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## CLEARINGS FOR FEBRUARY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28.

Clearings at—	February,			Since Jan. 1.			Week ending February 28.				
	1920.	1919.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.	Inc. or Dec.	1920.	1919.	Inc. or Dec.	1918.	1917.
New York	18,144,062,423	14,104,252,612	+37.8	41,353,772,529	32,054,895,340	+29.0	4,082,807,479	4,201,951,279	-2.8	3,684,007,288	3,146,418,160
Philadelphia	1,776,637,073	1,457,113,912	+21.9	3,952,368,761	3,289,284,146	+20.2	406,603,357	401,390,886	+1.3	371,257,379	355,476,726
Pittsburgh	621,541,159	487,296,585	+27.5	1,320,029,798	1,079,814,474	+22.3	153,831,723	147,700,832	+4.1	79,476,141	91,830,244
Baltimore	320,380,672	293,572,686	+9.1	740,598,069	603,463,694	+21.6	73,879,399	81,330,063	-9.0	46,106,351	43,446,155
Buffalo	154,570,601	78,262,645	+98.8	344,076,660	186,803,119	+84.2	37,490,316	17,782,209	+110.8	17,728,622	18,843,125
Washington	64,625,838	55,829,808	+15.8	140,132,061	123,939,865	+13.1	13,724,177	14,423,976	-4.8	13,587,573	10,355,746
Albany	20,446,770	16,641,804	+22.9	45,517,524	39,772,861	+14.4	4,732,612	5,987,523	-21.1	4,592,870	4,925,681
Rochester	40,116,190	30,601,263	+31.5	98,171,621	68,324,670	+36.4	8,115,298	7,779,377	+4.3	7,676,712	7,613,876
Saratoga	18,790,826	14,766,247	+27.3	42,242,140	33,124,504	+27.5	4,573,310	3,231,766	+41.1	3,079,784	3,706,834
Syracuse	16,621,330	13,122,613	+26.0	42,883,713	32,056,717	+34.0	4,067,675	3,572,665	+13.2	4,244,601	3,852,716
Reading	10,621,920	8,626,093	+23.3	24,998,115	18,048,405	+37.9	2,282,369	2,214,556	+3.1	2,511,841	2,477,403
Wilkes-Barre	14,624,213	12,095,240	+21.5	32,449,840	28,197,507	+15.1	2,894,346	4,496,589	-35.6	2,880,000	3,839,320
Wilkes-Barre	10,106,391	8,290,902	+22.5	23,330,497	18,887,423	+23.5	2,443,698	1,800,149	+35.7	1,820,322	1,946,775
Wheeling	18,988,445	14,671,702	+30.3	42,821,402	33,204,459	+27.1	4,542,425	3,860,792	+17.7	2,055,278	3,472,080
Trenton	12,553,711	9,685,239	+29.6	27,921,560	20,772,507	+34.4	3,084,820	2,420,459	+27.0	2,897,406	2,699,596
Harrisburg	13,414,017	10,028,344	+33.7	30,577,119	24,906,648	+21.3	3,934,943	3,279,480	+20.0	3,322,867	2,113,329
Lancaster	10,324,806	7,851,862	+31.9	23,520,444	16,011,766	+37.5	2,263,943	1,242,329	+50.0	1,237,061	1,160,156
York	6,400,416	4,607,778	+38.9	12,138,235	9,635,573	+26.0	1,263,877	1,055,208	+19.3	1,022,840	1,083,534
Eric	9,159,005	7,481,058	+22.4	19,808,970	16,729,340	+18.4	2,055,614	1,965,208	+4.6	1,922,840	1,683,534
Chester	5,252,507	5,410,710	-2.9	13,272,030	12,259,812	+8.3	1,185,802	1,163,528	+1.9	1,306,461	1,548,026
Binghamton	4,277,400	3,765,044	+13.6	9,667,530	6,972,644	+38.8	857,300	925,700	-7.3	925,800	990,800
Greensburg	3,693,933	3,660,944	+0.9	8,498,402	8,217,810	+3.3	1,250,000	1,222,070	+2.3	1,050,000	950,000
Altoona	3,203,170	3,015,241	+6.2	7,240,367	6,679,637	+8.4	780,012	748,946	+4.2	760,987	691,214
Franklin	2,859,869	1,603,464	+78.1	5,557,010	3,313,297	+67.0	---	---	---	---	---
Frederick	1,748,326	1,814,319	-3.9	4,554,446	4,452,804	+2.3	---	---	---	---	---
Beaver County, Pa.	2,937,732	2,343,167	+25.4	7,028,692	4,387,510	+60.3	---	---	---	---	---
Norristown	2,750,785	2,382,769	+15.8	6,577,788	5,232,737	+25.7	---	---	---	---	---
Montclair	1,676,007	1,204,099	+39.1	3,577,401	2,831,690	+26.4	312,883	331,823	-5.7	460,053	488,120
Oranges	3,231,133	2,732,999	+18.3	7,341,066	6,093,985	+20.5	---	---	---	---	---
Hagerstown	2,637,869	2,282,024	+15.6	5,532,809	4,599,511	+20.3	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total Middle</b>	<b>21,326,382,429</b>	<b>16,756,170,175</b>	<b>+27.3</b>	<b>48,391,818,907</b>	<b>37,826,534,331</b>	<b>+27.9</b>	<b>4,815,059,332</b>	<b>4,909,396,235</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>4,255,810,717</b>	<b>3,720,579,225</b>
Boston	1,376,318,719	1,105,258,393	+24.5	3,185,803,434	2,582,843,687	+23.3	288,974,772	293,833,210	-1.7	262,983,630	220,518,976
Providence	63,306,400	37,404,690	+42.7	1,127,703,590	87,952,600	+41.6	11,097,300	9,916,400	+11.9	13,108,590	9,189,000
Hartford	38,224,700	26,741,403	+42.9	84,311,209	61,943,209	+36.1	8,408,762	7,986,872	+5.2	8,620,112	8,669,246
New Haven	23,396,261	19,912,813	+17.5	58,819,611	44,014,263	+33.3	5,016,178	5,557,056	-9.7	5,487,467	5,579,866
Springfield	19,047,300	13,335,243	+42.8	43,379,393	30,643,533	+41.6	4,143,508	3,587,476	+16.7	3,790,027	3,600,027
Portland	10,514,007	8,805,567	+19.3	20,827,619	18,098,994	+16.3	2,300,000	2,127,814	+8.4	2,200,000	2,655,092
Worcester	10,004,202	12,159,343	-17.7	38,098,944	29,070,731	+31.1	2,917,995	3,114,969	-6.3	3,043,252	3,643,252
Fall River	10,515,612	6,649,726	+58.1	23,587,184	14,917,887	+58.1	2,403,109	1,272,782	+8.9	2,438,932	1,672,816
New Bedford	8,376,616	7,077,369	+18.4	18,930,665	10,175,348	+47.0	1,484,799	1,197,435	+24.0	1,828,084	1,620,650
Holyoke	3,664,155	2,396,096	+52.9	7,974,279	5,946,438	+34.1	700,000	655,218	+6.8	927,055	1,140,714
Lowell	4,438,611	3,840,072	+15.6	10,209,851	8,062,447	+26.1	911,312	925,354	-1.6	1,050,000	1,093,636
Hampden	4,513,865	3,691,941	+24.9	6,845,827	5,232,348	+29.7	518,939	653,472	-24.1	836,007	625,652
Ware	6,923,700	6,320,900	+9.5	16,302,000	15,000,800	+8.0	---	---	---	---	---
Wareham	1,042,750	1,995,670	-2.0	4,342,750	4,288,745	+1.3	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total New England</b>	<b>1,575,806,451</b>	<b>1,254,479,026</b>	<b>+25.6</b>	<b>3,641,882,316</b>	<b>2,927,640,697</b>	<b>+24.4</b>	<b>328,776,994</b>	<b>330,869,331</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>306,577,821</b>	<b>260,193,181</b>
Chicago	2,416,541,858	1,981,415,681	+22.0	5,273,273,687	4,326,406,208	+21.9	576,836,855	600,766,351	-4.0	566,405,512	523,952,803
Cincinnati	258,483,517	214,041,406	+20.8	566,532,786	491,896,768	+15.2	60,296,540	58,094,674	+3.9	52,547,154	40,810,578
Cleveland	466,854,360	325,709,561	+43.3	1,048,515,780	765,259,625	+37.1	110,639,684	74,915,171	+47.7	74,272,456	62,576,007
Detroit	435,296,897	262,243,537	+64.8	902,488,767	583,334,792	+54.7	101,154,725	62,649,204	+61.5	51,482,425	59,579,866
Milwaukee	126,289,034	114,229,118	+10.6	265,857,936	251,395,408	+5.0	27,933,497	29,372,095	-4.9	29,415,894	24,514,492
Indianapolis	54,225,700	43,450,560	+24.8	119,131,800	92,146,300	+29.3	11,311,200	10,819,700	+4.5	10,387,800	8,165,648
Columbus	73,423,400	39,060,692	+47.7	124,532,140	88,320,368	+41.0	12,437,274	8,834,629	+40.8	7,981,807	9,776,230
Toledo	57,709,346	18,707,628	+20.6	147,196,164	44,266,791	+16.5	5,502,689	3,068,093	+39.0	5,500,000	5,900,000
Peoria	22,363,419	17,070,951	+29.8	37,647,321	40,737,081	-8.1	5,864,890	4,674,481	+25.8	5,474,554	4,828,901
Grand Rapids	20,316,090	14,151,086	+43.5	45,813,062	33,371,065	+37.5	4,662,570	3,242,776	+43.7	3,253,995	4,965,371
Dayton	20,585,269	14,151,086	+45.5	45,813,062	33,371,065	+37.5	4,662,570	3,242,776	+43.7	3,253,995	4,965,371
Evansville	20,543,287	14,151,086	+45.5	45,813,062	33,371,065	+37.5	4,662,570	3,242,776	+43.7	3,253,995	4,965,371
Springfield, Ill.	10,955,740	8,175,103	+33.0	21,790,078	17,279,012	+26.1	2,507,618	2,542,833	-1.4	2,112,487	1,943,448
Lexington	16,990,870	14,075,829	+20.7	35,242,701	30,014,012	+17.4	3,500,000	2,986,263	+17.2	3,427,271	3,468,775
Fort Wayne	8,585,758	4,781,674	+79.6	17,264,862	10,531,137	+63.9	2,134,458	1,450,089	+47.2	1,384,466	2,155,542
Youngstown	17,474,962	13,362,664	+30.8	42,734,066	34,315,297	+23.5	3,742,698	3,293,772	+16.6	3,037,154	3,438,928
Rockford	9,664,212	7,574,645	+27.6	20,287,630	15,636,501	+29.4	2,529,603	1,924,041	+31.4	1,499,288	1,291,370
Bloomington	9,664,212	7,574,645	+27.6	20,287,630	15,636,501	+29.4	2,529,603	1,924,041	+31.4	1,499,288	1,291,370
Quincy	8,393,677	6,983,232	+20.3	15,985,984	13,263,663	+20.5	2,315,381	1,790,270	+29.3	3,014,823	2,683,000
Akron	46,206,000	26,723,000	+72.9	97,322,000	51,907,000	+87.5	11,810,000	5,402,000	+118.6	4,578,000	6,588,000
Canton	21,307,496	8,654,974	+146.2	42,078,804	20,620,940	+104.1	4,558,826	2,022,592	+125.4	4,082,122	3,879,767
Springfield, O.	7,605,273	3,911,948	+93.5	16,590,167	11,970,375	+37.8	2,657,484	2,036,823	+20.7	1,386,357	2,343,319
Peasport	6,630,706	3,665,616	+81.6	11,970,375	11,970,375	+0.0	1,735,705	1,011,284	+71.5	1,432,460	1,160,486
South Bend	6,645,005	3,766,456	+76.5	13,983,138	8,909,699	+56.6	1,833,225	1,162,270	+57.6	1,263,443	1,086,732
Mansfield	5,630,334	4,337,970	+29.8	12,730,451	9,147,239	+39.2	1,348,428	937,288	+43.9	1,046,817	927,861
Danville	3,264,377	2,671,227	+22.2	6,443,565	5,413,953	+19.0					

