75		39.75	40.00	40.25	40.25
Mobile	38.50		38.50	39.00	39.00	39.00
Savannah	39.25		39.25	39.25	39.25	39.50
Charleston	39.25		39.25	39.25	39.25	39.25
Wilmington	38.00		38.00	38.25	38.25	38.25
Norfolk	38.75	HOLI- DAY	38.50	38.75	38.75	38.75
Baltimore	39.50		39.50	39.50	40.00	40.00
Philadelphia	39.25		39.60	40.35	40.10	39.90
Augusta	38.50		38.50	39.00	39.50	39.50
Memphis	39.50		39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
Dallas			41.30	41.95	41.70	41.65
Houston			40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Little Rock			39.00	39.50	39.50	39.25

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Feb. 21.	Monday, Feb. 23.	Tuesday, Feb. 24.	Wed. day, Feb. 25.	Thurs. day, Feb. 26.	Friday, Feb. 27.
March			37.50-51	38.25-35	38.66-67	38.88-92
May			34.07-71	35.46-51	35.52-54	35.42-45
July			32.42-46	33.12-16	33.07-10	32.83-84
October	HOLI- DAY	HOLI- DAY	29.93-96	30.54-58	30.35	29.80-82
December			29.23	29.84-90	29.60	29.14-15
January			28.73-83	29.34-40	29.10	28.54-64
One—						
Spot			Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options			Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Telegraphic reports to us this evening from the South indicate that the weather during the week has been more favorable for farm work, little rain having fallen as a rule. Preparations for the crop, however, are backward in Texas, where a shortage of labor is noted.

Galveston, Tex.—Precipitation during the week was slight, weather conditions fairly favorable for farm work. Labor shortage continues and preparations for spring planting are still below normal. It has rained on one day during the week, to the extent of one hundredth of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 44 to 74, averaging 59.

Abilene, Tex.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 54, the highest being 80 and the lowest 28.

Brownsville, Tex.—We have had rain on one day during the past week, to the extent of two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer averaged 72, ranging from 56 to 88.

Dallas, Tex.—There has been no rain during the week. The thermometer has ranged from 34 to 78, averaging 56.

Palestine, Tex.—It has been dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 54, the highest being 74 and the lowest 34.

Shreveport, La.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged from 32 to 76.

New Orleans, La.—There has been rain on one day the past week to the extent of two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 61.

Mobile, Ala.—Farm work is backward, and makes slow progress. There has been rain on two days the past week to the extent of thirty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 33 to 73, averaging 58.

Selma, Ala.—There has been rain on four days of the week to the extent of fifty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 56, the highest being 70 and the lowest 20.

San Antonio, Tex.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 60, ranging from 38 to 82.

Savannah, Ga.—There has been rain four days during the week, to the extent of twenty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 54, ranging from 30 to 72.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on three days during the past week, to the extent of nineteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer averaged 48, ranging from 27 to 68.

Charlotte, N. C.—It has rained during the week, to the extent of one inch and fifty-one hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 23 to 63, averaging 43.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

COTTON CONSUMPTION AND OVERLAND MOVEMENT TO FEB. 1.—Below we present a synopsis of the crop movement for the month of January and the six months ended Jan. 31 for three years:

Table with 4 columns: 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Rows include Gross overland for January, Net overland for January, Port receipts for January, Exports in January, etc.

LINTERS RECEIPTS AT CHARLESTON.—Explaining the heavy receipts at Charleston on Saturday Feb. 14, we are informed that the Government has designated that port as a storing place for their stock of linters. Altogether 81,047 bales, the accumulation since last fall, was included in the Saturday total, and it is understood that in all there will be over 130,000 bales stored at Charleston. It is anticipated that future arrivals will be reported each week and not in lump amounts.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with 5 columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1919-20, 1918-19. Rows include Visible supply Feb. 20, American in sight to Feb. 27, Bombay receipts to Feb. 26, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,101,000 bales in 1919-20 and 2,213,000 bales in 1918-19. Takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners 7,691,595 bales in 1919-20 and 5,333,537 bales in 1918-19, of which 5,185,595 bales and 3,829,537 bales American.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Feb. 5 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table with 4 columns: 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Rows include February 5, Receipts at—, Bombay.

Table with 4 columns: For the Week, Since August 1. Rows include Exports from—, Bombay, Other India, Total all—.

* No data for 1917-18, figures for 1918-19 are since Jan. 1.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Feb. 4 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Table with 4 columns: 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Rows include Alexandria, Egypt, February 4, Receipts (cantars)—.

Table with 5 columns: Week, Since Aug. 1, Week, Since Aug. 1, Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include Export (bales)—, To Liverpool, To Manchester, &c., To Continent and India, To America, Total exports.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Feb. 4 were 143,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,713 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable from Manchester to-night states that the market is quieter. Yarns are wanted for export but delivery is diffi-

cult to arrange. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with 12 columns: 1920, 1919. Rows include Jan. 4, 5, 6, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 150,244 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from the mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Shipments, Total bales. Rows include NEW YORK, GALVESTON, TEXAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, SAVANNAH, WILMINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Great Britain, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Japan, Total. Rows include New York, Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Wilmington, San Francisco, Seattle.

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 with 4 columns: Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Christiania, Stockholm, Trieste, Fiume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona direct, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Vladivostok, Gotthenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Danzig.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with 4 columns: Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27. Rows include Sales of the week, Of which speculators took, Of which exporters took, Sales, American, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports for the week, Amount afloat, Of which American.

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 with 7 columns: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Market, 12:15 P. M., Mid. Up'ds, Sales, Futures, Market opened, Market, 4 P. M.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table with 7 columns: Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 27 1920.

Flour has been quiet and more or less depressed much of the time. Prices were reduced when wheat was falling. Later the tone became firmer. The decline in flour failed to stimulate the demand, although an effort is being made to have big credits granted to Poland and other countries, including Austria, Hungary, Bohemia and Armenia. A proposal has been made that 10,000,000 bags of flour be sold by the United States Grain Corporation. The proposition comes from the American Relief Administration. It is signed by prominent business men, church men and educators. It is impossible to say whether anything will come of it. It is stated that a surplus of 60,000,000 bbls. of flour remains in this country from last year's harvest. Many of the trade hope that this appeal will be heeded, and that credits will be granted by Congress to the countries most in need of food. The Minneapolis "Northwestern Miller's" weekly review of the flour market said early in the week that the trade continued weak and dull owing largely to the uncertainties of wheat prices. Resellers are doing some business at prices below mill levels but there is no eagerness for buying. Most export markets are temporarily cut off and the Grain Corporation's efforts to unload its heavy flour stocks have further demoralized the market. The Gronna Bill fiasco has suggested the possibility of a collapse in domestic wheat prices thereby doing much to add to the uncertainty. Spring wheat mills last week produced about 40% of capacity, the Kansas hard winter wheat group about 66%, and Toledo soft winter group about 49%. Later the feeling became more confident with wheat advancing 10 cents in two days. The demand, too, increased somewhat at some rise in flour prices. The increased demand was most noticeable for soft winter flour and also for clears.

The Grain Corporation has announced to durum wheat millers conditions under which offers will be received in the first week of March as follows: "The United States Grain Corporation announces that on March 4, for one day only, it will receive offers of durum flour residue of semolina, for shipment within thirty days. Offers to be based upon flour purchase plan of July 7 1919 and subject to fresh sample to be sent at once, plainly marked with name of sender, date and brand. Samples not so marked will be discarded and offers not considered. The Grain Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all offers."

Wheat declined early in the week some 5 to 10 cents per bushel. But a rally came later. The visible supply decreased 1,816,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 4,988,000 bushels. This leaves the total 53,396,000 bushels, against 121,206,000 a year ago. Later prices rose 10 cents at Minneapolis. At Kansas City they also advanced. It is said that after April 1st the British Royal Commission will make its purchases through private individuals. In other words, it will, it seems, go back to normal methods of dealing, so far as circumstances permit. Rumors of exports business here were denied. But 500,000 bushels on passage from Argentina to the United States were resold to Europe.

The weather was somewhat more favorable for winter grains in the Ohio Valley, but ice remains in the fields in Ohio and wheat is deteriorating in many sections of that State. Alternate freezing and thawing was unfavorable in Indiana. Winter wheat shows very little improvement in the lower Missouri Valley, except that it is beginning to green in some localities. It is making very slow growth in Kansas, where more moisture is needed. Considerable is apparently dead in the south-central portion of that State. It improved in the southern Great Plains. Apparently it has wintered well in most of the Rocky Mountain districts, and the far Northwest. Winter grains made satisfactory progress in southern States. They are still deeply covered with snow in the Northeast with an ample snow cover in the Upper Lake region.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	cts. 236 1/4	Sat. 236 1/4	Mon. 236 1/4	Tues. 236 1/4	Wed. 236 1/4	Thurs. 236 1/4	Fri. 236 1/4
No. 1 spring	cts. 234 1/4	Sat. 234 1/4	Mon. 234 1/4	Tues. 234 1/4	Wed. 234 1/4	Thurs. 234 1/4	Fri. 234 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	cts. 164	Sat. 165 3/4	Mon. 169 1/4	Tues. 169 1/4	Wed. 169 1/4	Thurs. 168 1/4	Fri. 168 1/4
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Indian corn fell early owing to a decline in Winnipeg, lower foreign markets, larger receipts, lower prices for hogs and dullness of the foreign trade with a break in sterling. Chicago commission houses and professional traders sold generally. Liquidation was general. Declines in other grain had some effect. Also the visible supply in the United States increased last week 609,000 bushels. It is now 4,781,000 bushels against 5,232,000 a year ago. There has also been a fear that rediscount rates would be raised as bank reserves are falling to a deficit. Call money, too, has been up to 15%. Rumored export sales of oats and rye lack confirmation. The stock market broke. But later came an advance on covering of shorts. There was considerable buying of May, although at the same time not a little selling of July, apparently for California interests. This was evidently for Chicago operators, however, now in California. The cash demand became more active and prices advanced suddenly 1 to 3 cents at Chicago. The country was not selling freely. It is believed that the crest of the winter movement has been seen. Later, too, provisions became stronger. Rye rose 5 to 7 cents. In general, however, the

rallies have been attributable quite as much to an oversold condition of the market as anything else. A Chicago dispatch on Feb. 25 said: "Hereafter no limit is to be enforced against the amount which any individual interest may buy or sell future deliveries in the corn market in Chicago or at other leading markets. A rule restricting the amount to 200,000 bushels has been in force since last May at the request of the Food Administration. The cancellation of this rule, however, does not modify any of the provisions of the Food Control Law, and therefore all contracts for current month deliveries of corn will continue to be subject to close supervision as heretofore." To-day prices fell, but they end higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery	cts. 130 1/4	Sat. 130 1/4	Mon. 134	Tues. 135 1/4	Wed. 137 1/4	Thurs. 135 1/4	Fri. 135 1/4
July delivery	cts. 127 1/4	Sat. 127 1/4	Mon. 130 1/4	Tues. 130 1/4	Wed. 131 1/4	Thurs. 129 1/4	Fri. 129 1/4
September delivery	cts. 124 1/4	Sat. 124 1/4	Mon. 127 1/4	Tues. 127 1/4	Wed. 128 1/4	Thurs. 126 1/4	Fri. 126 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 1 white	cts. 102 1/4	Sat. 102 1/4	Mon. 103 1/4	Tues. 103 1/4	Wed. 103 1/4	Thurs. 103 1/4	Fri. 103 1/4
No. 2 white	cts. 102 1/2	Sat. 102 1/2	Mon. 103	Tues. 103	Wed. 103	Thurs. 103	Fri. 103

Oats declined early in the week, owing to a fall in corn and provisions as well as sterling exchange, and the fact of there being little buying except from shorts. Selling in fact was general. The receipts, though not large, were sufficient for the current demand, if not more so. Cable dispatches from France stated that the demand there had been supplied for the time being. Some who were buying July sold May. Rye fell sharply. Sterling and stocks at times declined. Speculation largely left oats. Corn is more of a favorite. The smallness of the export was also a distinct damper. The domestic demand was no more than fair. On the other hand, receipts have been comparatively small. And later in the week the cash demand increased. Rightly or wrongly there were reports of export business in both oats and rye had been done. Rye and oats advanced sharply. Cash prices became noticeably firm. And the visible supply last week decreased 353,000 bushels. It is now only 10,447,000 bushels, against 29,090,000 bushels a year ago. To-day prices were easier but they are higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery	cts. 78	Sat. 78	Mon. 80 1/4	Tues. 80 1/4	Wed. 80 1/4	Thurs. 79 1/4	Fri. 79 1/4
July delivery	cts. 71	Sat. 71	Mon. 72 1/4	Tues. 72 1/4	Wed. 72 1/4	Thurs. 72 1/4	Fri. 72 1/4

CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery	cts. 155 1/4	Sat. 155 1/4	Mon. 160	Tues. 161	Wed. 160 1/4	Thurs. 158 1/4	Fri. 158 1/4
July delivery	cts. 151	Sat. 151	Mon. 155 1/4	Tues. 156	Wed. 156	Thurs. 153 1/4	Fri. 153 1/4

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Spring patents	\$12 75 @ \$13 50	No. 1	\$7 70
Winter straights, soft	10 75 @ 11 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl	6 95
Kansas straights	11 75 @ 12 50	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	7 70 @ 7 85
Rye flour	8 00 @ 8 75	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 95
Corn goods, 100 lbs.—		Oats goods—Carload,	
Yellow meal	3 60	spot delivery	9 45
Corn flour	3 75 @ 3 80	GRAIN.	
Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red	\$2 36 1/4	No. 1	103 1/2
No. 1 spring	2 34 1/4	No. 2 white	103
Corn—		No. 3 white	102 @ 102 1/4
No. 2 yellow	1 68 1/4	Barley—	
Rye—		Feeding	1 46 @ 1 50
No. 2	1 77 1/4	Malting	1 53 @ 1 60

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.
Chicago	251,000	461,000	1,759,000	1,863,000	214,000	192,000
Minneapolis	1,431,000	257,000	363,000	260,000	181,000	181,000
Duluth	65,000	60,000	278,000	5,000	7,000	224,000
Milwaukee	11,000	23,000	43,000	232,000	77,000	42,000
Toledo	16,000	17,000	46,000	14,000	14,000	30,000
Detroit	95,000	312,000	896,000	740,000	14,000	14,000
St. Louis	71,000	40,000	784,000	311,000	14,000	30,000
Peoria	875,000	484,000	301,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Kansas City	234,000	683,000	393,000	393,000	393,000	393,000
Omaha	57,000	575,000	575,000	575,000	575,000	575,000
Indianapolis						
Total wk. '20	429,000	3,603,000	4,776,000	4,693,000	586,000	669,000
Same wk. '19	168,000	2,987,000	2,397,000	3,046,000	1,461,000	295,000
Same wk. '18	448,000	1,507,000	8,630,000	6,558,000	1,920,000	466,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919-20	13,701,000	145,137,000	117,383,000	138,044,000	21,742,000	22,463,000
1918-19	9,741,000	163,633,000	134,977,000	197,817,000	48,981,000	29,116,000
1917-18	9,454,000	137,454,000	110,649,000	203,359,000	32,356,000	18,223,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Feb. 21 1920 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	77,000	372,000	25,000	288,000	29,000	128,000
Portland, Me.	—	530,000	—	94,000	—	—
Philadelphia	59,000	151,000	97,000	90,000	—	127,000
Baltimore	30,000	27,000	77,000	225,000	1,000	607,000
Newport News	80,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	87,000	37,000	68,000	70,000	—	—
Galveston	20,000	109,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	18,000	18,000	—	42,000	11,000	—
St. John	—	554,000	—	—	—	—
Boston	11,000	108,000	4,000	116,000	2,000	—
Total wk. '20	382,000	1,906,000	271,000	923,000	130,000	867,000
Since Jan. 1 '20	3,132,000	15,480,000	3,051,000	5,660,000	2,307,000	5,809,000
Week 1919	322,000	1,804,000	159,000	612,000	18,000	1,211,000
Since Jan. 1 '19	5,142,000	19,392,000	2,031,000	13,362,000	2,519,000	2,332,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Feb. 21 are shown in the annexed statement:

Reports from—	Wheat.		Corn.		Flour.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.		Peas.	
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	149,421			257,107		176,692	567,352	106,841						
Portland, Me.	530,000													
Boston	57,000													
Philadelphia	80,000	43,000	55,000											
Baltimore	62,000	17,000					31,500							
Newport News			80,000											
New Orleans	377,000		34,000		8,000		182,000							
Galveston	219,000													
St. John, N. B.	554,000							87,000						
Total week	2,028,421	80,000	426,107	278,692	598,852	465,841								
Week 1919	2,665,720	36,863	590,082	262,000	114,698	1,680	1,812							

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1919 is as follows:

Reports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Feb. 21 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Feb. 21 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Feb. 21 1920.	Since July 1 1919.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	70,325	5,121,285	813,000	45,968,140	6,000	1,417,541
Continent	321,782	6,974,879	1,215,421	73,361,565		191,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	7,000	763,119		109,600		50,778
West Indies	27,000	928,073		4,530		622,706
Brit. No. Am. Colon.						3,000
Other Countries		113,346		25		4,579
Total	426,107	13,890,702	2,028,421	119,443,866	6,000	2,289,604
Total 1918-19	590,082	8,279,385	2,665,720	79,626,258	36,863	3,040,441

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Feb. 21 1920 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1919-20.		1918-19.	1919-20.		1918-19.
	Week Feb. 21.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Feb. 21.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	3,882,000	311,761,000	190,962,000	128,000	1,677,000	7,261,000
Russia						
Danube						
Argentina	6,513,000	132,053,000	62,516,000	5,604,000	86,339,000	25,370,000
Australia	1,266,000	69,621,000	28,216,000			
India			5,623,000			
Oth. countr's		1,911,000	2,549,000		1,750,000	2,599,000
Total	11,661,000	435,346,000	289,866,000	5,732,000	89,766,000	35,230,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Feb. 21 1920 was as follows:

	GRAIN STOCKS.								
	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.
United States—	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	907,000	70,000	194,000	354,000	305,000				
Boston	94,000	11,000	129,000	4,000	2,000				
Philadelphia	391,000	137,000	233,000	354,000	41,000				
Baltimore	405,000	431,000	594,000	2,381,000	27,000				
Newport News			97,000	116,000					
New Orleans	2,670,000	277,000	168,000		777,000				
Galveston	1,546,000	10,000		110,000	246,000				
Buffalo	8,839,000	66,000	353,000	434,000	302,000				
a float	1,681,000			2,183,000					
Toledo	1,941,000	66,000	103,000	188,000					
Detroit	48,000	13,000	94,000	62,000					
Chicago	10,016,000	1,358,000	3,336,000	1,773,000	577,000				
a float				231,000					
Milwaukee	1,077,000	390,000	593,000	417,000	174,000				
Duluth	1,754,000	169,000	169,000	6,304,000	78,000				
Minneapolis	8,800,000	107,000	3,115,000	6,107,000	818,000				
St. Louis	760,000	280,000	141,000	39,000	38,000				
Kansas City	10,845,000	256,000	437,000	237,000					
Peoria	5,000	116,000	182,000						
Indianapolis	462,000	393,000	49,000	8,000					
Omaha	2,455,000	900,000	270,000	368,000	37,000				
Total Feb. 21 1920	53,396,000	4,781,000	10,447,000	20,670,000	3,417,000				
Total Feb. 14 1920	55,212,000	4,172,000	10,800,000	20,982,000	3,603,000				
Total Feb. 22 1919	121,206,000	5,232,000	20,690,000	18,707,000	11,165,000				
Total Feb. 23 1918	10,647,000	7,949,000	13,338,000	1,559,000	3,760,000				

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 2,000 bushels New York, 129,000 bushels, 1,041,000 Buffalo, total, 1,142,000 bushels, against 3,073 bushels in 1919, and barley, New York, 31,000, Duluth, 2,000, Buffalo, 151,000, total, 184,000 bushels, against 76,000 in 1919.

Canadian—		Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.	
		bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
Montreal		560,000	19,000	278,000				45,000			
Et. William & Pt. Arthur		8,400,000		3,437,000				1,283,000			
Other Canadian		2,190,000		971,000				428,000			
Total Feb. 21 1920		11,150,000	19,000	4,686,000	5,000			1,736,000			
Total Feb. 14 1920		10,772,000	18,000	5,215,000	6,000			1,702,000			
Total Feb. 22 1919		44,289,000	129,000	5,885,000	3,000			570,000			
Total Feb. 23 1918		16,974,000	14,000	8,802,000	1,000			46,000			
Summary—											
American		53,396,000	4,781,000	10,447,000	20,670,000	3,417,000					
Canadian		11,150,000	19,000	4,686,000	5,000	1,736,000					
Total Feb. 21 1920		64,546,000	4,800,000	15,133,000	20,675,000	5,153,000					
Total Feb. 14 1920		65,984,000	4,190,000	16,015,000	20,988,000	5,305,000					
Total Feb. 22 1919		165,495,000	5,361,000	34,975,000	18,710,000	11,735,000					
Total Feb. 23 1918		27,521,000	7,963,000	22,140,000	1,500,000	3,812,000					

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 27 1920.

A more favorable turn in the weather with its accompanied opportunities for shipping merchandise has resulted in the display of a brighter tone in the market for drygoods during the week just closed. Trade was slow in recovering from the holiday, however, so that the week has been very short as far as business activities is concerned. It can be noted that as the country begins to thaw out and the shipment of goods is resumed merchants are endeavoring to put a brighter

face on conditions in the market. They are quick to point out that retail hesitancy has been due to storm conditions and that there has not been any sudden contraction in the purchasing power of the consumer such as some pessimistic utterances of retail merchants have indicated. At the same time, the fact must not be overlooked that there is a greater degree of caution in all lines of drygoods with the elimination of many of the speculative forces that were wont to have such a powerful influence on mercantile transactions. It is only natural that traders are unwilling to feel that the top has been reached in the market and yet many merchants, with a keen sense of perception, are beginning to think that prices are too high to prove workable for the remainder of the year. A great deal of talk has been heard based on the theory that the banks and bankers are to blame for the restriction of credits now prevalent in the trade. It is surprising to hear this talk as it can readily be seen that a bank cannot take the risks a merchant takes in arranging for its payments and one cannot blame a bank for caution at a time when the worth of money is doubted on all sides. The real remedy of present conditions is the lessening of the outstanding obligations of merchants. Until there is an accumulation of goods prices are not likely to slump and there are but two ways at present of bringing about accumulations. One is an immediate overturning of the ratio of production to demand and the other is a breakdown in bank credits. the former is almost an impossibility at this time, the latter, necessitating the fast selling of goods in order to meet obligations, does not seem desirable or likely just now. Constantly advancing prices and the unwillingness of merchants to assist in strengthening the general banking position, however, would hasten such a breakdown. Business in the export end of the drygoods market of late has been no more than fair. It has been pointed out that the exchange situation is no longer the sole factor in producing an unusually quiet market. Equally as important has become the unwillingness of foreign buyers to commit themselves to any large extent at prevailing price levels. Exporters seem content to mark time in the hopes that the end of the upward tendency is in sight.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—There was not much change from the quiet tone to be noted in the market for staple cotton goods this week. The holiday mail was mostly devoted to requests for shipment of goods delayed by transportation congestion during the past three weeks. The opinion of the market seems to be about equally divided regarding future business. It is expressed in some quarters that the dullness now existent will pass away and prices will be higher with good business. Others are firm in the belief that good business will come only if prices are not moved up and a revision downward be made before June. There is less desire to make full commitments, however, retailers being more conservative than they have been for sometime. In the bleached goods trade most handlers are already committed to deliver many goods and are offering nothing. Brown sheetings have been quiet with some easing due to offerings of odd lots of spots and nearby deliveries. Buyers of ginghams for early delivery continue to talk high prices if express deliveries can be assured. Gray goods buyers are not taking hold save to fill in immediate needs and in some quarters of the converting trade the opinion prevails that business is not going to be what it has been. Gray goods, 33-inch standards are listed at 24 cents.

WOOLEN GOODS.—There is a growing feeling of confidence in the market for woolsens and worsteds. Retail orders are coming in to local houses faster than ever before and reports from men on the road are encouraging. Cutters of dress goods are predicting an active spring business and tailors seem to expect continued high prices. It is the opinion among merchants in the trade that with a growing scarcity of fine wools, especially French serges, poret twills and the better Australian cloths, the mills will be forced to use the coarser grades before the end of the year. It is natural that as the supply of the best wools is decreased and prices become almost prohibitive for the consumer the trend of the market will be towards the coarser grades. At present, however, manufacturers of the better goods feel that it is best to concentrate on them due to the economic strain of production they are under.

FOREIGN DRYGOODS.—Notices have been received by some importers in the linen market to the effect that manufacturers abroad are unable to book any further business regardless of price. Yarns and flax are becoming so hard to get that neither spinners or weavers care to pile up orders that they may have extreme difficulty in filling. The demand for linens continues unabated and local traders are having little opportunity to care of it. Shipments from abroad fall far short of requirements and even these have been tied up at docks and railroad terminals by recent bad weather. In the market for burlaps trading was very quiet and confined to early arriving goods. Lightweights were quoted nominally at 11.00 cents and heavy weights at 16.00 cents.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Douglas County, Neb.—Legality of Bonds Upheld.—In a decision handed down on Feb. 13 by District Judge Sears the validity of the \$822,000 court-house bonds authorized by the Legislature in special session last October was upheld. The suit was brought by M. O. Cunningham, an attorney for the Harris Trust & Savings Co. of Chicago to test the legality of the bond issue. The Omaha "Bee" says:

"The 'right of way' through the courts is being given the test suit. It was filed Feb. 11. County Attorney Shotwell filed a demurrer to the suit that same afternoon, in which he argued that no cause of action against Douglas County was contained in the petition. It was this demurrer which Judge Sears sustained.

"I don't even care to hear any argument," the Judge told Mr. Cunningham. "I was myself a member of the legislative committee which wrote section 6300, and I know that 'actual value' as mentioned in there and 'valuation' as mentioned in the State Constitution mean the same thing. I am convinced that, under the law, the county can assess taxes up to \$1.50 per \$100 of actual value of county property without vote of the people."

"This is the point on which the attorneys for the Harris Trust & Savings Co., Chicago, held the bond issue invalid after this concern had bid successfully for the bonds.

"The point of contention lies in the peculiar State law which provides for actual or full valuation of all property, and then the assessment of taxes on a basis of 20% of this actual valuation. It is a mere juggling of arithmetic.

"I shall appeal the case to the Supreme Court at once," said Mr. Cunningham after Judge Sears' decision. "I expect to have it up before that tribunal for final decision within a very short time. And I don't care if I don't win this case. It is a test case, pure and simple. I am as anxious as any one else to have the bonds held valid by the highest court."

New Jersey.—State Bridge and Tunnel Bonds Proposed.—A bill was introduced in the New Jersey Legislature on Feb. 3 to provide for the cost of construction, maintenance and operation of a bridge across the Delaware River and a tunnel under the Hudson River for vehicular or other traffic and providing for the payment of New Jersey's share of cost thereof from the proceeds of the sale of bonds to be issued by the State in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000. It provides for the payment of the principal and interest from bridge and tunnel tolls and from motor vehicle license fees, registration fees, fines and penalties; also reimbursement from the proceeds of such bond issue to the State of moneys expended by the New Jersey Inter-State Bridge and Tunnel Commission. The bill further provides that the bonds shall bear interest at not to exceed 5% and be sold from time to time as the money is required at not less than par.

If passed by the Legislature this bill must be submitted to the voters at a general election for their approval.

A few of the facts and figures on the vehicular tunnel under the Hudson River contained in the report of Clifford M. Holland, Chief Engineer of the Joint Commission, are enumerated by the New York "Times" as follows:

The inter-State tunnel is to lie an average of 60 feet beneath the surface of the river at low tide, which is 10 feet deeper than the requirements of the War Department. The tunnel will be 5,400 feet long between shafts placed just inside of the pierhead lines. Part of the work will comprise the building of modern piers to be constructed so as to protect the tubes from damage.

On the New York side the tunnel will emerge at Canal Street. There will be two plazas, one at Broome Street which will lead into a roadway connecting with the tunnel's mouth at Broome Street. This will be the entrance. The exit will be to a plaza on Vestry Street. Both exit and entrance will be approximately 1,800 feet east of the river's edge. On the New Jersey side both the exit and entrance will be located in the neighborhood of Twelfth and Provost Streets, Jersey City, almost in the centre of the area now occupied by the yards of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western, the Pennsylvania and the Erie railroads.

New York State.—Bond Issue for Soldiers' Bonus Proposed.—Among the bills before the Legislature which in various ways would subsidize World-War veterans is one making provision for issuing bonds to an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 for the purpose of paying a bonus to persons in military, naval and marine service during the World-War and providing for the submission of the same to the people to be voted on at the general election to be held in November 1920. The bill imposes a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest and discharge the principal within 50 years from the date of the bonds. A clause in the bill limits the rate of interest to 4½%.

Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio.—Raise in Interest Rate Proposed.—If the City Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the interest rate on the city's bonds will be raised from 5 to 6%. This action has been taken because the city officials fear that over \$500,000 5% bonds, which have already been authorized, will not be absorbed by the market under present conditions unless the interest rate is raised.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

Denver (City and County of), Colo.—Bond Call.—M. J. McCarthy, Manager of Revenue, ex-officio Treasurer of the City and County of Denver, is advertising that pursuant to Section 47 of the revised Charter of 1916, the following bonds are called for payment:

Storm Sewer Bonds.

North Denver storm sewer district No. 3, bond No. 11.
Sub-district No. 2 Washington Park storm sewer district, bond No. 15.

Sanitary Sewer Bonds.

Part "A" sub district No. 13 West and South Side sanitary sewer district, bond No. 8.

Improvement Bonds.

North Side improvement district No. 11, bond No. 29.
North Side improvement district No. 16, bond No. 33.
North Side improvement district No. 17, bonds Nos. 50 and 53 inclusive.
Seventh Avenue Parkway improvement district, bond No. 36.
South Denver improvement district No. 11, bond No. 49.
Douth Denver improvement district No. 12, bond No. 21.

Park Bonds.

East Denver Park district, bonds No. 1496 to 1505 inclusive.
Montclair Park district, bond No. 478.

Surfacing Bonds.

North Denver surfacing district No. 2, bond No. 11.
North Denver surfacing district No. 3, bonds Nos. 1 to 13 inclusive.
Seventh Avenue Parkway surfacing district, bond No. 22.
South Capitol Hill surfacing district No. 1, bond No. 13.

Paving Bonds.

Alley paving district No. 28, bond No. 13.
Alley paving district No. 34, bond No. 5.
East Denver paving district No. 2, bond No. 21.
Montclair Parkway suburban paving district No. 1, bond No. 76.

Curbing Bonds.

South Side curbing district No. 3, bond No. 102.

The above bonds are payable at the office of the Manager of Revenue on and after Feb. 29 1920, after which the interest ceases.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. West Union), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Guy M. Smith, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. March 1 for \$18,000 5½% bonds. Auth. Sec. 5656 & 5658 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due March 1 1940. Cert. check on some bank other than the one making the bid, for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 5 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ALBERT LEA, Freeborn County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$55,000 5½% Albert Lea College bonds were recently awarded to the First National Bank of Albert Lea for \$55,250, equal to 100.454.

ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albuquerque), Bernalillo County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on March 10 of the \$425,000 5½% coupon bonds—V. 110, p. 783. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 7:30 p. m. on that day by W. B. Butledge Jr., Clerk Board of Education. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. Cert. or Cashier's check or bank draft for \$8,500, payable to the Board of Education, required. Said bonds will be delivered by said Board for payment at any solvent National Bank in the United States, designated by the successful bidder, but the cost of such delivery from Albuquerque, N. Mex., will be given consideration in making the award of said bonds. At the time of or prior to the delivery of said bonds for payment, said Board will furnish the purchaser three complete certified copies of transcript of proceedings relative to their issuance, together with the approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York. The bonds cannot be sold for less than 95% of their face and accrued interest to date payment is made therefor. The Board will give favorable consideration to a bid providing for installment payments for said bonds. Total bonded debt (including this issue), \$659,000. Sinking fund, \$43,340. Assessed value 1919, \$15,546,044. Estimated population of the school district, including the City of Albuquerque, 18,000; of the city of Albuquerque, 15,000; scholastic population, 5,719. All taxable property in the district is subject to a direct ad valorem tax for the payment of principal and interest of said bonds. No litigation is threatened or pending in any way attacking the regularity or validity of said bonds or of any of the proceedings relative to their issuance.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. American Forks) Utah.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$165,000 5% school bonds has been awarded to the Palmer Bond and Mortgage Co. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. payable in New York.

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Anaheim), Orange County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held March 6 \$175,000 school bonds will be submitted to the voters, it is stated.

ARDMORE, Carter County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—During August 1919 the American National Bank of Oklahoma City was awarded \$80,000 6% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 15 1919. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 15 1944.

ATHENS, Clark County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 18 Jas. F. Shehane was awarded the \$150,000 5% 20-year gold tax-free coupon or registered street paving bonds dated Feb. 1 1920—V. 110, p. 579—for \$157,501 11 (105,000) and interest. Other bidders were: W. E. Bush & Co., Aug. \$155,640 00 Robinson-Hum'yc Co., At. \$152,341 00 Nat. Bk. of Athens, Ath. 154,251 37 Trust Co. of Ga., Atl. 150,787 87 Com'l Bk. of Athens, Ath. 153,351 00 Cont'l Trust Co., Maceo 150,491 73

ATHENS, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 21 the \$17,300 6% 1-10 year serial street impt. bonds, dated Sept. 1 1919—V. 110, p. 579—were awarded to F. C. Hoehler & Co. of Toledo for \$17,475, equal to 101.011, or a 5.75% basis.

BALDWIN PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles), will receive bids until 11 a. m. Mar. 1 for \$20,000 5½% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1920. Prin. and ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl. Cert. or cashier's check for 3% payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds will be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of Supervisors. Bonded debt, \$11,500; assessed value of taxable property, 1919, \$929,775; population (est.), 1,800.

BALTIMORE, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 21 the \$2,500 5½% coupon street impt. bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 579—were awarded to the First National Bank of Baltimore, at 100.20 and interest. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$100, 1920; \$200, 1921 to 1924, incl.; \$300, 1925 to 1928, incl. and \$400 1929.

BELTRAMI COUNTY (P. O. Bemidji), Minn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$250,000 6% 10-year State Road and \$100,000 5% 20-year County Road bonds offered on Feb. 5—V. 110, p. 385—were not sold.

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that the district will March 5 vote on \$7,200 bonds.

BENSON, Johnston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING—BIDS Bids will be received until 12 m. Mar. 4 by the Town Treasurer for the following 6% bonds:

\$50,000 electric light bonds. Due \$1,500 yrly. from 1922 to 1937 incl. and 70,000 water works bonds. Due \$2,000 yrly. from 1922 to 1926 incl. and \$2,500 yrly. from 1927 to 1930 incl.
35,000 sewerage bonds. Due \$1,000 yrly. from 1922 to 1938 incl. and \$1,500 yrly. from 1939 to 1950 incl.

Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1920. Principal and int. at the Chatham & Phoenix Nat. Bank, N. Y. City. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for \$3,100, payable to the Town Treas., required. (The approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston as to the legality of these bonds will be furnished purchaser. The above bonds were offered without success on Feb. 12—V. 110, p. 784.)

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Lowell), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that the Merchants Trust & Savings Bank of Billings, Mont. has been awarded the \$18,500 6% bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 110, p. 579—at par with a waiver of the cost of proceedings.

BIRCHWOOD, Washburn County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held to-day (Feb. 28) to vote on the question of issuing mortgage certificates to the amount of \$75,000 for the erection of a municipal steam plant.

BLEDSOE COUNTY (P. O. Pikeville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. March 15 by Frank S. Ferguson, County Judge, for \$68,000 5% tax-free coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 15 1920. Int. semi-ann., payable at the First National Bank, Chattanooga. Cert. check for 3% payable to the above Judge required. Bonded debt (including this issue), Feb. 24 1920, \$187,000. Sinking fund \$8,000. Assessed value, \$6,600,000.

BLITHEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blitheville), Mississippi County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 10, it is stated, that an issue of \$120,000 school bonds was sold to R. G. Helbron of Little Rock at par.

BOLIVAR COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 12 m. March 1 P. B. Woolard, Clerk of Board of County Supervisors, will receive bids for \$200,000 Duncan Road District and \$400,000 Shelby Road District bonds, it is stated.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$166,600, offered on Feb. 18.—V. 110, p. 677.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—NOTE SALES.—On Feb. 24 Grafton & Co. were awarded the \$25,000 5% coupon Tuberculosis Hospital notes offered on that date.—V. 110, p. 784—at 98.24, plus \$10 premium. Date Feb. 25 1920. Due Aug. 15 1921.

BUENA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election this district voted \$11,000 bonds, it is stated.

BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Morgantown), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds aggregating \$107,000 offered but not sold on Feb. 14.—V. 110, p. 580—were awarded on Feb. 18 to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at par and interest:

- \$40,000 5% 40-year county home and road bonds.
- 17,000 6% 39-year Lower Ridge Township bonds.
- 10,000 6% 25-year Jones Ridge Township bonds.
- 20,000 6% Upper Creek Township bonds.
- 20,000 6% 25-year Quaker Meadows Township bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Int. M. & S. **CABIN CREEK ROAD DISTRICT, Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 12 by L. Massey, Clerk of County Court (P. O. Charleston) for \$400,000 5% road bonds, being part of an issue of \$604,000 authorized by a vote of 1,622 to 201 at an election held Aug. 12 1919. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the County Sheriff or at the National City Bank, N. Y. Cert. check for \$500 required. The following information is added:

"The Constitutional limit of all bond issues are not to exceed 5% of total assessed valuation of said district. The rate of levy for Cabin Creek District, for the year 1919 for all purposes including this bond issue is \$2.71 per hundred. These bonds have been approved by the Attorney-General and are incontestable as provided by law as follows: (Chapter 57, Senate Bill No. 102). An Act to require all bonds which are authorized by vote of the people, the payment whereof is by taxation, to be submitted to the Attorney-General for his approval or disapproval of the validity thereof; making all such bonds so approved valid, incontestable and binding; and providing a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Appeals to annul, affirm or modify the approval or disapproval by the Attorney-General of any such bonds. See Section Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Acts West Virginia Legislature 1917.—V. 105, p. 1728.

Bonded debt, \$9,000; assessed value of taxable property 1919, \$20,044,544; estimated valuation, \$25,000,000; population (est.), 25,000. Official circular states that no previous bond issue has been contested and that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the boundary of said district or the present officials to their respective offices or the validity of those bonds. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Shreveport), La.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Byrd, Superintendent (P. O. Shreveport), will sell at public auction at 1.30 p. m. March 16 the \$500,000 5% school bonds authorized by a vote of 339 to 16 at an election held Jan. 16.—V. 110, p. 580. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Seaboard Nat. Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1940 incl. Cert. check for \$2,000 required. Bonded debt (excluding this issue), \$192,000. Population (est.), 65,000. Official circular states that no obligation has ever been defaulted. Purchaser will pay for the printing of the bonds and the attorneys' fees.

CALDWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Caldwell), Noble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of the \$60,000 6% coupon school-bldg. bonds voted on Nov. 4.—V. 109, p. 1719—will be received until 12 m. March 11 by J. W. Draks, Clerk of Board of Education. Auth. Sec. 7625, Gen. Code Denom. \$1,500. Date March 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,500 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1950 incl., and \$1,500 Feb. 1 1960. Cert. check on a solvent bank in Noble County for \$500, payable to the above Clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CALIFORNIA (State of)—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 26 the \$12,000,000 4 1/2% gold highway bonds.—V. 110, p. 677—were sold at public auction to the State of California at par and interest. Date July 3 1910. Due \$1,000,000 yearly on July 3 from 1926 to 1937, incl.

CAMP COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburg), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 30 \$535,000 road bonds will be voted upon.

CANTON, Van Zandt County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—Recently J. L. Arhlt of Austin purchased \$7,000 6% street impt. warrants, dated Dec. 10 1919 and maturing serially from 1922 to 1948 incl.

CASCADE COUNTY (P. O. Great Falls), Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 20 the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis was awarded at par \$116,000 6 1/2% special relief bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1925, optional Jan. 1 1922.

CATAHOULA PARISH (P. O. Lee Bayou), La.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—All bids received for the three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$690,000 offered on Feb. 16.—V. 110, p. 385—were rejected. We are further advised by D. E. Woodin, President of Police Jury, that the above bonds will be re-offered for sale on April 5.

CHERRYVILLE, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that W. C. Hicks will receive bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 20 for \$70,000 6% 3-30-yr. serial sewer bonds.

CHICAGO SOUTH PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held Feb. 24 the voters balloted in favor of six issues of park bonds amounting to \$30,000,000, according to reports.

The final vote on the several issues was as follows: \$8,000,000 bonds, 55,827 "for" and 20,040 "against." 3,700,000 bonds, 52,573 "for" and 19,565 "against." 3,000,000 bonds, 51,823 "for" and 19,617 "against." 2,500,000 bonds, 51,801 "for" and 18,918 "against." 1,500,000 bonds, 51,216 "for" and 20,086 "against." 1,300,000 bonds, 50,287 "for" and 19,387 "against."

The passage of these bond issues assures the completion of Grant Park, the building of a lake front stadium, the widening and extension of South Park Ave. and the acquisition of new small parks throughout the South Park District.

J. Frank Foster, Supt. of South Park Dist., has announced that work on the above named improvements will start in the spring.

CHOCTAW COUNTY (P. O. Hugo), Okla.—BOND ELECTION AND SALE.—Subject to the election March 9 \$315,000 5% 25-year bonds have been sold, according to reports, to the Hugo National Bank of Hugo.

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$550,000 5% 40-year coupon school-bldg. bonds, offered on Feb. 24.—V. 110, p. 580.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY (P. O. Oregon City), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by H. S. Anderson, County Judge, until 2 p. m. Mar. 9 for \$260,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due \$60,000 in 1924 and 1925 and \$70,000 in 1926 and 1927.

CLAIBORNE PARISH (P. O. Homer), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% tax free road bonds recently voted.—V. 110, p. 94—have been purchased by the Canal Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Interstate Trust & Savings Co., Marine Bank & Trust Co. and Whitney Central Trust & Savings Bank. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. Due yearly from 1920 to 1939 inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Actual value of property (estimated)	\$25,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1919	8,403,988
Population, 1920 Census, 25,000; present population (est.)	35,000

CLAREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$15,000 5% bonds awarded on Jan. 14 to Fresno County for \$15,040 (100,266) and interest.—V. 110, p. 484—are in denom. of \$750 and are dated Dec. 2 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bonded debt (excluding this issue) \$45,000. Assessed value of taxable property (non-operative property) 1919-1920, \$3,059,699.

CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—TO BE RE-ADVERTISED.—The \$2,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 7.—V. 110, p. 580—were not sold on that day because the board failed to meet and therefore the bids were not opened. The bonds will be re-advertised.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$30,000 school bonds at not exceeding 5% interest offered on Feb. 18.—V. 110, p. 484.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Lake City), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. March 2 by J. L. Markham, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for the \$500,000 5% gold road bonds mentioned in V. 109, p. 2090. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Due Dec. 1 1947, optional at 102 at any interest-paying date after 5 years from date thereof, and at 101 at any interest-paying date after 10 years from date thereof, at option of the county. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Board of County Commissioners, required. The bonds will be approved by John C. Thomson of New York City, N. Y., whose opinion will be furnished to the successful bidder without charge.

COMPTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Mar. 1 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles), for \$65,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1920. Prin. and ann. int., payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1945, incl.; and \$3,000, 1946 to 1950, incl. Cert. or cashier's check for 3% payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds will be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of Supervisors. Bonded debt \$9,000. Assessed value of taxable property 1919, \$2,097,980. Population (est.), 3,500.

COVINGTON, Allegheny County, Va.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$125,000 5% 20-30 year (opt.) street paving bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920, offered on Feb. 20.—V. 110, p. 580.

The above bonds will be re-offered again later unless they can be sold at a private sale in the meantime.

CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Crowley), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—SALE.—Subject to election Mar. 20, \$77,500 5 1/2% 15-30 year (opt.) bonds have been sold to Sweet, Causby, Foster & Co. of Denver. Dated Apr. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. New York payment.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$1,736,000
Total bonded debt	87,500

CURRY COUNTY (P. O. Gold Beach), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Myrtle Cooley, County Clerk, will receive proposals until 5 p. m. April 7 for \$49,000 gold road impt. bonds, bearing interest at not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable in full at the County Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon, in New York, at holder's option. Due Jan. 1 1934. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required. Copy of opinion of Teal, Minor & Winfree of Portland will be furnished to the successful bidder. Bonded debt (excl. this issue), \$28,909. Assessed value, \$4,869,701.

CUTHBERT, Randolph County, Ga.—BONDS PROPOSED.—An issue of \$60,000 5% 25-year bonds is under consideration.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—The Dallas "News" states that the City authorities have been asked to submit \$200,000 hospital bonds to the voters at the next election.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The election which was to have been held on Feb. 10.—V. 110, p. 95—to vote on several bond issues for city improvement, aggregating \$3,153,700, has been deferred until Apr. 27.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Aurora, was, on Feb. 19, awarded the \$5,600 4 1/2% Harry O. Miller et al Washington Twp. road bonds, offered on that date.—V. 110, p. 678. The price paid was \$5,631.50, equal to 100.562. Date Jan. 6 1920. Due \$280 on May 15 and Nov. 15 in the years 1921 to 1930, incl.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for \$38,000 4 1/2% Everett Mullett et al. Wilmington Twp. road impt. bonds will be received by J. H. Baber, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. March 15. Denom. \$300. Date March 15 1920. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,650 each six months from March 15 1921 to Sept. 15 1930 incl.

DELTA COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Cooper), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$100,000 levee bonds has been voted.

DEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Deming), Luna County, N. M.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An issue of \$60,000 water bonds may be soon voted upon it is reported.

DENISON, Grayson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—According to newspapers the City Commission of Denison has ordered an election to vote on \$224,000 worth of bonds. The election will be held early in April and the money will be used for permanent street improvements in Denison and for installing a white way system over three of the principal business streets of the city.

DE SOTO COUNTY (P. O. Arcadia), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$180,000 6% 30-year bonds, mentioned in V. 109, p. 2457—offered on Feb. 2.

DODGE COUNTY (P. O. Juneau), Wis.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—Emanuel Pfaff, County Clerk, advises us that \$388,000 5% bonds will be offered shortly. Denoms. \$500 and \$250 for \$1,000. Due on April 1 as follows: \$200,000 1921, 1926, 1931 and 1936, and \$88,000 1939.

DONORA, Washington County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—On Mar. 17 the people of the borough will vote on a proposition to issue \$175,000 sewer bonds.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Omaha), Neb.—BONDS DECLARED ILLEGAL.—The \$200,000 5% coupon court-house bonds awarded on Dec. 31 to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.—V. 110, p. 185—have been declared illegal by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

DUNCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Duncan), Stephens County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—On Feb. 15 \$75,000 high school bonds were authorized by a vote of 608 to 41.

DUNSMUIR HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dunsmuir), Siskiyou County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—Additional high school bonds of \$24,000 have been voted, it is reported.

EAST SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held Feb. 17 \$550,000 sewer and water bonds were defeated.

EL MONTE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 19 the \$55,000 5 1/2% 40 year sewer bonds offered on that date.—V. 110, p. 678—were awarded to the First National Bank of El Monte for \$55,025, equal to 100.045, or a 5.49% basis.

EUREKA, Lincoln County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 225 to 16 the question of issuing \$50,000 school bldg. bonds of District No. 13 carried, it is stated, at the election Feb. 7.—V. 110, p. 581.

FILLMORE, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers and Merchants Bank of Fillmore was awarded on Feb. 10 the \$20,000 5 1/2% water system impt. bonds—V. 110, p. 581—at 100.825 and interest. A bid of 100.44 and interest was also received from the Bank of Italy of San Francisco.

FLAGLER, Kit Carson County, Colo.—BIDS REJECTED.—On Feb. 17 all bids for the \$40,000 6% 15-year water bonds, mentioned in V. 110, p. 581, were rejected.