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Call loan rates on the Stock Exchange this week have ruled lower, but the tension in the money market has been in no way relieved. The chief cause for uneasiness is that the preaching and the practice of the Federal Reserve authorities are wide apart. Every one connected with the Reserve banking system is stressing the need of credit restriction, while the weekly returns of the different Reserve banks show that credit expansion is going on as merrily as before. The statement issued last Saturday showed no improvement in that respect. There was another large addition to the bills held under discount, a further very considerable increase in the volume of Federal Reserve note circulation, and another decrease in the gold holdings.

To be sure, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York managed to remove, at least in a book-keeping sense, the impairment shown to have existed the previous week in its cash reserves, but it was able to do this merely through the assistance of the United States Treasury and by the employment by the latter of adventitious methods from which no great amount of satisfaction is to be derived. The return issued Feb. 21 had shown only 33.9% of cash reserves to net deposits (after deducting 40% gold against Federal Reserve note circulation) though the statute fixes the minimum of cash reserve against deposits at 35%. The return for last Saturday (Feb. 28) showed this ratio as having improved to 35.2%, it being thus brought up slightly above the legal minimum, but examination of the figures revealed that Government deposits with the Bank had increased from \$38,035,000 to \$91,635,377 and furthermore, that though the gold reserve of the Bank had dropped from \$526,782,000 to \$516,620,717, there had been an increase from \$48,620,000 to \$99,717,884 in the holdings of "legal tender notes, silver, &c." It was through this addition to the silver holdings that the ratio of cash was increased.

The silver increase was not at first understood, but in the statement given out the same afternoon at Washington (in connection with the figures for the twelve Reserve banks combined) an explanation was furnished which cleared the matter up. This explanation told that "The increase of over \$50,000,000 in 'other reserve cash' represents largely a transfer of silver accumulated by the Treasury with a view to meeting Oriental demands. Silver so transferred will gradually be used for that purpose by the New York Reserve Bank which is conducting the operation under the direction of the Federal Reserve Board. Meanwhile, the transfer serves to replenish the balance of the Treasury with the New York bank in anticipation of March 15 demands without calls upon depository banks."

The general view appears to be that the silver thus used to help out the Federal Reserve Bank is merely in transit to the Far East and thus possesses only brief availability. At all events it is entirely a temporary expedient and a doubtful one at that. Whether cash is a little larger or a little smaller is not of so much consequence as that credit expansion and bank note expansion keep steadily going on. In the four weeks ending Feb. 27 the bill holdings of the New York Federal Reserve Bank increased from \$953,341,505 to \$1,084,223,420, while Federal Reserve note circulation ran up from \$769,170,315 to

\$826,286,705 and the gold holdings suffered a reduction from \$562,784,838 to \$516,620,717.

Similarly for the twelve Federal Reserve Banks combined the aggregate of paper held under discount increased for the four weeks from \$2,735,670,000 to \$2,984,878,000, being an addition of almost one-quarter of a thousand million dollars, while the total of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation rose from \$2,850,944,000 to \$3,019,984,000, though the gold holdings fell from \$2,012,656,000 to \$1,966,836,000. It is this great and grave expansion in borrowing at the central institutions and the continued injection of further masses of Federal Reserve note issues that furnishes chief occasion for anxiety. Of course the coincident loss in gold tends further to aggravate the situation, but relief can come only from the former direction. Hence until the tax upon the facilities of the central institutions is substantially and permanently lessened the future will be invested with much anxiety.

The returns of bank clearings for the various cities of the United States continue to reflect notable activity in the mercantile and industrial affairs of the country, although of late there have been indications of slowing down in some important lines. That the clearings should be of such extremely full volume in the face of reports of lessened activity in trade is not, however, paradoxical, when it is recalled to mind that the transactions through the banks represent in no small measure payments on business ordered some time before, and consequently the true situation now remains to be disclosed later. Of course there is nothing suggestive of any slump in business—only some slowing down.

Our clearings compilations to-day cover the month of February and furnish a daily average not materially below that for January, which was the heaviest on record. Furthermore, of the 178 cities included in our statement, as given on the first page of this issue, 170 set up new high records for February and in very many instances by phenomenally heavy percentages. Note the 584.2% gain over February 1919 at Kansas City, Kan., 161.4% at Little Rock, 100.8% at Los Angeles, 98.8% at Buffalo, 79.8% at Memphis, 79.6% at Fort Wayne, &c., &c. At Kansas City, Kan., the remarkably heavy percentage of increase is due in greatest measure to the induction of the Federal Reserve Bank branch into membership during the month, and at a number of other points the activities of the various Federal Reserve banks or their branches have been potent stimulating factors. But above and beyond this, the aggregate this year greatly exceeds that of 1919.

Specifically, the total of clearings for the month this year is \$33,226,993,772, this comparing with \$25,808,147,986 in 1919, an increase of 28.7%, while compared with 1918 a gain of 49.3% is recorded. For the two months the augmentation over the preceding year is 28.5% and the excess over 1918 is 53.3%. At New York the February total at \$18,144,052,423 shows an expansion of 27.8% over 1919 and there is an increase over 1918 of 48%, while for the period since January 1 comparison reveals an augmentation in the first case of 29% and in the other of 53.3%. Outside of New York the aggregate for the month at \$15,082,941,249 is 29.9% greater than for the period last year, and exceeds 1918 by 50.9%. For the two months gains of 27.8% and 53.4% respectively are shown.



Increased activity was in evidence in dealings in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange; in February the transactions, despite the fewer number of business days, running well above those for January. In all, the number of shares traded in was 21,865,303, against 12,210,741 last year, and 11,418,079 shares in 1918, with the two months' aggregate 41,745,469 shares, 24,069,206 shares and 25,034,436 shares, respectively. Liberty bonds, as for some months previously, were the feature of operations in the bond market, the dealings reaching close to 232 million dollars par value, or more than three times the combined transactions in State, municipal and foreign securities and in railroad and industrial issues. Altogether, the months' bond dealings totaled \$303,527,600 par value, against \$238,254,000 last year and for the two months were \$674,652,200, against \$515,122,500. On the Boston Stock Exchange there was also a gain in the dealings, sales of 489,333 shares in February, comparing with 308,813 shares a year ago, with the aggregate since January 1 reaching 1,054,482 shares, against 666,269 shares. Chicago also exhibited a marked increase in transactions, which were for the month 725,984 shares, against 198,511 shares last year, and for the two months 1,343,164 shares, against 315,411 shares.

Canadian bank clearings for February also make a gratifying exhibit, the total for the 27 reporting cities showing a gain of 39.9% over 1919 and 68.6% over 1918, with the showing especially good at such important centres as Montreal, Toronto and Calgary. For the two months the increase in the aggregate for the identical cities is 38.2% over last year and 64.1% over two years ago. Montreal Stock Exchange transactions for the month totaled 361,469 shares, against 138,997 shares in 1919, with the aggregate for the two months 911,193 shares, against 231,503 shares.

Apparently the latest peace offer of the Russian Soviets was taken as more or less of a joke by the Governments to which it was made. At any rate, the State Department in Washington, according to an Associated Press dispatch from that centre, announced a week ago to-day that "Soviet Russia's proposal to the United States for peace will receive no consideration from the American Government." The observation was said to have been made by State Department officials that "it did not differ from previous proposals made by the Bolsheviks to the Great Powers," and it was said to have been added that "it would not be made public, as it was regarded largely as an effort to further Soviet propaganda throughout the world."

According to a Berlin cablegram that came to hand a week ago to-day also "disciples of Bolshevism and their friends, among the Spartacides and Communists, have become quite alarmed at the Moscovite Government's readiness to make peace with the 'capitalistic Western Governments'—fearing that it would mean the end of the ardently hoped-for world revolution." These doubts were reported to have been completely dispelled soon thereafter by the coming to Germany of "a Russian emissary, who though traveling through Germany incognito, is believed to be one of the prominent representatives of the Soviet Government." At any rate, it was related in the cablegram that "he spoke at a secret meeting of the chieftains of Communism, to which

also some Independent Socialist leaders were invited." He was said to have declared that "the Moscovite Government does not propose to make any concessions to the Western countries, nor to give up its determination to revolutionize the whole world after the Russian pattern."

According to the statements credited to this so-called apostle of Sovietism, "Russia's army now totals 2,500,000 men, excellently equipped, and officered and commanded by the best generals of the old regime, many of whom have become convinced of Bolshevism." Continuing, the speaker was further quoted as follows: "If Russia, despite this splendid army, is now seeking peace with the rest of the world, it is because a peaceful world naturally opens its doors to Russia, who would carry the spirit of Bolshevism with them wherever they went, be they merchants, Government servants or laborers." The foregoing space is given to these statements, not because of their probable accuracy in all respects, but as a brief sample for our readers of the propaganda that the Soviets are sending broadcast throughout the world.

London received advices a week ago telling of an address delivered by Leon Trotzky, Minister of War of Soviet Russia, before the Third Russian Congress held in Moscow on Jan. 25. According to the accounts, he "outlined the Bolshevik plan for converting the Red army into an army of labor." He was reported to have asserted also that "we have already organized several of these armies and they have been allotted to their tasks." Going into the scheme in greater detail, the Soviet leader said: "One army must obtain foodstuffs for the workmen of the districts in which it was formerly stationed, and it also will cut wood, cart it to the railways and repair engines. Another army will help in the laying down of railway lines for the transport of crude oil. A third army will be used to repair agricultural implements and machines, and, in the spring, will take part in the working of the land."

It will be recalled that last week the Supreme Council appointed Albert Thomas, French Labor leader, to investigate economic conditions in Russia and to report before the close of the current month. In an interview in London about a week ago, he was quoted as having expressed the opinion that "the League of Nations Labor Commission will not get into Russia to do its work unless it suits the personal and political purposes of Lenine." He was quoted as having added that "the proposal to send such a commission there has not received any official recognition from Lenine, and there has been no official invitation by the Bolsheviks to send such a commission into Russia." The French labor leader "expressed doubt even as to whether the commission would ever obtain the approval of the Soviet Government to cross the Russian borders."

In view of the announcement of the appointment of Mr. Thomas for the investigation work in Russia, it was somewhat surprising to note in a London cablegram early this week the reported selection of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the explorer, by the Council of the League of Nations, as "the head of the Commission which will investigate conditions in the territory controlled by the Soviet Government." It was added that if the Nansen Commission goes into Russia it will be there more than three months. According

to the report, "it will contain ten or twelve members, appointed by the Council to represent Allied and neutral countries." Doubt was expressed in the same cablegram as to "whether the scheme for trading with Russia through the co-operative societies will materialize, owing to the fact that the co-operatives in London have formed themselves into a limited liability company."

Further successes for the Bolshevist army in the field were claimed in advices received in London last Saturday. The occupation of Onega, situated on Onega Bay, about 80 miles southwest of Archangel, was reported. Still other victories were declared to have been scored by the followers of Lenine and Trotzky in the Murmansk region also. Among the supplies declared to have been taken were an armored train, 8 airplanes "and a large quantity of material." In the region of Tiraspol and Odessa the Soviet announcement received in London stated that between Jan. 24 and Feb. 17, 12,700 prisoners, 342 guns, 23 armored trains, 5,500 rifles, 15 airplanes and 390 motor cars had been captured. Decisive victories and the capture of materials and supplies in still other regions were claimed.

Prominent United States Senators were quoted in a Washington dispatch the same afternoon as having expressed the opinion that recognition of Soviet Russia by our Government was near. Included in the list were Senator Hitchcock, who was reported to have said that "resumption of relations with Russia is very near;" Senator Borah, who was credited with having predicted that "recognition of Russia by the Allies within ten days and action by the United States soon after;" and Senator France, who said that he would press for hearing at an early date the resolution then lodged with the Foreign Relations Committee, directing the President, "to extend recognition to Russia at once."

It became known through London advices on Tuesday that "Premier Millerand of France has proposed that a financial representative be included in the League of Nations Labor Commission to investigate conditions obtaining in Russia." According to the dispatch "this financial representative would go with the mission to acquire first hand information of the attitude of the Bolsheviki toward foreign, public and private investments in Russia." The correspondent added that "the proposal has been referred to the League of Nations."

In a dispatch from London last Saturday morning there appeared what seemed to be an authentic outline of the reply of the Allies to the second note of President Wilson on the Adriatic situation, which it was claimed was prepared in only two hours, and without the actual presence of either Premier Lloyd George of England or Premier Millerand of France. In the London communication the Premiers were reported to have noted "as a fact of the greatest importance that President Wilson expresses a willingness to accept any settlement mutually agreeable to Italy and Jugo-Slavia regarding their common frontier in the Fiume region, providing such agreement is not made on the basis of compensation elsewhere at the expense of nationals of a third Power." The dispatch further set forth that "the Premiers agree that this would be an ideal way of settling the

question, and they express their willingness to do their utmost to reach a settlement by this road." Accordingly it was said that "they are ready to withdraw their proposals of Dec. 9 and Jan. 20," and that "the Premiers, therefore, cordially invite the President to join them in a formal proposal to the Italian and Jugo-Slav Governments to negotiate an agreement on the basis of withdrawal of all previous proposals." The Premiers made it clear, according to the dispatch, that they could not give up the much-discussed treaty of London without good cause. They were reported to have asserted that its "secret character" was due "to military exigencies preventing its publication during the war." On the other hand, the Premiers were quoted as having declared that "they cannot disguise the fact that should no voluntary settlement of the Adriatic problem be reached, the Treaty of London would become the only valid alternative, as far as they are concerned."

In a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" on Sunday the assertion was made that Government officials there made no effort to deny the accuracy of the outline of the reply of the Allies to President Wilson's second note, as cabled from the British capital the day before. It was made very emphatic, however, in the Washington dispatch that the proposal of the Allies to give up the agreement of December 9 could not be accepted by President Wilson, as by so doing he would be virtually "receding from the position set forth in that communication." It was expected in Washington at that time that President Wilson's reply would be sent forward during the week. Word came from the National Capital Monday afternoon that he had actually begun work on it. The same advices stated that "there was no comment available from officials here as to the extent that President Wilson might be willing to go in joining directly with Premiers Millerand and Lloyd George in fostering these new negotiations." It was gratifying to note the statement in another Washington dispatch that "the President is leaving it for the State Department to set forth his views in diplomatic language."

Washington was glad to hear from London that Premier Nitti of Italy and Anton Trumbitch, head of the Jugo-Slav delegation there, "were almost in continuous conference over the week-end in an effort to secure some mutually satisfactory compromise agreement for the settlement of the Adriatic dispute." According to the advices it was impossible to learn the nature of the "conversations," as both the Italian and Jugo-Slav delegations declined to give any information.

Crawford Price, writing in the London Sunday "Times" a week ago expressed the opinion that "Premier Nitti agreed to the new proposal for the settlement of the Fiume situation (to which reference has already been made) before it was transmitted to Washington." The writer referred to the Allies' latest reply to President Wilson in which they offered to begin negotiations anew on a new basis, as already explained.

A rather surprising report appeared in a Rome cablegram received in London Monday afternoon. It was said that the Railroad Administration of Italy had completed plans "for direct railroad connection with Fiume." It was even added that



"orders were issued for the construction of a direct line from Trieste to Fiume," and it was added that "work will probably be started in the near future."

According to a cablegram direct from Fiume "a siege of the city has begun, with a stringent blockade against commodities, including foodstuffs." This dispatch was dated a week ago to-day. General Caviglia, representing the Government, was quoted as saying that "perhaps we may appear to be lenient toward those occupying Fiume, but it is not so. We shall exercise an iron blockade against the forces of Gabrielle d'Annunzio." A prominent banker was reported in the same dispatch to have said "we are starving." Other prominent bankers in Fiume were declared to have asserted that "our money situation is appalling."

According to a dispatch from Rome a day or two later the industrial and financial situation in Italy continues serious. There is still an acute shortage of essentials. As a consequence the Council of Ministers decided upon "additional measures of retrenchment." The announcement stated that the Council will "restrict the importation of cereals, frozen meats, sugar and bacon. Fridays and Saturdays will be meatless days. No alcoholic drinks may be sold after 10 p. m." It was added that "the Council hopes to save 2,000,000,000 lire by its recent reduction in the bread ration."