FOWLER, Otero County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—SALE.—Subject to election Apr. 6, Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., of Denver have purchased \$10,000 5 1/2% 14 1/2-year average funding and \$15,000 5 1/2% 15-year town hall bonds. Dated Apr. 15 1920. Int. (A. & O.) N. Y. payment.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation \$812,000. Total bonded debt with all issues 75,000. Population estimated 1,500.

FREDERICK TILLMAN COUNTY Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—On Feb. 20 \$140,000 water bonds were voted.

FT. WAYNE, Allen County, Ind.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—After a long discussion, the City Council on Jan. 22 passed ordinances authorizing the issuance of \$68,000 river front impt. and flood prevention, \$120,000 fire dept. motorization, and \$76,000 street paving bonds. Another issue of \$36,000 which was for general purposes, was tabled, as the City Controller said the money was not needed.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Garfield Heights), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by G. W. Osborn, Clerk of Board of Education, until 8 p. m. Mar. 8 for \$80,000 5 1/2% coupon school erection bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625, 7626 and 7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Superior Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due \$5,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1936 incl. Cert. check on some bank other than the one making the bid for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Cuyahoga County in Cleveland within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GARWOOD, Union County, N. J.—NOTE OFFERING.—Wm. R. Conklin, Mayor, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Mar. 2 for an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) assessment notes, Denom. \$500, Prin. and semi ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Westfield Trust Co. of Westfield. Due \$2,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1926 incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of notes bid for, payable to "Borough of Garwood," required.

GEORGETOWN, Scott County, Ky.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted for the \$100,000 5% gold water-works and electric-light bonds offered on Feb. 20—V. 110, p. 581—were rejected. The highest bid received was par, accrued interest and premium of \$55. They city will re-advertise these bonds shortly.

GIFFORD HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Gifford), Ney Perce County, Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—As a recent election \$75,000 drainage bonds by 191 "for" to 37 "against" were voted.

GLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glendale), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—Reports state that a \$75,000 school bond issue may be soon voted upon.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Woodbury), N. J.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—BONDS TO BE SOLD PRIVATELY.—There were no bids submitted on Feb. 19 for the issue of \$35,000 5% registered reconstruction bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 581. They will probably be sold at private sale to a local bank.

GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Grants Pass), Josephine County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for \$184,000 irrigation bonds bearing interest at not exceeding 5% will be received by George Hamilton, District Secretary, until 10 a. m. March 10. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly beginning July 1 1920. Cert. check for 5% required.

GREENWOOD, Le Flore County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—By a majority of 42 votes the issuance of \$45,000 agricultural high school bonds carried.

GRIDLEY, Butte County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$15,000 bonds to provide extensions to the water system were voted. It is stated.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ernst E. Erb, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. Mar. 16 for the following 5% coupon bonds: \$50,000 general street impt. bonds. Due \$8,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1934 incl. 40,000 fire dept. bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1934 incl. Denom. \$500 or \$1,000, to suit purchaser, Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BOND SALE.—On Feb. 18 the 7 issues of 5 1/2% 1-10-yr. serial special assessment bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 581—were awarded as follows: \$30,122 High St. impt. bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919, to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati for \$30,132, equal to 100.033.

- 49,549 Monument Ave. impt. bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919, to the Hamilton Clearing House Association at par.
8,610 Progress Ave. sanitary sewer bonds, dated Nov. 1 1919, to the Hamilton Clearing House Association at par.
18,745 Lane St. impt. bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, to the Hamilton Clearing House Association at par.
11,826 Milliken St. impt. bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, to the Hamilton Clearing House Association at par.
10,692 Sixth St. impt. bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, to the Hamilton Clearing House Association at par.
7,458 Seventh St. impt. bonds, dated Oct. 1 1919, to the Hamilton Clearing House Association at par.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$111,500 4 1/2% W. V. Rooker et al Noblesville Twp. road impt. bonds, offered on Feb. 20—V. 110, p. 581—were awarded to the Citizen State Bank of Noblesville.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Grover Van Duyen, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Mar. 1 for \$22,600 4 1/2% Henry W. Elkman et al Sugar Creek Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$1,133. Date Dec. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,133 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930 incl.

NO BIDS.—There were no bidders for the \$6,340 4 1/2% Earl R. Gibbs et al Brown Twp. road bonds offered on Feb. 19—V. 110, p. 678.

NO BIDS.—There were no bidders for the three issues of 4 1/2% 1-10-yr. serial road bonds, aggregating \$45,200, which were offered on Feb. 23 (V. 110, p. 785).

HARDIN, Big Horn County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—On April 5 \$6,800 6% water extension bonds are to be voted upon.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. Taylor, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Mar. 2 for the following 4 1/2% road impt. bonds:

- \$2,200 Ben Russell et al Posey & Taylor Twps. bonds. Denom. \$110. Due \$110 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930 incl.
9,800 Owen Phillips et al Posey & Webster Twps. bonds. Denom. \$490. Due \$490 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930 incl.
Date March 2 1920. Interest M. & N.

HARTFORD, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On June 25 last year Conning & Co. purchased at 95.40 an issue of \$200,000 4% water bonds. Date June 1 1917. Due June 1 1947.

HARVEYVILLE, Wabasha County, Kans.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 8 \$10,000 electric light bonds will be voted upon.

HASKELL, Muskogee County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until March 1, it is stated, by the Mayor, for \$25,000 water and sewer bonds.

HEMPSTEAD (Town) Union Free School District No. 26 (P. O. Rockville Centre), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 25 the \$26,000 coupon or registered school-building site bonds, offered on that

date—V. 110, p. 678—were awarded to Robert C. Ream for \$26,006, equal to 100.023. Denom. 8 for \$2,500 and 2 for \$5,000. Date Mar. 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Nassau County National Bank of Rockville Centre. Due \$2,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1928, incl. and \$3,000 on Jan. 1 in 1929 and 1930.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Allen J. Wilson, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10:15 a. m. March 1 for \$27,000 4 1/2% Henry Hunt et al. Marlon Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$1,350. Date Dec. 15 1919. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,350 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

HEYBURN, Minidoka County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Up to 6 p. m. Mar. 16, Nick W. Wilson, Chairman Board of Trustees, bids will be received for \$5,000 6% 10-20-year municipal coupon bonds; it is stated Int. semi-ann. Denom. 10 for \$100 and 8 for \$500. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HOPE STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hope), Hempstead County, Ar.—BOND OFFERING.—J. P. Brundige, Chairman Board of Commissioners, will offer for sale on March 15 between \$100,000 and \$153,000 5 1/2% 20-year serial bonds. Denomination and maturities to be mutually agreed upon.

HUNTINGTON PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Los Angeles County Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. March 1 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles), for \$32,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and annual interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1952, inclusive. Certified or cashier's check for 3%, payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds will be delivered and paid for at the office of the Board of Supervisors, required. Bonded debt, \$129,000. Assessed value of taxable property, 1919, \$3,249,640. Population (estimated), 11,000.

HUTCHINSON Reno County Kans.—BONDS SOLD IN 1919.—In addition to those already reported, the following bonds were sold during the year ending Dec. 31 1919:

Table with columns: Purchaser, Am't, Purp., Date, Int. %, Due, Date Sold. Includes Harris T. & S. Bank, Foutrel L. & T. Co., D. E. Dunne & Co., Foutrel L. & T. Co.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon park bonds offered on Feb. 20 (V. 110, p. 678).

There were no bids for an issue of \$150,000 temporary sanitation fund notes offered on Feb. 24.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George C. Hitt, Business Director, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. on Mar. 15 and Mar. 20, respectively, for the following 4 1/2% coupon school bonds:

- \$520,000 bonds, dated Mar. 10 1920. Due Mar. 10 1940.
500,000 bonds, dated Mar. 15 1920. Due Mar. 15 1940.
Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Certified checks for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of School Commissioners, required.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 14 J. F. Weid & Co. were awarded, it is stated, the \$390,000 4 1/2% coupon school bid, bonds, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 485—for \$382,625 equal to 98.109.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis) Ind.—NOTE SALE.—The \$375,000 5-mos. school notes, which were offered without success on Feb. 10—V. 110, p. 679—have been purchased, it is reported, by the Indiana Trust Co., of Indianapolis, for \$375,058 equal to 100.0154, or a 5.96% basis.

IONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ionia), Ionia County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election the voters turned down a proposal to issue \$100,000 school building bonds.

JACKSON COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Marianna), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by C. W. Lackey, Supt. of Schools, until March 8 for \$20,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1919. Due Sept. 1 1939. Certified check for \$500 required.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Watertown), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York were awarded at 101.67 the \$160,000 5% 1-16-year serial highway-impt. bonds offered on Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 784. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due \$10,000 yearly on April 1 from 1921 to 1936, inclusive.

JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Jennings), Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$285,000 5% 1-25-year serial school bonds, dated Feb. 1 1920, offered on Jan. 27—V. 110, p. 287—have been sold, according to reports, at par and interest.

KIMBALL, Kimball County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, it is stated, until March 13 by Fred. C. Overton, City Clerk, for \$19,000 5 1/2% 6-20-year serial electric-light-system bonds. Date March 1 1920.

LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kings County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that \$16,000 school bonds will be offered for sale on March 5.

LAS CRUCES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Las Cruces) Dona Ana County N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—At an election to be held during the summer \$160,000 school bonds may be voted upon.

LAVA HOT SPRINGS Bannock County Ida.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An issue of \$64,000 water bonds may be soon voted.

LEESVILLE, Vernon Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—T. I. Davis, Mayor, will sell at public auction March 16 \$120,000 5% street improvement bonds. Certified check for \$3,000 required.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

LINCOLN, Placer County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$30,000 auditorium bonds has been purchased, it is stated, by a San Francisco firm at 105.515.

LINCOLN GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lincoln) Placer County Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—It is stated that the residents of this district endorsed a bond issue of \$50,000 to build a school house by a vote of 153 to 7 at a recent election.

LINDSAY Tulare County Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—Newspapers say that the Trustees have called an election for Apr. 12 to vote on \$30,000 municipal ice plant bonds.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY (P. O. Howell), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 20 the McPherson State Bank, of Howell, bidding 100.35 and int., was awarded the \$15,000 5% road bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 784. Denom. \$1,000 & \$500. Date Mar. 1 1920. Int. M. & S. Due \$10,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl.

MCDONALD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McDonald), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James Streeter, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Mar. 3 for \$50,000 5 1/2% high school bldg. bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Trumbull Banking Co., of Girard. Due \$1,000 on Apr. 1 and Oct. 1 in each of the years from 1921 to 1945, incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. H. Pulley, President of Board of Revenue, will receive proposals until March 19 for \$22,500 5% refunding road bonds. Date April 1 1920 Due April 1 1945. Certified check for \$500 required.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Fredericktown), Mo.—BOND SALE.—Recently Smith, Moore & Co. of St. Louis purchased, it is reported, \$277,000 5% county bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Int. M. & S. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$17,000 1924; \$16,000 1925 to 1927, incl.; \$17,000 1928; \$16,000 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$17,000 1932; \$18,000 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$17,000 1936; \$16,000 1937 to 1939, incl.; and \$17,000 1940.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—It is reported that the City Treasurer will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. March 2 for the purchase of \$200,000 notes dated March 3 and maturing Nov. 19 1920.

MARBLEHEAD, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that a temporary loan of \$100,000, maturing Nov. 9 1920, has been awarded to H. C. Grafton Co.

MARIETTA, Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank O. Fowler, City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. Mar. 3 for \$90,000 5½% refunding bonds. Auth. Sec. 3916 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1929, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. A like amount of bonds was offered on Dec. 29—V. 109, p. 2377.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Landes, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. March 12 for the following 5½% bonds: \$67,314 65 street impt. (city's share) bonds. Due each six months as follows: \$2,314 65 March 1 1922, \$3,000 Sept. 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1927, \$4,000 March 1 1928 to Sept. 1 1931, incl. Cert. check for \$3,370 required.

327,210 35 street refunding bonds. Due each six months as follows: \$15,210 35 March 1 1922, \$16,000 Sept. 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1927, incl. \$17,000 March 1 1928 to Sept. 1 1931, incl. Cert. check for \$16,360 required.