It was disappointing to read in a London cablegram Tuesday morning that "the conversations between Premier Nitti of Italy and the Jugo-Slavs were broken off suddenly to-day" (Monday). The opinion was said to prevail in London at that time that "they will not be resumed in London during the present week." The correspondent even claimed that "the entire Adriatic question remains in suspense and it seems fairly certain that no solution will be reached while the Supreme Council is sitting in London." He thought that the question "will be reopened when the Peace Conference reassembles in Rome toward the end of the month." Premier Nitti and several associates were expected then to leave London to-day. Later advices indicated that they were planning to go on Thursday. According to a special dispatch from the British capital to "Idea Nationale," an Italian newspaper, the negotiations in the former centre over the Fiume matter were "worse than useless."

A dispatch from Washington Tuesday afternoon stated that an announcement had been made at the White House that "the President had completed his latest note to the British and French Premiers on the Adriatic situation." In Washington dispatches the next morning the opinion was expressed that the note would be cabled during the day, but announcement was made on Thursday morning that the communication was still being held in our National Capital. It was finally sent forward Thursday night. Word came from London last evening of its receipt there and delivery to Lord Curzon during the day. In a Paris cablegram yesterday morning the opinion was expressed that the Italian statesmen are disposed to mark time regarding the Adriatic situation "until after the Presidential election in the United States and the installation of a new Government in Washington."

According to a cablegram from Rome last evening, Minister of the Treasury Schanzer has announced that "subscriptions to the sixth loan amount to about 18,175,000,000 lire, of which 175,000,000 comes from abroad." It was also announced that "the subscription lists closed Wednesday."

An order was said to have been sent out a week ago last night by the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Railwaymen of France "for a general strike of all railwaymen on all roads in France." This did not frighten the French Government officials in the least, according to Paris advices. Already the Government had taken charge of the strike situation on the Paris Lyons & Mediterranean Railroad. The strikers tied up two other roads centring in Paris, and, moreover, demanded that the Government take over all the roads. The authorities not only flatly refused to do this, according to the reports from the French capital, but "issued an order calling into the army the strikers on one of the lines and ordering those of other lines to return to work within 24 hours, failing which they would be called into military service." Premier Millerand, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies regarding the railroad strike, said that "we are facing a political movement, or calling it by its name, a revolutionary movement under a puerile pretext." Paris dispatches a week ago this afternoon contained the positive announcement that a general strike on the railroads of France, effective immediately, had been ordered.

Word was received here Sunday morning from Paris that "the action of the National Federation of Railwaymen has now won the support of the General Confederation of Labor for the strike, which up to to-day had been conducted by the railroad workers' unions without central authorization." The correspondent added that "should the Confederation of Labor decree a general strike among the small industries, the movement would partake of a truly revolutionary character, for the aim of the strikers is to force the Government to take over the roads, which the Government has refused to do." Tuesday morning's advices from Paris relative to the railroad strike were distinctly encouraging. A special correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled: "The Government seems certain to win the railroad strike. The man who started it is in jail and a dozen of his radical lieutenants are keeping him company." He added that the general strike order of the day before "has failed to produce a general strike and there is distinct amelioration in the railroad service, about 40% of the usual schedule being maintained." There was encouragement also in the report that "the General Confederation of Labor, which now directs the strike, is ready to make peace if the Government will consent to establish a commission to study the question of nationalization of all the systems."

The strike actually came to an end Monday night. Immediately following the arrival at an understanding between the directors of the railroads and the men, "the National Federation ordered the resumption of work." After the negotiations which finally led to a settlement had been in progress for some little time, an agreement not having been reached, an appeal was made to Premier Millerand by both sides to the controversy. The latter quickly made the following proposals: "No pay for the days of the strike; no punishment for refusing the formal request

to resume work, and a review by each director in a spirit of justice, of all other punishments." The dispatches stated that these terms proved to be acceptable to all concerned. The Executive Committee of the General Federation of Labor, as usual, issued a statement claiming that "the Federation of Railwaymen had advised the committee that it had obtained satisfaction for all its claims,"—in short that the strikers had won. In a cablegram from Paris a few days later the assertion was made that the French workmen broke the strike because they flatly refused to follow a radical minority that tried to force a Soviet system. It is worth noting also that Premier Millerand refused to free the strike leaders from jail, even after the agreement was reached and the men generally returned to work.

The food situation in France appears to be no less acute than it has been at any time in recent months, and as it is reported as being in Italy, Germany and other European countries. In a cablegram from Paris a week ago the assertion was made that the Cabinet had decided that "menus must not comprise more than two courses, one being meat, and that no milk will be served in restaurants after 9 o'clock in the morning." The ruling further provided that "if the situation is unimproved two meatless days a week will be ordered." It was pointed out also that "strictest economy in foodstuffs must be practiced in order to husband the resources and avoid increased prices."

Brief reference was made in these columns last week to the fact that financial and trade experts of the Allied Governments had been summoned to London for a conference a week ago yesterday with the members of the Supreme Council relative to matters of first importance with which these men were particularly familiar. The conference was held and cablegrams from the British capital the following day stated that "the decision by the Allied Supreme Council to investigate thoroughly the prevailing high prices and the question of exchange will result in splitting the conference into two bodies and the continuing of the sessions in London at least another week." Toward the end of last week the assertion was made that they would be wound up for the time being on last Saturday. Speaking more specifically it was said that "the Council decided to investigate exchange, the scarcity of commodities, increased production, transportation, the operation of 'rings' charged with keeping up prices, profits and taxation, as they affect prices." It was claimed also that "the financial question would be dealt with by the Premiers, with their official financial and economic advisers, augmented from time to time by unofficial experts." Premier Nitti of Italy was persuaded to postpone his home-going, while "Premier Millerand of France was urged to return to London, the moment the French strike situation permits, so urgent was the consideration of the matters outlined considered." The further information was conveyed in the cable advices that "the Council's present intention is to confine the investigation to Europe."

Announcement was made in a London cablegram to the "Echo de Paris" that the economic section of the Supreme Council spent all day Monday "on the drafting of a sort of communique," which it was expected would be issued the following day. The main ideas that would be set forth in the document

were said to be the following: "First—The necessity of all the Allied countries developing their production. Second—The necessity of reducing the cost of armaments. Third—Europe is an economic unit, and in order that she may regain economic health, all the different parts must regain their strength. Normal economic production must be universal, or it will be non-existent, and Germany and Russia, therefore, must be in a position to contribute to the economic life of the whole of Europe."

The most striking announcement in the foreign news Wednesday morning was that "it is regarded as probable that the Supreme Council will recommend an international loan to Germany," but it was added that "the question of security is a basic one." The correspondent said also that "it is expected that a plan will be arranged which will offer inducements to the rich smaller countries to subscribe to a loan." The opinion was expressed in London that "even England will contribute officially and unofficially, although England's financial commitments of various sorts arising from the war are greater than those of any other nation." According to the advices also "the question of finally fixing Germany's war indemnities at a specific amount is being discussed." It has been apparent for some months to close students of affairs in Germany that, however great the desire of the peoples of the Allied and Associated Powers to punish Germany might be, the fact remains that if she is to survive economically various modifications of the terms of the Peace Treaty would have to be made, particularly as to the delivery of coal to the Allies and the getting of raw materials. It was claimed in the London dispatches this week that Great Britain among the Allies and Lloyd George pre-eminently among the British authorities favored this idea, while, as might have been expected, the French were opposed to it at first, but were gradually coming around to the same position.

It was gratifying in the extreme to note in London cablegrams that "a particularly noticeable phase of the present meeting of the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference is the changed attitude toward Germany." The following was particularly pleasing and important: "In diplomatic circles it is asserted that the Conference has come to recognize that Germany ruined would mean a weak spot, and a dangerous spot, in Europe." It is a great pity that the Allied Powers did not come to this conclusion some months ago. A prominent international banker in this city says that private letters just received from Germany make it perfectly plain that the lack of raw materials in that country is not only great, but serious in the extreme, and that in other respects economic and financial conditions are bad.

The "Evening Standard" of London stated on Thursday that "the Allied Supreme Council has decided to allow Germany to launch an international loan." The paper added that "it would take precedence over any indemnity payments Germany is called upon to make." According to an Associated Press cablegram from Paris yesterday "the French Government will make determined opposition to any revision of the Treaty of Versailles that would modify French claims on Germany."

The Supreme Council decided another important question this week. The early dispatches stated that it had been decided that Turkey should have no



navy, but at that time there was nothing definite as to what disposition would be made of her naval fleet. The advices stated furthermore that the Council had not decided either "just what arms will be allotted to Turkey." It was reported that subtractions from her territory were under discussion that would result in the total population dropping from 30,000,000 to 6,000,000. These figures are regarded as very largely inaccurate. It was suggested, however, in London cablegrams that such changes in territory "would make necessary an entire readjustment of Turkey's debt."

Definite announcement was made in Thursday morning's cablegrams that, according to the plans of the Supreme Council at that time, the Turkish treaty would be handed to Turkey at Paris on March 22. Positive action was reported to have been taken with respect to both the navy and army of that country. It was stated that the Supreme Council had decided that "the Peace Treaty should provide that the warships be broken up and that the army be reduced to such a point by the peace terms that it would not be effective against any other country." In a London cablegram Thursday afternoon it was asserted that "Turkey is stripped of virtually all her territory in Europe, but retains the sacred places." The further statement was made that "Thrace has been awarded to Greece." According to a London dispatch the concensus of opinion in well informed circles there is that "the Adriatic settlement is indefinitely postponed and that Premier Nitti of Italy has turned his attention from this subject to Italy's claims in Asia Minor and the Turkish treaty."

The strike fever apparently is pretty general in Europe. Word came on Thursday morning that "Great Britain is threatened with a nation-wide strike of transport workers involving 150,000 to 170,000 men." In addition, it was declared that "200 tin plate mills were made idle through strikes." In Paris, although the railway strike had been settled only a few days before, it was reported that "delegates of the Paris labor unions adopted resolutions calling upon the railway employees to respond to another strike order," in case that a few union men who had been dismissed should not be restored promptly. In Milan, Anarchist leaders prevented the return to work of men who wished to go back, according to a dispatch from that centre. In Copenhagen, Danish dock workers "refused to unload Dutch ships or to handle Dutch goods in the harbor of Copenhagen," it was said. According to reports from the Portuguese frontiers received in Madrid, "the workers in Portugal have proclaimed a Soviet Republic." Johannesburg sent word that "the strike among the native workers in the Crown gold mines in the Rand, which has been in progress for some time, has been settled."

There was unusual interest in advance in the re-appearance of former Premier Herbert H. Asquith as a member of the House of Commons. The "Times" predicted a "tremendous reception for the Liberal leader." The "Daily Mail," which ordinarily has opposed him, declared that the excitement over his return to Parliament was "popular recognition of the fact that with his return an effective Parliamentary opposition will come into existence for the first time since the war." The London cablegrams Tuesday morning made it perfectly clear that

expectations regarding the event were fully realized. For instance, it was stated that "former Premier Asquith took his seat in the House of Commons today (Monday) after a triumphal motor trip through immense crowds about his home in Cavendish Square and Westminster Station." The accounts added that "Mr. Asquith's appearance in the House was greeted with cheers from the Independent Liberals, the Nationalists, and a few Liberalists and Coalitionists." It was pleasing to note that "after he was seated, Premier Lloyd George hurried across the Chamber and shook hands with Mr. Asquith."

Official announcement was made in London of the appointment of Sir Auckland Geddes as British Ambassador to the United States. The advices stated that "he will leave London for America in about a month." Cable advices from London last evening said that April 3 had been fixed as a tentative date for his sailing.

British Treasury returns attracted more than usual attention this week, including as they did a heavy issue of the new Exchequer bonds and exceptionally large repayments of Treasury bills. The net results of the week's financing was a loss in Exchequer balances of £835,000, which compares with an increase last week of £474,000 and reduces the balance on hand to £4,581,000, against £5,417,000 a week ago. Expenditures were £20,513,000, against £25,323,000 for the week ending Feb. 21 with the total outflow, including Treasury bills, advances and other items repaid, £190,305,000. This compares with £187,930,000 the week previous. Receipts from all sources were £189,470,000, as against £188,404,000 last week. Of this total, revenues contributed £37,170,000, against £52,118,000, other debt £4,418,000, against £9,370,000, and savings certificates £1,100,000, against £1,200,000. Advances yielded £3,050,000, against £50,000,000 the week preceding. Total sales of Exchequer bills were £53,550,000. Treasury bills were sold to the amount of £62,732,000, as against £67,666,000, while the sum repaid totaled £95,151,000. As a result there was a material lessening in the volume of Treasury bills outstanding, which now stands at £1,070,085,000, in comparison with £1,102,331,000 a week ago. Temporary advances are £177,830,000. Last week they were £218,830,000, thus also indicating a sharp curtailment. The total floating debt is given as £1,247,915,000.

That subscriptions to the new Exchequer bond issue should have exceeded £53,000,000 came as something of a surprise to British financiers, and as further payments are yet to be received, indicating that not far from £60,000,000 in cash will likely be subscribed, it is regarded as highly encouraging, especially since it will leave only £40,000,000 to be provided from budget sources to meet the year's maturing Exchequer bills. The return is far better than had been anticipated, previous predictions having been for a subscription of £30,000,000.

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 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 is now reported at 5⅞% for both sixty and ninety days, against 5¾% for sixty days and 5 13-16% for ninety days, the previous quotation. Call money

on London is easier, having declined to  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ , in comparison with  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  a week ago. So far as can be learned, no reports have been received by cable of open market rates at other centres.

Another large gain in gold was shown by the Bank of England statement, amounting to no less than £3,152,193, although the total reserve was reduced by £1,476,000, largely as a result of the continued expansion in note circulation. This latter item registered an increase of £4,629,000, so that the total of notes in circulation has passed the £100,000,000 mark and now aggregates £101,155,000, in comparison with £71,092,120 in 1919 and £47,590,795 a year earlier. Substantial curtailment was shown in some of the deposit items, so that the proportion of reserve to liabilities was advanced from 17.02% last week to 19.60% this week, which compares with 18½% in the corresponding week of a year ago. Public deposits expanded £5,117,000, but other deposits were reduced £37,403,000, while Government securities showed a falling off of £32,432,000. Loans (other securities) increased £1,627,000. The Bank's gold stocks have reached a total of £113,597,892. Last year they were £81,251,063 and in 1918 £60,084,474. Reserves now stand at £30,892,000, as against £28,608,943 in 1919 and £30,943,926 the previous year. The aggregate total of loans is £92,331,000, which contrasts with £84,734,210 a year ago and in 1918 £98,191,457. Currency notes outstanding amount to £299,598,000, comparing with £296,953,000 a week ago. The amount of gold securing these notes is £29,239,000. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £861,980,000, against £739,430,000 last week and £476,250,000 a year ago. We append a tabular statement of comparisons for the different items of the Bank of England return.

## BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
	March 3.	March 5.	March 6.	March 7.	March 8.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	111,154,000	71,092,120	47,590,795	38,236,720	33,104,280
Public deposits	22,438,000	25,762,066	41,021,875	120,889,462	52,174,690
Other deposits	135,411,000	128,732,417	137,715,291	123,164,655	97,035,512
Government securities	52,720,000	59,196,544	67,736,782	31,965,781	32,833,646
Other securities	92,331,000	84,734,210	98,191,457	190,029,100	93,180,163
Reserve notes & coin	30,892,000	28,608,943	30,943,926	34,223,215	41,424,079
Coin and bullion	113,597,892	81,251,063	60,084,474	54,009,935	56,078,359
Proportion of reserve					
to liabilities	19.60%	18.50%	17.31%	14.02%	27%
Bank rate	6%	5%	5%	5½%	5%

The Bank of France reports a further small gain of 568,799 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings now total 5,582,145,075 francs, comparing with 5,537,264,458 francs last year and with 5,369,498,206 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 silver increased 26,951 francs, bills discounted gained 12,464,821 francs, Treasury deposits rose 576,500 francs, and advances were augmented to the extent of 2,249,847 francs. On the other hand, general deposits were reduced 22,460,347 francs. Note circulation registered an expansion of 47,095,505 francs, which brings the total outstanding up to 37,935,724,846 francs contrasting with 33,091,895,300 francs in 1919 and with 24,650,026,960 francs in 1918. On July 30 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount outstanding was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918 are as follows:

## BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of—		
		March 4 1920.	March 6 1919.	March 7 1918
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France	Inc. 568,799	3,603,866,659	3,553,955,973	3,332,339,721
Abroad	No change	1,978,278,416	1,978,308,484	2,037,108,484
Total	Inc. 568,799	5,582,145,075	5,537,264,458	5,369,498,206
Silver	Inc. 26,951	251,485,714	314,154,718	256,088,093
Bills discounted	Inc. 12,464,821	1,861,517,554	1,024,073,260	1,123,151,382
Advances	Inc. 2,249,847	1,564,532,163	1,224,840,738	1,198,687,351
Note circulation	Inc. 47,095,505	37,935,724,846	33,091,895,300	24,650,026,960
Treasury deposits	Inc. 576,500	(?)	77,198,844	29,083,743
General deposits	Dec. 22,460,347	3,205,644,147	2,570,826,835	2,530,707,915

The Imperial Bank of Germany, in its statement as of Feb. 23, registered another gain in gold, though note circulation continues to expand. There were increases of 1,999,000 marks in coin, of 142,000 in gold and 245,804,000 marks in Treasury notes. Notes of other banks expanded 1,056,000 marks, bills discounted 2,415,000 marks and investments 56,876,000 marks. The expansion in circulation amounted to 741,534,000 marks, while other liabilities were augmented 414,456,000 marks. Advances were reduced 3,217,000 marks and deposits 115,622,000 marks. The German Bank's gold holdings are now reported at 1,090,995,000 marks, which compares with 2,247,380,000 marks last year and 2,406,680,000 marks in 1918.

Last Saturday's bank statement of New York associated members, which is given in more complete form on a later page of this issue, was somewhat more favorable, in that reserves were substantially expanded. Loans showed an expansion of \$11,159,000. Net demand deposits also increased, \$7,307,000, to \$4,066,635,000, not including \$18,029,000 of Government deposits. The latter item sustained a further contraction for the week of \$8,325,000. In net time deposits there was a decline of \$1,091,000 to \$247,399,000. Cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank) increased \$950,000 to \$98,061,000 (not counted as reserve) while the reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank increased \$28,563,000 to \$551,626,000. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults increased \$52,000 to \$12,677,000, and reserves in other depositories (State banks and trust companies) were brought down \$546,000 to \$11,324,000. Aggregate reserves expanded, in round numbers, \$28,069,000, and surplus over legal requirements showed a gain of \$27,121,240, which, of course, is the result of the expansion in member bank reserves with the Federal Reserve Bank. The total of aggregate reserves now held is \$575,627,000, and excess reserves \$35,192,660. The figures given above for surplus are based on legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but not including cash in vault held by such banks, which amounted last Saturday to \$98,061,000. The Federal Reserve Bank did not do so well, for although the reserve ratio to deposit liabilities (after allowing 40% gold reserve against Federal Reserve notes in circulation) was raised from 33.9 to 35.2%, bringing it above the statutory limit again; this was effected entirely through a special transfer of silver made by the United States Treasury, as detailed at the beginning of this article.