Denom. \$1,000, \$314 65 and \$210 35. Date March 1 1920. Int. M. & S. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Marion County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the \$250,000 5½% coupon school house bonds voted at the election held Nov. 4 last—V. 109, p. 1910—will be received until 12 m., Mar. 11, by H. J. Merchant, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due \$5,000 Mar. 1 and Sept. 1 in each of the years 1924 to 1948, incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$7,300 4½% 10-year serial road impt. bonds, offered on Feb. 14—V. 110, p. 582—were awarded to the White River Bank, of Logansport, at par and interest.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of)—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 24 the \$2,700,000 5% tax-free bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 679—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co., Old Colony Trust Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, White, Weld & Co., and Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, of Boston, and Redmond & Co. of New York, at its bid of 100.789. Due \$270,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1929, incl. Other bidders were: Harris, Forbes & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Blodgett & Co., Curtis & Sanger, Parkinson & Burr, and Estabrook & Co., Boston. 100.77 for all Wm. A. Read & Co., Boston. 100.39 for all N. Woodburn Nichols, Haverhill. 100 for \$10,000.

MESA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mesa), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—On Feb. 14 \$125,000 school bonds were voted 2 to 1.

MICHIGAN (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m., Mar. 17 by Frank E. Gorman, State Treasurer (P. O. Lansing), for \$3,000,000 4¾% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the State Treasurer. Due Apr. 1 1935. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer, required.

The official notice of his bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$600,000 road bonds offered on Feb. 20, was not sold.

MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Modesto), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—On Feb. 17 \$2,000,000 irrigation bonds—V. 110, p. 879—were voted ten to one, to carry out the Don Pedro project.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of \$18,000 5½% emergency bridge bonds will be received until 10 a. m. March 6 by F. A. Kilmer, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners. Denom. \$2,000. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$2,000 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1929, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

MONTPELIER, Bear Lake County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 18 the \$18,500 (not \$7,000 as reported in V. 110, p. 486) 6% 10-20-year (opt.) street-impt. and park bonds were sold to the Drake-Ballard Co. at par, accrued interest, less \$130 commission. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Date March 1 1920. Int. M. & S.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The 3 issues of 4½% road bonds aggregating \$43,000, offered on Feb. 18 as no bids were submitted.

BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Mar. 4, by John H. Schissler, County Treasurer, for \$18,180 Jackson Twp. and \$18,720 Clay Twp. 4½% 1-10 year serial road impt. bonds.

MOUNT ANGEL, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that \$20,000 5½% water works bonds were bought at par and interest by the Lumbermens Trust Co. of Portland.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Wilmington), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—E. H. Freeman, Chairman of Board of Drainage Commissioners, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. Mar. 6, for \$12,300 6% drainage bonds. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,250 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. Cert. check for \$250 required.

NOGALES Santa Cruz County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Cole, City Clerk, informs us that he will receive bids until 8 p. m. March 15 (date changed from March 1—V. 110, p. 787).

\$325,000 water-works improvement and extension bonds. (Vote 204 to 153). Due yearly on Feb. 15 as follows: \$7,000 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$10,000 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$13,000 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$15,000 1941 to 1945, incl.; and \$20,000 1946 to 1950, incl.

30,000 city hall and fire department bonds. (Vote 195 to 132.) Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 15 from 1921 to 1950, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Certified check on any bank or trust company authorized under the State or national laws to do business in Nogales, for a sum not less than 5% of the amount of such bid, payable to Board of Aldermen, required. The legality of this issue of bonds will be passed upon by a bonding attorney, approving the bonds both as to form and legality, whose opinion as accepted by bonding houses and bankers generally. The City Clerk also informs us that "It is the intention of the city to sell all of these bonds at once, but as the city will not require the use of \$200,000 or \$250,000 of the funds derived from the sale, for perhaps six months or more, hence the condition in the bond sale advertisement requiring the successful bidder to pay the same interest to the city as the bonds bear, until such time as the city may withdraw these funds.

NORFOLK, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—The "Virginia Pilot and the Norfolk Landmark" of Feb. 25 states that by an overwhelming majority of 845 to 145 the proposition providing for the issuance of \$6,000,000 5% 30-year bonds for the purpose of constructing a water system connecting with the Lake Prince supply, carried at the election held Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 737. The vote was practically in the ratio of 6 to 1. It also states that: "The result of the election means that Norfolk will start at once to go to Lake Prince and Burnt Mills for what has been pronounced by engineers as an inexhaustible supply of water, enough, in fact, to furnish a city of 600,000 population with all the water it can use. The bonds will be issued and sold only as they are needed and it is thought that funds enough from their sale can be collected to go to Chowan River if it is deemed necessary because of sudden industrial expansion."

NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 26 the temporary loan of \$50,000, dated Feb. 25 and maturing Nov. 5 1920, was awarded to Percy G. Crocker & Co. of Boston on a 5.81% discount basis, plus a premium of \$75.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK AND GALLOWAY HIGHWAY DISTRICT Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% 1-20-year road bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 110, p. 679—have been sold to S. R. Morgan & Co. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Int. semi-ann.

NORTH PLATTE, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An issue of \$150,000 water extension bonds may soon be voted.

OGDEN, Weber County, Utah.—BONDS SOLD IN 1919.—In addition to those already reported, the following 5% bonds were disposed of:

\$95,000 Street paving. June 1 1938
12,000 Storm sewer. June 1 1937
12,000 Comfort station. June 1 1936
5,000 Swimming pool. June 1 1935
3,000 Curb and gutter. June 1 1934
2,000 Sidewalk. June 1 1933

OKLAHOMA COUNTY (P. O. Oklahoma), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held March 30 to vote on the question of issuing \$750,000 hard surface road bonds.

ORANGETHORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—No bids were received for the \$60,000 5% bonds offered on Feb. 17—V. 110, p. 679.

The above bonds will be re-offered for sale at 11 a. m. on March 9.

PACIFIC COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters of the county will vote March 9 on a proposition of increasing the bonded indebtedness of the county to the extent of \$162,000 for the purpose of completing the Ocean Beach Highway. It is stated.

PACIFIC GROVE, Monterey County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that the trustees have set March 16 as the date to vote on \$10,000 fire apparatus bonds.

PALM BEACH Palm Beach County Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Mar. 17 by R. D. Taylor, Town Clerk, for \$85,000 5½% street, sewer and jetty bonds. It is stated.

PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The four issues of 4½% township road bonds, aggregating \$37,521, offered on Feb. 23 (V. 110, p. 787), were not sold, as there were no bidders.

PARKER, Fremont County, Ida.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$20,000 water bonds is soon to be voted. It is reported.

PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peoria), Peoria County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—The issuance of \$500,000 school bonds will be noted upon at an election to be held April 6. It is reported.

PERSON COUNTY (P. O. Roxboro), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—H. J. Whit, Chairman of the County Commissioners, will receive bids, according to reports, until 11 a. m. Mar. 20 for \$150,000 court house and jail bonds at not exceeding 5% interest.

PHILLIPS COUNTY (P. O. Malta), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—In the spring \$250,000 road bonds are to be voted upon.

PHILLIPS COUNTY (P. O. Malta), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held April 23, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$150,000 road bonds.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Des Moines), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$100,000 road bonds have been sold at 100.97 to the National City Co. of New York.

POMEROY, Meigs County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—At noon to day (Feb. 28), proposals for an issue of \$4,200 6% sewer funding bonds will be opened by Village Clerk H. E. Cooper. Denom. \$200. Date March 1 1920. Certified check for \$100 required.

PORT HURON, St. Clair County, Mich.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of 15 issues of 5% city improvement bonds, offered on Feb. 9 the following 2 issues were awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit for \$85,429, equal to 100.077:

\$39,003 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$545 and \$553. Due \$3,545 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl., and \$3,553 Jan. 1 1931.

19,381 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$762 and \$761. Due \$1,762 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl., and \$1,761 Jan. 1 1931.

Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. The remaining 13 issues, all for sewers, which aggregate \$117,268.49, have not as yet been sold.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 24 the \$90,000 5% 15-year coupon tax free refunding bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 787—were awarded to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Portland at 101.6675. Date March 1 1920. Due March 1 1935.

NOTE SALE.—The \$300,000 tax-anticipation notes offered at the same time were sold to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston on a 5.95% discount basis. Date March 1 1920. Due Oct. 4 1920.

PORT OF PORTLAND (P. O. Portland) Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. D. Moore, Chairman of Commission of Public Docks, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 25 for the \$750,000 4½% harbor development bonds offered without success on Feb. 20—V. 110, p. 583. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer of Portland, or at Fiscal agent of Portland, in New York. Due yearly on Feb. 2, as follows: \$25,000 1923 to 1948, incl.; and \$50,000, 1949 and 1950. Cert. or cashier's check on some responsible bank in Portland, for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above chairman, required. Delivery Mar. 25 or as soon thereafter as possible, in Portland at such bank as may be designated by the successful bidder. Unqualified bids only will be received and the successful bidder will be furnished with an original copy of the opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, covering the legality of the bonds.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY (P. O. Tecumseh), Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$41,200 6% funding bonds has been purchased by the Ames Nat. Bank. Denoms. 41 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$200. Date Dec. 17 1919. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 17 1944.

PROWERS COUNTY (P. O. Lamar), Colo.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—We are informed that \$250,000 court-house bond issue is being proposed.

PROWERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Lamar), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$23,500 5½% 3 to 12-year serial school bonds has been sold to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., of Denver, subject to the election to-day (Feb. 28). Dated March 1 1920. Interest semi-annual. New York payment.

Assessed valuation. Financial Statement. \$3,200,000
Total bonded indebtedness. 51,500
Population (estimated), 4,500.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Hawkinsville), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on March 2 of the \$200,000 5% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bridge bonds (V. 110, p. 680). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 12 m. on that day by Morgan Thompson, Commissioner of Roads and Revenues. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1919. Int. J. & J., payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, at option of holder. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$6,500 1920 to 1939, inclusive, and \$7,000 1940 to 1949, inclusive. Certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the above Commissioner, required. The legality of the bonds has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. Bonded debt, this issue only. Floating debt (additional), \$35,000. Assessed value 1919, \$3,917,004.

REDDING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redding), Shasta County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The election to vote \$93,500 5½% 21-year school bonds—V. 110, p. 788—has been postponed from Feb. 24 to Mar. 16.

ROCKINGHAM, Richmond County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. March 16 by W. L. Scales, Town Treasurer, for \$75,000 high-school building bonds at not exceeding 6% interest, authorized by a vote of 176 to 28 at an election held Aug. 25 1919. Date April 1 1920. Interest semi-annual, payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due April 1 1950. Certified check or cash for \$2,000 required. Official circular states that no default in payment has ever been made by the Town of Rockingham, and that there is no litigation pending or threatened against issue of above bonds. Bonds will be delivered within 30 days, and the expense of the attorney's approving opinion and the printing of bonds will be paid by the purchaser. Total bonded debt,

including this issue, \$215,000. Assessed value of taxable property 1918, \$2,000,000. Actual value 1920 (estimated) from \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000. Population 1920 (estimated), 3,500.

ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockford), Mercer County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by George R. Kinder, Clerk of Board of Education, until 3 p. m. March 12 for \$50,000 5½% coupon or registered High School bond, Denom. \$750 and \$1,250. Date June 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$750 each six months from June 1 1925 to June 1 1957, incl., and \$1,250 Dec. 1 1957. Cert. check for \$500 required.

ROCKY MOUNT, Edgemonte County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Harris, City Clerk, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Mar. 11 for \$125,000 6% funding and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. at the Hanover Nat. Bank. N. Y. Due \$12,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1929 incl., and \$17,000 Jan. 1 1930. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above City Clerk, required. The opinion of the Recd. Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. that the bonds are valid obligations of the above city will be furnished successful bidder. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The above bonds were offered without success on Feb. 19.

ROSEBUD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Forayth) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 5 p. m. March 5 by M. A. Squier, Dist. Clerk for \$125,000 5½% coupon school site and bldg. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1930, incl., and \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for \$10,000 payable to the above clerk required. Bids must be unconditional. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Total bonded debt (incl. this issue), \$142,000. Total assessed value, 1919, \$5,047,124; sinking fund, \$4,400. Population at present (est.), 3,500.