As regards specific rates for money, call loans have ruled during the week at 6@10%, which compares with 6@15% last week, for both mixed collateral and all-industrials alike. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the rate was pegged at 10% and this constituted the high, low and renewal basis on



each day. Thursday the tone was easier and the rate was reduced to 9%, which again was the maximum and minimum for the day, as well as the basis at which renewals were negotiated. On Friday there was a drop at one time to 6% but with 9% still the high and ruling rate. Funds during much of the time were largely in excess of the demand, borrowers being apparently out of the market for the present. For fixed maturities the situation remains without important alteration. Offerings are practically negligible, and the rate was bid up to 8½% for all periods from sixty days to six months, against 8% last week, without leading to any business, until Friday when there was a recession to 8% on regular mixed collateral—9% on all-industrial money. A few loans were arranged for small amounts and these were principally for renewal purposes.

Commercial paper rates continue to be quoted at 6½@6¾% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names less well known at 6¾@7%. Most of the demand is still from country banks and a moderate volume of business is reported.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have again been advanced to meet the increase in Federal Reserve rates and eligible member bank bills for ninety days now range as high as 6@6¼%, with other dates and ineligible bills all correspondingly higher. Business was dull and transactions in the aggregate reached only moderate proportions. Out of town institutions continue the principal buyers. Loans on demand for bankers' acceptances are still quoted at 5%. Detailed rates follow:

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

Following the action of the New York and other Federal Reserve banks, which we reported in these columns last week had increased from 4¾ to 5%, 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, the Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis Federal Reserve banks have likewise announced similar increases. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has also raised from 5 to 5¼% the rate on bankers' acceptances for all maturities. No other changes, so far as our knowledge goes, have been made during the past week, and the following is the schedule of prevailing rates now in effect. We are not advised as to whether the Reserve banks at Minneapolis, Dallas and San Francisco have also moved up their rates on Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness from 4¾ to 5%.

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT MARCH 5 1920.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (including member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' Acceptances accounted for member banks.	Trade Acceptances maturing within 90 days.	Agricultural and stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days.
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness.	Liberty bonds and Victory notes.	Others 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.....	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Richmond.....	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Atlanta.....	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Chicago.....	5	5½	6	5¼	6	6
St. Louis.....	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Minneapolis.....	4¾	5½	6	5	5¾	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.

For the greater part of the week borrowers of call money in the financial district entertained the idea pretty generally that the rate was fixed at 10%. Toward the end of the period, however, there was a drop to 9%. Yesterday afternoon a further decline to 6% was recorded. There was pretty general criticism by those who give such matters close attention of the means taken last week to restore the reserve ratio of the New York Federal Reserve Bank to the level required by the Act. Reference is made to the transfer of \$50,000,000 silver from the Sub-Treasury which, so far as could be learned, could reasonably be regarded as being only in transit. According to the official notation it had been accumulated for the settlement of Oriental obligations. We have discussed the matter further above at the opening of this article. In some banking circles the opinion was expressed yesterday that to-day's bank statement would be unfavorable, because of the further large shipments of gold to South America. As we have frequently said in recent weeks, there appears yet to be no important change in the local monetary position, or in that of the country at large. The differences in the bank statement from one week to another appear to represent chiefly a shifting of accounts. There have been more definite reports this week than heretofore of the probability of the holders of speculative accounts in commodities being forced by the banks to liquidate to a considerable extent. So far as our domestic situation is concerned, something of this kind will have to be done before our monetary position will be decidedly easier. At the moment it looks as though the gold movement—both export and import—would be an important factor in the local money market, as well as in the foreign exchange market. Local bankers have not changed their attitude in the matter of time loans. Until they do, ultra conservative borrowers will not become very enthusiastic over the money market. The domestic and foreign situations are susceptible just now of changes that may have a pronounced bearing upon the money market. For that reason authorities are not inclined at the moment to express definite opinions about its immediate future.

Notwithstanding the fact that international political affairs are still in an apparent state of flux, sterling exchange this week has shown distinct improvement and bankers who have in the past been most apprehensive over the foreign exchange situation are now expressing hopes that the "corner has been definitely turned;" although it is felt to be still too soon to look for anything like permanent stability in rates. Contrary to predictions made by certain market observers last week, the expected influx of commercial bills did not materialize and rates were not only well maintained, but were substantially higher. It is true there are those who insist that while exports have been severely curtailed, the offerings of bills which have been coming on the market during the past week or so do not reflect the actual supplies available, for the reason that certain of the strongest financial institutions are quietly but consistently absorbing large quantities of bills, releasing them only when the market seems able to withstand the strain, and thus preventing a repetition of the wild fluctuations and disastrous losses of the recent past. Be this as it may, the supply of bills offered has been comparatively light and this, together with good buying for foreign account, firmer cable quota-

tions from London and somewhat easier local money conditions, has operated to bring about a much better undertone. Speculators again figured largely in the week's transactions and short covering operations were responsible in more than one instance for quick upturns. An additional influence in steadying exchange has been the unqualified success attending the distribution of the French internal loan, which it is understood is meeting with a response far in excess of expectations. On Thursday unofficial reports that arrangements had been practically completed for a heavy import movement of gold into the United States from England and France, incidental to the coming maturity of the Anglo-French loan, caused a sensational advance in quoted rates, and demand bills shot up to  $3\ 59\frac{1}{4}$ —the highest point reached since the first week in February, when sterling dropped to the lowest quotation ever recorded, namely, 3.18 for sight drafts. On Friday there was a further advance to  $3\ 69\frac{1}{4}$ , though the close was slightly under that figure.

The action of certain organizations of business men and exporters in this country in endeavoring to gain Government sanction for the re-opening of trade relations with Soviet Russia on the ground that raw materials and foodstuffs are sorely needed for the readjustment of normal trade conditions, has aroused considerable discussion and is likely to be closely watched. At this juncture it is noted that the British Controller of the Department of Overseas in a recent statement before the Supreme Economic Council in London emphasized the need of an exchange of commodities with the co-operative societies of Russia. To obviate the danger of an outpouring from Bolshevik Russia of "Red" agents to spread sedition throughout Europe, a plan was offered whereby the names of the representatives of the Russian co-operative societies shall be sent to the Allied Governments and personal permits issued to such as are acceptable to them, is receiving serious consideration.

In the course of a speech delivered at a luncheon tendered to representatives of the American press in London this week, Sir Auckland Geddes, the newly appointed British Ambassador to the United States, made the statement that the Allies were approving an international loan to Germany, the proceeds to be used to stabilize the economic situation in Germany and the redemption of the loan to be placed before payment of Germany's war indemnities. Bankers here when questioned on the subject were almost unanimously of the opinion that as a private operation the proposed German loan would meet with scant success in the United States, since the appeal would of necessity have to be almost exclusively to those of German antecedents in this country. It is conceded that credit in some form or other will have to be supplied Germany for raw materials and machinery to facilitate the restoration of her economic position, but just how this is to be brought about appears problematic. According to a recent London cable it is learned that the Indian Government in order to prevent speculation in exchange has announced the right to refuse any tender for the purchase of reserve council drafts without proper reasons being assigned. It is asserted that a large sum representing the savings of English people in India is awaiting remittance to that centre and the aim of the Government is to distinguish between the genuine remitter and the speculator. Washington

advice state that Robert P. Skinner, American Consul General at London, has notified the Department of Commerce that in view of the rapid fall in value of the paper and silver currency of Great Britain, and in order to safeguard the Treasury of the United States against any loss therefrom, it has been decided to change the rate of exchange at which fees are collected and to establish a new rate, as from Feb. 1 1920 of six shillings to the dollar, which will be equivalent to \$3 33 1-3 to the pound.

According to latest reports from Washington, no real solution of the Adriatic problem is likely for quite some time, while the Peace Treaty fight has reached so complex a stage as to render all prospects of an agreement upon essential points almost hopeless. Although intimations were heard to the effect that a change of front on the part of the President could bring about practically immediate ratification, it now looks as if the whole matter might be carried over into the coming national political campaign. While much dissatisfaction is expressed over the outlook, the market to all appearances has assumed an attitude of indifference to political vagaries and is for the present at least resigning itself to the inevitable.

Referring to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday of the preceding week, was firm and higher, with demand bills quoted at  $3\ 38\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 40\frac{1}{4}$ , cable transfers  $3\ 39\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 41$  and sixty days  $3\ 34\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 36\frac{1}{4}$ . On Monday under the stimulus of better buying orders, rates were advanced to  $3\ 40\frac{3}{4}$ @ $3\ 44\frac{1}{4}$  for demand,  $3\ 41\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 45$  for cable transfers and  $3\ 36\frac{3}{4}$ @ $3\ 40\frac{1}{4}$  for sixty days. Further improvement was shown on Tuesday, when demand bills were marked up to  $3\ 42\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 45\frac{1}{2}$ , cable transfers to  $3\ 43\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 46\frac{1}{4}$  and sixty days to  $3\ 38\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 41\frac{1}{2}$ . Wednesday's dealings were chiefly conspicuous for an outburst of strength which carried prices up more than 4 cents in the pound; the close, however, was easier and the range was  $3\ 42\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 46\frac{3}{4}$  for demand,  $3\ 43$ @ $3\ 47\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers and  $3\ 38\frac{3}{4}$ @ $3\ 42\frac{3}{4}$  for sixty days. Trading for a while was more active than for quite some time. Quotations shot up sensationally on Thursday, mainly on rumors of possible heavy gold imports into the United States from France and England, and demand touched as high as  $3\ 59\frac{1}{4}$ ; the range was  $3\ 46\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 59\frac{1}{4}$ , with cable transfers at  $3\ 47\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 60$  and sixty days  $3\ 42\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 55\frac{1}{4}$ . Friday's market was strong and higher, and there was a further sharp advance in sterling quotations.

Demand ranged between  $3\ 62\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 69\frac{1}{4}$ , cable transfers  $3\ 62$ @ $3\ 70$  and sixty days  $3\ 58\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\ 65\frac{1}{4}$ . Closing quotations were  $3\ 61\frac{1}{4}$  for sixty days,  $3\ 65\frac{1}{4}$  for demand and  $3\ 66$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $3\ 63\frac{1}{4}$ , sixty days at  $3\ 58\frac{1}{2}$ , ninety days at  $3\ 55\frac{3}{8}$ , documents for payment (sixty days)  $3\ 58\frac{3}{4}$  and seven-day grain bills at  $3\ 61\frac{3}{4}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $3\ 63\frac{1}{4}$ . The week's gold movement included a consignment of \$250,000 for Cuba and approximately \$21,500,000 for Argentina. Of this total about \$14,500,000 was held over from last week, awaiting shipment and is expected to go forward to-day. Recent reports of a probable resumption of this Government's embargo of gold shipments from the United States were characterized by Treasury officials as extremely unlikely, the present heavy outflow being regarded as a direct result of natural trade laws and an evidence of the return of international



trade conditions to a more normal basis. Bankers here look for gold imports from London in the near future. The withdrawal of India as a bidder for South African gold and the recent rise in sterling rates making it profitable to bid for the precious metal. A shipment of \$3,000,000 gold has been received from Canada, but this had nothing to do, it was stated, with the expected European import movement.

Movements in the Continental exchanges during the earlier part of the week showed some irregularity, but in the main the trend was upward, and on Thursday, following the lead of sterling, important gains were scored, carrying prices substantially above those of a week ago. Trading was inclined to be spotty, being marked by outbursts of activity and strength at intervals when rates were forced up spectacularly. Francs, both French and Belgian, were strong and weak by turns, but without specific activity or cause therefor, until Friday when sharp advances took place. Lire moved irregularly for a while, though the close was over 60 points above last week's final quotations. Berlin marks were under some pressure in the initial transactions, declining to 0.99, the previous low record. Later there was an increase in the inquiry and the quotation was restored to 1.05. Austrian kronen ruled fairly steady, with only fractional net changes. Greek exchange and the exchanges of the mid-European Republics shared mildly in the improvement shown at leading Continental centres late in the week.

Belgian bankers have decided, it is learned, to take joint action for the purpose of protecting Belgian exchange. It is not yet known whether the new regulations drawn up for collection of bills and documents in foreign currencies represent voluntary action, or whether they carry definite legal sanction, but the understanding is that they provide that bills payable in foreign currencies shall be payable in the currency stipulated in Belgian francs. This is regarded as meaning that the Belgian drawer of New York drafts must have the proceeds remitted to him in Belgian francs and not allow the dollars to remain here to his credit. At a meeting of the Danish Financial Council in Copenhagen recently it was decided to demand from the Government sole control of all imports. Co-operation of the bankers with the Council has already resulted in virtual prohibition of Danish purchases in Leipsic and Hesse. A dispatch from Berlin states that the German Government has made an urgent appeal to the Allies for permission to control import and export traffic on the western frontier on the ground that the present suspension of German regulations is resulting in the wholesale importation into Germany of unnecessary luxuries instead of the much-needed foodstuffs and clothing and thereby helping to further depreciate currency values.

The official London check rate in Paris finished at 49.90, as against 48.26 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 13.72, against 14.26; cable transfers at 13.70, against 14.24; commercial sight bills at 13.75, against 14.29, and commercial sixty days at 13.83, against 14.37 last week. Belgian francs finished at 13.02 for checks and 13.00 for cable transfers, comparing with 13.82 and 13.80 a week ago. Reichsmarks closed at 1.03 for checks and 1.05 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 1.01 and 1.03. Closing quotations on Austrian kronen were 00.40 for checks and 00.42 for cable

remittances, in comparison with 00.37 and 00.39 the preceding week. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed at 1.17, against 1.20; on Bucharest at 1.58, against 1.57; on Poland at 72, against 67, and on Finland at 4.55, against 4.50. Lire finished at 17.77 for bankers' sight bills and 17.75 for cable transfers. This compares with 18.38 and 18.36 a week ago. Greek exchange was firmer and closed at 8.62 for checks and 8.60 for cable transfers, against 8.64 and 8.66 last week.

Neutral exchange was inactive for the most part and rate variations followed the course of sterling and other continental centres. The result was that while fluctuations during the earlier part of the week were in some cases quite pronounced, marked gains toward the close carried quotations for guilders, Swiss francs and pesetas well above the final range of last week. The Scandinavian exchanges were particularly strong, recovering in some cases as much as 135 points.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at  $37\frac{3}{8}$ , against  $36\frac{3}{4}$ ; cable transfers at  $37\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $36\frac{7}{8}$ ; commercial sight at 37 5-16, against 36 11-16, and commercial sixty days at 36 15-16, against 36 5-16 on Friday of last week. Swiss francs closed at 5.77 for bankers' sight bills and 5.75 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 6.20 and 6.18. Copenhagen checks finished at 16.10 and cable transfers 16.20, against 14.75 and 14.90. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.30 and cable transfers 19.40, against 18.35 and 18.50, while checks on Norway finished at 18.00 and cable transfers 18.10, against 17.00 and 17.15 the previous week. The final range on Spanish pesetas was 17.90 for checks and 18.00 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 17.40 and 17.50.

With regard to South American quotations, very little change has been noted, and the close for Argentine checks was 43.20 and cable transfers 43.35, against 43.22 and 43.37 last week. For Brazil the rate is still  $25\frac{3}{4}$  for checks and 26 for cable remittances. Chilean exchange is a shade easier, having declined to  $21\frac{1}{2}$ , against 22, although Peru remains at 4.75@4.80, the same as a week ago.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong 101@101 $\frac{1}{2}$ , against 97@98; Shanghai 152@152 $\frac{1}{2}$ , against 143@143 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Yokohama 47@47 $\frac{3}{8}$ , against 49@50; Manila 50@51, against 49@49 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Singapore 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ @44, against 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ @42 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bombay 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ @48 against 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ @46 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Calcutta 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ @48, against 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ @46 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$6,756,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending March 5. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,844,000, while the shipments have reached \$3,088,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$62,147,000, 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 \$55,391,000, as follows:

Week ending March 5.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Bankers' interior movement.....	\$9,844,000	\$3,088,000	Gain \$6,756,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	74,318,000	136,465,000	Loss 62,147,000
Total.....	\$84,162,000	\$139,553,000	Loss \$55,391,000

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

Banks of	March 4 1920.			March 6 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 113,597,892	£	£ 113,597,892	£ 81,251,063	£	£ 81,251,063
France	144,164,669	10,010,000	154,174,669	142,358,239	12,560,000	154,918,239
Germany	54,549,753	1,180,050	55,729,803	112,285,900	1,038,210	113,324,110
Russia	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun.c	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	11,008,000	2,289,000	13,297,000
Spain	98,134,000	25,357,000	123,491,000	89,146,000	25,743,000	114,889,000
Italy	32,198,000	3,004,000	35,202,000	37,071,000	3,000,000	40,071,000
Netherl'ds	52,749,000	757,000	53,506,000	56,443,000	759,000	57,202,000
Nat. Rel. b	10,657,000	1,072,000	11,729,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land	21,157,000	3,369,000	24,526,000	16,433,000	2,568,000	19,001,000
Sweden	14,794,000	---	14,794,000	16,022,000	---	16,022,000
Denmark	12,602,000	188,000	12,790,000	10,405,000	135,000	10,540,000
Norway	8,128,000	---	8,128,000	6,912,000	---	6,912,000
Total week	703,315,308	59,711,050	763,026,358	724,365,202	61,067,210	785,432,412
Prev. week	700,160,251	59,528,000	759,678,251	723,836,223	60,841,910	784,678,133

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £70,131,137 held abroad.

\* No figures reported since October 29 1917.

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

b Figures for 1918 are those of August 6 1914.

### QUESTION OF FINANCING GERMANY.

To practical financiers, especially those familiar with the international market of the present and the past, one conclusion has been hard to avoid, ever since the terms of peace were imposed. Actual payment of the great war indemnity, under the conditions prescribed and without financial assistance from the outside world, would be an impossibility. The conclusion was not rested on the amount of the indemnity, or on the rightfulness or wrongfulness of exacting the sum announced. It was not even rested wholly on the fact that the Council's Reparation Committee had the power to increase that sum indefinitely, according as it should consider Germany capable of meeting a larger requisition.

That of itself was an obstacle to intelligent financing which, by all experience, might have been deemed insuperable. But it was the tacit assumption that Germany would not only meet these prodigious requisitions—the actual initial payment, the annual interest and amortization payments on the \$20,000,000,000 or upwards which was fixed as the minimum reparation—but must do so without foreign help. Her foreign trade was destroyed by the war; her mercantile marine taken away in payment for her ocean depredations; her credit shaken, her currency and exchange rates at the vanishing point, and her tangible resources largely shattered. It was a practical question how, even with the best of intentions on the part of Germany, the thing could possibly be done.