ROUT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Mystic) Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$3,500 6% school bonds is soon to be voted upon. C. E. Combs, Secretary.

ST. ANTHONY, Fremont County, Ida.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 1 \$45,000 sewer and \$10,000 park site bonds are to be voted upon. J. L. Nelson is City Clerk.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY (P. O. Fort Pierce), Fla.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Roric & Co., bidding 95.30 and interest, were awarded the \$550,000 6% 1-30-year serial gold coupon bonds dated Feb. 1 1920, offered on Feb. 16—V. 110, p. 487.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$3,625 07 7% street impt. bonds was awarded on Feb. 17 to Henry Davis for \$3,625 08, equal to 100.0002. Int. J. & J. Due yearly.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 25 the temporary loan of \$200,000, issued in anticipation of taxes, dated Feb. 25 and maturing June 4 1920—V. 110, p. 788—was awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston at a 5.98% discount basis.

SALINE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7, Ark.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$200,000 5% road bonds have been sold; it is stated, to M. N. Eldins of Little Rock.

SALLISAW Sequoyah County Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that an issue of \$50,000 school bonds has been voted.

SANDUSKY, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—The Soldiers' Memorial Commission, which was recently appointed by Governor Cox, has decided to propose that a bond issue of \$200,000 for a memorial building be submitted to the voters at the April primary.

SANDY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. March 24 by the Board of Supervisors (P. O. 1410 Yeon Building, Portland) for \$17,000 bonds.

SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 5% 1-22-year serial bonds, dated March 1 1920, offered on Feb. 17—V. 110, p. 680—were awarded on that day to the First National Bank of Santa Ana at par and interest. There were no other bidders.

SARDIS Panola County Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until March 2, it is stated, by the Mayor for \$65,000 sewer and disposal-tank bonds.

SEMINOLE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Fla.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 9, it is stated, Powell, Garard & Co. of Chicago were awarded at 98.44 and interest the \$25,000 5½% 30-year school bonds—V. 110, p. 684. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920.

SHAMOKIN, Northumberland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by R. D. Zimmerman, Chief Burgess, until 5 p. m. March 2 for \$30,000 4½% fire-dept. bonds. Due 1940, \$3,000 subject to call 1925 and \$22,000 in 1930. Cert. check for \$100, payable to the Borough Treasurer, required.

SHEBOYGAN FALLS, Sheboygan County Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% water-work-impt. bonds offered on Feb. 13—V. 110, p. 684—were awarded on Feb. 24 to Otto V. Weiss at 101.25 and interest. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Int. F. & A. Due yearly from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.

SILVER BOW COUNTY (P. O. Butte), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Mar. 9 of the \$250,000 5½% coupon highway bonds—V. 110, p. 788. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 2 p. m. on that day by S. L. Anderson, County Clerk and Recorder. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Liberty National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1925 to 1930, incl., and \$17,000, 1931 to 1940, incl., subject to call on Jan. 1 and July 1, preceding maturity. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$10,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required. The bonds will be printed by said county and ready for delivery at the time of sale. The approving opinion of Caldwell and Massell of N. Y. will be furnished to the purchaser. Official circular states that no bonds previously issued by this county have ever been contested and that the interest and principal of all bonds previously issued by Silver Bow County have been promptly paid at maturity, and that there is no controversy, or litigation, no pending, or threatened, affecting the corporate existence, or the boundaries of Silver Bow County, or the title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of these bonds. These bonds are issued under the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter II, Chapter 172 of Montana Session Laws of 1917.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (equalized) of real property, 1919	\$8,831,220 00
Assessed valuation (equalized) of personal property, 1919	59,015,215 00
Assessed valuation (equalized) of other property, 1919	11,919,385 00
Total assessed valuation as equalized, 1919	\$130,665,820 00
Amount of 5% Court House bonds outstanding, due Nov. 1 1930	\$250,000 00
Amount of 4½% Court House bonds outstanding, due July 1 1929	153,000 00
Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue	653,000 00
Amount of special assessment obligations now outstanding	73,153 70
Amount of floating debt—outstanding warrants	28,025 06
Amount of sinking fund now on hand	36,774 21

STATISTICS.
 Population of Silver Bow County, United States census, 1910—56,848
 Population of Silver Bow County, estimated 1919—100,000
 Predominant nativity of population—American. Principal products of Silver Bow County are copper, silver and zinc. Silver Bow County was organized in the year 1881. No additional bond issues have been proposed for Silver Bow County. No bonds previously issued by this county have ever been contested. The interest and principal of all bonds previously issued by Silver Bow County have been promptly paid at maturity.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on Feb. 23, for the \$10,492 5½% 1-10 year serial special assessment paving bonds, dated Sept. 1 1919—V. 110, p. 488.

STEPHENS COUNTY (P. O. Breckenridge), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—E. E. Conlee, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. March 16, it is stated, for \$700,000 5½% 15½-yr. aver. road bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$10,000 required.

STILLWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Columbus), Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 90 to 13 the question of issuing \$30,000 6% 10-20-year school bonds carried at an election Feb. 14.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Feb. 20 a temporary loan of \$100,000, dated Feb. 20 and maturing Nov. 4 1920, was awarded to Percy G. Crocker & Co., on a 5.83% discount basis, plus \$1.00 premium.

SWEET SPRINGS, Saline County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that J. J. Smith, Mayor, will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Mar. 1 for the \$20,000 5% 20-40-yr. (opt.) electric light bonds—V. 110, p. 680. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1920. Int. semi-ann.

SYLVANIA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sylvania), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Mar. 15 by R. J. Comstock, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$6,000 5½% school bldg. and refunding bonds. Date Mar. 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Board. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 15 from 1921 to 1926, incl. Cert. check on a Toledo bank, for \$600, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Second National Bank of Toledo, on Mar. 16. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

TARENTUM, Allegheny County, Pa.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on Feb. 23 for the \$35,000 4½% park bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 488.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY (E. O. Tillamook), Ore.—BOND SALE.—Recently \$112,000 5½% bonds were awarded to Robert Morton, Jr. (representing Keeler Bros. of Portland), at 100.10 and interest, the money to be furnished to the county as needed in construction work, or earlier at the purchaser's option.

TONY, Rush County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 5½% street impt. bonds offered on Feb. 20—V. 110, p. 684—were awarded on Feb. 14 to the Wells-Dickey Co., at 97 flat. Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1920. Int. annually. Due \$1,500 every 5 years.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Mar. 16 by L. A. Rousseau, Clerk Board of Education (P. O. Estancia), for \$22,900 6% 20-30 year (opt.) school bonds authorized by a vote of 161 to 17 at an election held Feb. 9. Denoms. 4 for \$100 and 45 for \$500. Int. semi-ann. payable at the office of District Treasurer. Cert. check for \$1,000, required.

TREASURE COUNTY (P. O. Hysham), Mont.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—It is reported that an election to vote on \$135,000 road and bridge bonds is being considered.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by W. R. Harrington, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m. March 15 for \$12,000 5½% tool-shed bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York City, N. Y., at holder's option. Certified check on a national bank or on any bank or trust company in Tennessee for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds may be registered as to principal in New York City, N. Y., or Tullahoma. All bids must be unconditional except as to legality; as to this, subject to the approving opinion of purchaser's attorney. All bids will be delivered in the town of Tullahoma, at American National Bank, Nashville, or Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., at purchaser's option, as soon as notice that legality has been approved and within reasonable time thereafter.

TUCSON, Pima County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—For subways, water reservoir and bridges \$300,000 of bonds are being proposed.

TULLAHOMA, Coffee County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. March 1 (not March 10, as reported in V. 110, p. 681), by John W. Harton, Mayor, for \$50,000 5½% 20-year street construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at Town Treasurer's office or at Guaranty Trust Co., New York City, N. Y., at holder's option. Certified check on a national bank or on any bank or trust company in Tennessee for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. Bonds may be registered as to principal in New York City, N. Y., or Tullahoma. All bids must be unconditional except as to legality; as to this, subject to the approving opinion of purchaser's attorney. All bids will be delivered in the town of Tullahoma, at American National Bank, Nashville, or Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., at purchaser's option, as soon as notice that legality has been approved and within reasonable time thereafter.

TULSA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tulsa), Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. March 15 by H. O. McClure, President Board of Education, for the \$850,000 5½% school bonds (V. 110, p. 584). Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Due \$100,000 April 1 1925 and \$50,000 yearly on April 1 from 1926 to 1940, inclusive. Bids will be received for bonds up to the amount of \$125,000 or any multiple thereof up to the total issue. On bids for \$250,000 or less a certified check for \$1,000 will be required and on bids for a greater amount a certified check for \$10,000 will be required.

UNION (Town), Hudson County, N. J.—NOTE OFFERING.—Emil Bauritz, Town Clerk, will receive proposals until 8:30 p. m. March 1 for an issue of \$75,000 tax-anticipation notes. Due Dec. 31 1920. Certified check for \$1,000 payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Bidders must state rate of interest, at which they will take the issue.

UNITA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Lonetree), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 30 Keeler Bros. were the successful bidders for the \$7,500 6% 10-15-year (opt.) school bonds (V. 110, p. 98), at par plus a premium of \$150, less \$125 for expenses. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 2 1920. Interest annual. Due Feb. 2 1935, optional Feb. 2 1930.

URBANA, Champaign County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—The City Council has called an election for March 12 at which the people will vote on the question of issuing \$12,000 fire-dept. pump bonds.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 23 the three issues of 4½% road bonds offered on that date (V. 110, p. 681) were disposed of at par as follows: \$9,600 Geo. A. Wathen et al Knight Twp. bonds to Stinchfield & Reichert, 5,000 Heaver Heiden et al Center Twp. bonds to John Friday, 3,200 Wm. Koehler et al Pigeon & Knight Twps. bonds to Martin & Thornburg.

Each issue is divided into eight series, one series of each maturing on May 15 and Nov. 15 in the years 1921 to 1924, inclusive.

VERO St. Lucie County Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. March 10 by the City Clerk for \$70,000 water and \$30,000 electric-light-plant 6% serial bonds authorized by a vote of 49 to 5 at an election held Jan. 27.

WADESBORO, Orange County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. April 1 bids will be received by L. D. Rivers, Clerk, for \$65,000 sewer, \$30,000 water and \$30,000 building and equipment 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City, N. Y. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1923 to 1925, incl.; \$4,000, 1926 to 1934, incl., and \$5,000 1935 to 1950, incl. Cert. check for \$2,500, payable to the above Treasurer, required. The bonds will be ready for delivery on day of sale, and the bidders must agree to accept them and pay for them as soon as they can be delivered at the bank to be designated by said bidder. The resolutions and ordinances were drafted by Bruce Craven, attorney at law, Trinity, N. C., and the validity will be approved by Caldwell and Raymond, Esq., of New York and their unqualified approval opinion furnished with the bonds will be attended to in advance, and will amount to \$440. Each bidder must agree to pay this expense, and in addition thereto not less than par and accrued interest, and except for the terms as herein stated, the bid must be unconditional. There is no litigation or controversy pending or threatened that in any way affects these bonds, and the town of Wadesboro has never defaulted in the payment of any obligation. Bonded debt (including this issue), \$160,000. The assessed valuation of Wadesboro for the year 1919 was \$1,436,609. The assessed value of Wadesboro for the year 1920, which will fall probably a million dollars short of the present true value of all the property in the town. The town will consider bids offering to take \$75,000 of the bonds immediately and the others to be delivered and paid for three months later.

WALTERBORO, Colleton County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 17 the \$40,000 6% street-improvement bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920 (V. 110, p. 488), were awarded to the First National Bank of Walterboro, and the Carolina Bond & Mortgage Co. of Columbia, at their joint bid of 100.375. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1942, inclusive, and

\$20,000 Jan. 1 1960, the last-mentioned \$20,000 being subject to call on and after Jan. 1 1943.

WARREN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren) Trumbull County Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 25 the \$55,000 5½% 7-year (aver.) school bldg. bonds, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 488—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, for \$55,028 (100.05) at interest, a 5.48% basis. Due \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 15 from 1922 to 1932, incl. Other bidders were:

Detroit Trust Co., Detroit. \$55,278 | Prudden & Co., Toledo. \$55,083

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. March 1 by J. F. Hildebrand, County Treasurer, for \$9,580 Adams and Pine Twp. and \$6,300 Pine Twp. 4½% 1-10-year serial road bonds.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Vicksburg) Miss.—WARRANT OFFERING.—It is reported that bids will be received until 12 m. March 3 by J. D. Laughlin, Clerk of Board of County Supervisors, for \$20,000 6% loan warrants.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—Martin & Thornburg, of Boonville, were awarded at par and interest the \$7,600 4½% Randolph McCool et al. Boone Twp., road bonds offered on Feb. 23 (V. 110, p. 681). Due \$950 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1924, inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT Nevada County Calif.—BOND SALE.—Newspapers report that an issue of \$2,000 school bonds has been awarded at par and interest to S. E. Stouts of Modesto.

WELLSVILLE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The City Clerk informs us that an issue of \$15,000 refunding bonds was recently disposed of.

WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received for the \$375,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 21 (V. 110, p. 488).

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. W. Foster, Town Clerk, is receiving sealed bids until 8:15 p. m. March 2 for two issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, not to exceed the amounts mentioned below:

\$42,000 sewer and improvement bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1921 and 1922, and \$1,000 1923 to 1960, inclusive.

51,000 Valley Road and Main St. paving bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1921 to 1929, inclusive, and \$3,000 1930 to 1940, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-annual-int. (J. & J.) payable at the Town Treasurer's office; interest on registered bonds payable in New York exchange, if requested. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon; their legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser without charge. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the office of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., on March 12, or as soon thereafter as possible. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WHITE CITY, Morris County, Kans.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$5,000 electric light bonds carried, it is stated, at a recent election.

XENIA Greene County Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—It is reported that there were no bidders for the \$325,000 5% coupon water-works bonds offered Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 489.

XENIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Xenia), Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—John R. Beacham, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. March 11 for \$25,000 5½% school bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625-7627, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 12 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) payable at the Citizens National Bank, of Xenia. Due \$500 each six months from Aug. 12 1921 to Feb. 12 1946, inclusive. Certified check for \$100, payable to the Clerk of the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 14 the \$225,000 4½% school-building bonds (V. 110, p. 282) were awarded to the State of Washington at par. Denom. \$1,000.

YOUNGSTOWN Mahoning County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Separate tenders for the following issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds by A. H. Williams, City Auditor, until 12 m. March 22: \$41,000 city's portion impt. bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1929, incl., and \$5,000 Oct. 1 1930.

34,000 city's portion impt. bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1926, incl., and \$4,000 Oct. 1 1927.

200,000 public park and play grounds bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl.

600,000 water-works impt. bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1953, incl.

250,000 city's portion Division St. bridge bonds. Due \$12,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl.

2,800 Hickory St. retaining wall bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 1924 and \$1,800 Oct. 1 1925.

13,000 Ohio Ave. bridge bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1924 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000, 1931, 1932 and 1933.

8,000 fire station repair bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1927, incl.

4,000 fire equipment repair bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1927, incl.

1,090 Pershing Ave. grading bonds. Due \$218 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

1,110 Park Heights Ave. grading bonds. Due \$222 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

1,030 Windsor Ave. grading bonds. Due \$206 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

5,095 Ravenwood Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$1,019 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

1,600 Ravenwood Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$320 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

9,185 Ravenwood Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$1,835 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

5,720 Russell Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$1,144 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

6,785 Taft Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$1,357 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

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City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Building Bonds

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the City of Albuquerque, of the State of New Mexico, on March 10th, 1920, in the said City of Albuquerque, will offer for sale \$425,000 Building Bonds of said Board of Education, authorized by vote at special election held for that purpose on January 27th, 1920, said bonds to be dated February 1st, 1920, maturing February 1st, 1940, with option of payment on or after February 1st, 1930, to bear interest at the rate of five and one-half per cent (5½%) per annum, payable semi-annually, both principal and interest payable at National Bank of Commerce in the City of New York.

Sealed bids addressed to said Board or to Mr. W. B. Rutledge, Clerk of said board, are to be filed with the Clerk of said Board at his office in the High School Building in said City of Albuquerque, on or before 7:30 o'clock p. m. on March 10th, 1920, and immediately thereafter said Board will meet and will open and consider said bids, reserving the right to reject any or all bids. Said bonds will be delivered by said Board for payment at any solvent National Bank in the United States, designated by the successful bidder, but the cost of such delivery from Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be given consideration in making the award of said bonds.

Further information may be had by addressing
W. B. RUTLEDGE, JR.,
Clerk Board of Education,
Albuquerque, N. M.

\$120,000

Town of Leesville, La.

5% Street Improvement Bonds

Leesville, La., Feb. 18th, 1920.
Notice is hereby given that on the 16th DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1920, I will offer at public auction, for not less than par, at the City Hall of the Town of Leesville, State of Louisiana, an issue of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars of Leesville five per cent street improvement bonds. Each bidder, before participating in the sale, will be required to deposit with me, and payable to my order, a certified check for the amount of Three Thousand Dollars as evidence of good faith in bidding.

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 9,545 Stambaugh Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$1,909 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
 7,305 Sherwood Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$1,461 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
 1,545 Griselda Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$309 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
 2,735 Cain Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$547 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
 7,065 Owen St. paving bonds. Due \$1,411 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
 11,340 Erie St. paving bonds. Due \$2,268 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.
 13,480 Shirley Road paving bonds. Due \$2,696 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

Date April 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees required. Cert. check on a solvent bank for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the City Auditor, is required with each issue bid upon. Bonds to be delivered and paid for in Youngstown on or before April 1.

BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council on Feb. 2, it is reported, passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$25,000 bonds, to provide funds for the fight against the influenza epidemic, which was raging at that time. It is further said that hope was expressed that the Community Corporation or the War Chest Council would bear the brunt of the battle, in which case the city would save the money.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS PROPOSED.—Local newspaper report that an ordinance to issue \$450,000 bonds for the construction of the Belmont Ave. bridge was introduced in the City Council at a recent meeting. The ordinance was sent to the general improvement committee for consideration.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—At a recent meeting, it is reported, Col. T. F. Spangler, a member of the Park Commission, introduced a resolution in the City Council, calling for a vote of the people on the question of issuing \$30,000 bonds for the improvement of Pioneer and other parks in the city.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BIDDULPH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—A by-law to issue \$6,500 memorial community-hall and athletic field debentures will be voted upon, according to reports, at an election to be held March 4.

BIFROST R. M., Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—At an election to be held March 6 the voters will be asked to pass on a by-law to issue \$8,500 debentures, it is stated.

CARLETON COUNTY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Feb. 12 R. C. Mathews & Co., of Toronto, purchased at 99.12 an issue of \$40,000 6% 20-year installment debentures, according to reports.

DAUPHIN R. M., Man.—DEBENTURE SALE POSTPONED.—The bids for the \$35,000 6% 30-year road debentures, which were offered on Feb. 20—V. 110, p. 390—were not opened on that date, due to the postponement until Mar. 3 of the meeting of the Council, certain members of which were absent on Feb. 20.

MANITOBA (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$2,498,000 6% 10-year debentures, which were recently returned to the Provincial Treasurer (V. 110, p. 682), have been accepted by J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, who were interested in the old issues which are being refunded by the funds obtained from this block. The price is reported at 106 in Canadian funds, which is about 90 in New York, or about a 7% basis.

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—The city is receiving proposals until March 1 for the following 5 1/2% debentures: \$16,000 10-year bridge, \$13,000 30-year station, \$40,000 30-year water-works, and \$22,200 15-year sidewalks debentures.

QUEBEC, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders addressed to the Agency, Bank of Montreal, 64 Wall St., New York, will be received until 12 m. Mar. 5 for \$2,400,000 6% gold debentures. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York or at the Bank of Montreal in Quebec. Bidders are required to state whether they wish bonds maturing in 1923 or 1930. Certified check for 1% of amount of bid, payable to "Agency, Bank of Montreal, N. Y.," required. Delivery at 64 Wall St., N. Y., on April 1.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

REGINA, Sask.—DEBENTURES TO BE SOLD "OVER-THE-COUNTER."—We are advised that the city intends to sell \$121,000 of its debentures "over-the-counter." The issue consists of \$31,000 7% 10-year paving, \$30,000 5 1/2% 9-year installment refunding, and \$60,000 6% 9-year installment debentures.

RENFREW, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. A. Devenny, Town Clerk-Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. March 12 for \$40,549 13 20-year, and \$8,205 30-year 6% installment local improvement debentures. Debenture debt, \$671,645. Less debt payable by taxes and incomes, \$454,875. Net debt, \$216,770. Assessed value, \$3,347,789. Municipal assets, \$1,018,976. Tax rate, 34 mills. Population, 5,645.

RENFREW COUNTY (P. O. Pembroke), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that the \$150,000 5% 20-year installment road debentures offered on Feb. 18 (V. 110, p. 682), have been awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, at 90.57.

SARNIA, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—James Woody, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 m. Mar. 8 for the following installment debentures: \$35,000 5 1/2% 10-year water-works, \$50,000 5 1/2% 20-year hydro, \$6,460 6% 20-year sewer, \$1,580 6% 10-year drainage, \$1,155 6 1/2% 9-year drainage, \$864 6% 10-year sidewalks, \$4,265 6 1/2% 3-year, and \$5,313 8 7/8% 5-year sidewalk and curb, debentures. Prin. and interest payable at Sarnia.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On March 3, it is reported, the ratepayers will vote on the question of issuing \$577,000 6% 15-year serial bonds.

SPIRIT RIVER, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$30,000 6% 15-year road and bridge debentures has been purchased by W. Ross Alger & Co., at 95.08 and interest, a 6.85% basis.

THOROLD, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received until March 1 by D. J. C. Munro, Town Treasurer, for \$7,832 6% 30-year debentures. It is reported.

NEW LOANS

\$2,400,000.00

CITY OF QUEBEC

THREE OR TEN YEAR GOLD BONDS

The Agency, Bank of Montreal, 64 Wall Street, New York, is authorized to receive on behalf of the City of Quebec, sealed tenders for the purchase of the under-mentioned securities:

\$2,400,000 three-year Gold Bonds dated 1st of April, 1920, due 1st of April, 1923, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable half-yearly on 1st of April and 1st October. Principal and interest payable in Gold at the Agency, BANK OF MONTREAL, 64 Wall Street, New York, or at the option of the holder at the BANK OF MONTREAL, Quebec, (St. Roch Branch). Bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000 each with interest coupons attached.

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\$2,400,000 ten-year Gold Bonds dated 1st April, 1920, due 1st April, 1930, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable half-yearly on 1st April and 1st October. Principal and interest payable in Gold at the Agency, BANK OF MONTREAL, 64 Wall Street, New York, or at the option of the holder at the BANK OF MONTREAL, Quebec, (St. Roch Branch). Bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000 each with interest coupons attached.

Tenders may be made for both three and ten-year Bonds or for either, but the City will only accept one, if any.

Delivery of the Bonds and payment therefor to be made at the Agency, Bank of Montreal, 64 Wall Street, New York, in New York Funds on the 1st of April, 1920. Tenders must be accompanied by a certified cheque payable to the Agency, Bank of Montreal, New York, for one per cent of the total principal sum offered. Tenders must be addressed to the Agents, Bank of Montreal, 64 Wall Street, New York, marked "Tender for City of Quebec Bonds" and delivered not later than 12 o'clock noon, March the 5th, 1920. Tenders must be for the whole amount offered. No tender for any part of the issue or for securities not precisely as described above or varying the terms of payment and delivery will be considered. The highest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted.

Any further particulars may be obtained upon application to the Agency, Bank of Montreal, New York, or to the City Treasurer, Quebec City, Canada.

NEW LOANS

\$3,000,000

STATE OF MICHIGAN

ROAD BONDS

The undersigned will receive sealed bids at his office in the City of Lansing, Michigan, until the 17TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1920, up to 3 o'clock P. M. of said day for the sale of Three Million (\$3,000,000) dollars of State Highway Improvement Coupon Bonds of the denomination of \$1,000, to be issued by the State Highway Improvement Loan Board of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 25, of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, extra session 1919. Said bonds will mature on the first day of April, 1935, and will bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. Both principal and interest are payable at maturity at office of the State Treasurer, Lansing, Michigan.

A certified check in a sum equal to one per cent of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the State Treasurer of the State of Michigan, must be submitted with each bid.

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