It is this aspect of the problem which has brought about what this week's cable advices describe as the change of attitude on the part of the European statesmen on the Allied Council. The new arrangement has yet been arrived at, it would seem, only in principle and in a tentative way; but it fairly confronts the question, whether Germany should not be allowed to raise money abroad for purposes of her own economic reconstruction, with the loan thus placed allowed priority over the obligations arising from the indemnity which Germany will have to pay to her antagonists in the recent war.

The case as presented to the Allied Premiers was that Germany cannot raise the requisite funds at home for the immediate purposes of economic reconstruction; that they cannot be raised abroad on bonds whose lien was subordinate to the indemnity loan, and yet that the meeting of the indemnity payments hereafter will be distinctly dependent on the getting of German industry to work again. The "Frankfurter Zeitung," an intelligent and conservative critic of German finance both during and since the war, has lately put the matter thus:

"We are ready and willing to work, but we lack the raw material, the oil to lubricate our machinery, and even the necessary means of transport. Meanwhile we are consuming what is left of our capital, and the printing press is at work day and night in our Treasury to increase the chain of our indebtedness. But we cannot live on paper. The fall of the exchanges, the depreciation of values, the soaring market prices of commodities will bring about our downfall in poverty. . . . If Germany falls, she drags Italy and France and Central Europe with her, and the reaction on the remaining countries of Europe will disorganize the world."

This presentation of the case has by no means been confined to German writers. At the recent annual meeting of the London County Westminster and Parr's Bank at London the Chairman very earnestly declared to the shareholders that the English people "must learn to put aside all thoughts of mere destruction, and to recognize that the attempt to annihilate Germany by preposterous demands for reparation will hurt ourselves far more than it will hurt Germany, and will mean not only economic but social suicide for England." Well informed English financial newspapers have urged the same consideration, pointing out especially that Germany is unbelievably short of raw materials and fuel, and unable to purchase them in the ordinary way because of the depreciation of her foreign exchange rates almost to the vanishing point.

In principle, the plan for allowing such a loan, with priority over the indemnity obligations, seems this week to have been agreed to—though with reluctance and opposition on the part of France. It will presumably be guarded with careful specifications and limitations; but at bottom it is recognition of the unquestionable fact that some such financial expedient will be absolutely indispensable to Germany's economic recovery, and that without such recovery, it will be impossible for Germany to meet her engagements regarding the indemnity.

Our own view of the matter is that this week's decision is quite as important for its indication of return to sober and business-like policy in the whole matter of reparations, as it is for its meeting of any single consideration. It has been evident to thoughtful and experienced men, ever since the Treaty of Versailles was framed, that a clearer and far more intelligible policy in the whole matter of the German indemnity payment would sooner or later become inevitable. The very terms of the Treaty admitted this by leaving extraordinarily wide discretion to the Reparations Committee—ostensibly for either decrease or increase in the total requisition, but actually, as pretty much every one recognized in his most thoughtful, for reduction of the total claim or modification of its terms, as the case might be, if payment on the original plan should prove to be impracticable.

Now that the practical as opposed to the emotional or political view of the problem is coming to the front, we suspect that a very substantial reconsideration of the provisions for the indemnity itself and for its payment will have to follow. The scheme as outlined at Paris did, in fact, leave wholly out of consideration certain questions which, under any thing like normal circumstances, would have been paramount. Professor Taussig, of Harvard, draws attention to these considerations in the March "Atlantic." Briefly summed up, his quite indisputable argument is that Germany must pay the bulk of her huge in-



demnity (the interest and amortization fund on the total obligation) in export of merchandise. She must export these goods, partly to the "reparation countries" themselves; partly to the other Allies; partly to still other countries, which will then complete their part in the indemnity operation by sending commodities to the "reparation countries."

This movement will be angrily opposed by mercantile interests in those other countries—especially among the Allies, who are themselves preparing for great extension of their own export trades. Yet the "unloading" of German export goods will be absolutely essential to payment of the indemnity. Germany will not benefit by the conceivably unprecedented exports, except so far as she completes her indemnity payment with them. But how can fundamental disturbance of French and English and Italian foreign trade be escaped? Furthermore, what will happen after "the winding up of the whole reparation business?" Germany will then have gained such foreign markets as were essential to the machinery of the indemnity payment; but will her abnormal career in foreign trade then end? Even if readjustment to normal conditions then occurs in the export trade, "the pains of transition will have to be suffered twice."

We do not at all consider that these facts disprove the rightfulness or the wisdom of an immense indemnity on Germany. But it was high time that the world should learn, first, what would be economically involved by the pressing of the exactions to the point of extravagance; second, the certainty that the entire indemnity payment would be jeopardized unless intelligent means were adopted to secure the economic recovery of Germany herself. The fact that these highly practical considerations are now assuming the foremost place in the Allies' discussions is, we think, one of the most reassuring developments in the economic situation.

#### THE DECISION IN THE STEEL DISSOLUTION SUIT.

It may be regarded as an augury of good and not a mere coincidence that closely on the return of the railroads to private ownership has come the decision of the Supreme Court that the U. S. Steel Corporation is neither obnoxious to a rational interpretation of the Sherman Act nor hostile to the public welfare. The prevailing opinion by Justice McKenna admits that the object of the combination was business rather than altruism and does not deny that some things during the decade of the formative process may have been violative of law "but transient in their purpose and effect;" yet all this is long past, and "since 1911 no act in violation of law can be established against it, *except its existence is such an act.*" Its business practices have not included freight rebates; its profits have not been swollen by oppressing its labor or by lowering the quality of product; or by creating an artificial scarcity or by underselling competitors in order to force them out; or by other unfair means.

To this might be added that the Corporation is conspicuous in "welfare work" and in both broad policies of dealing and straightforward fairness to labor. Mr. Gompers's long and earnest disapproval of it is an excellent testimonial for it, and the "recognition" which was the main purpose in stirring up the trouble in the steel trades and led to the in-

dustrial conference in October was successfully resisted by the satisfaction of the men with their wages and working conditions and by the undeniable readiness of the Corporation always to meet its own men at the council table and there dispose among themselves of any issues or misunderstandings which might arise. Justice McKenna did not include these remarks in his opinion, but he cannot possibly be unaware of their correctness.

This is not, he said, an ill-meaning and an ill-doing combination. Here is no monopoly in the sense contemplated by the statute. The statute is directed against monopoly; "not against an expectation of it but against its realization, and it is certain that was not realized." Monopoly, he declared, "was not achieved." Further:

"Shall we declare the law to be that size is an offense, even though it minds its own business, because what it does is imitated? The Corporation is undoubtedly of impressive size, and it takes an effort of resolution not to be affected by it or to exaggerate its influence. But we must adhere to the law, and *the law does not make mere size an offense or the existence of unexercised power an offense.* It, we repeat, requires overt acts, and trusts to its prohibition of the man and its power to repress or punish them."

Now, in contrast, turn back 17 years to the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the Northern Securities case, April 9 1903. That decision used most amazing reasoning and language. It may be, the Court admitted, that the motives inducing that combination "were wholly laudable and unselfish," or that the combination was the beginning "of great ideas, which, if carried out as they were conceived, would prove to be of inestimable value to the communities which these roads serve and to the country at large." Having admitted this as quite supposable although not proven, the decision added this: "*the vice of such a contract is that it confers the power to establish unreasonable rates.*" So, as the "Chronicle" pointed out at the time, the mere ability to do a wrong is illegal. No man may raise an axe, or ignite a match, or lift his arm, or even possess a healthy body, since in that is involved the power to do some injurious act. If not merely the doing but the power to do such act must be foreseen and safeguarded, it follows that the entire adult population of the country must be put under some form of restraint.

This was clearly going to absurdity, and what was then called "the rule of reason" was recognized by the Supreme Court a year later. And now, says Justice McKenna, not only are the majority unable to see advantage to the public in directing dissolution of the Steel Corporation or the detaching of some of its subsidiaries from it, but in such a course an injury certain to follow is apparent:

"We do see in a contrary conclusion a risk of injury to the public interest, including a material disturbance of, and, it may be, a serious detriment to, the foreign trade; and in submission to the policy of the law and its fortifying prohibitions the public interest is of paramount regard."

Chief-Justice White and Justices Holmes and Van Devanter concur with Justice McKenna, while Justices Day, Clarke and Pitney are in dissent, and Justices McReynolds and Brandeis do not participate because of their past relations to the subject. Their attitude heretofore indicates that they would side with the dissentient three, and it must be noted that

although the decision is legally binding it is by only four of the nine members. Yet it is so palpably according to reason and so unmistakably indicates a return to sanity that there seems no cause for fearing any reversal of the position now taken. At this critical juncture of events, when even a single year may so improve or lose the turn of the tide in the world's affairs that the better times we long for may be secured or be indefinitely deferred, there are many who have not freed themselves of the mania of hostility to corporations. We can see, if we open our mental vision to the light of experience, to what straits that hostility has brought us. During the war some waiving as to poolings and combinations for trade purposes was extorted by the emergency, yet the mania still survives and disturbs many minds.

Justice McKenna pointed out the inconsistency of the Government's desire to exempt the Steel Corporation's foreign trade from the dissolution sought; he did not see how it could "be such a beneficent instrumentality in the trade of the world and yet be such an evil instrumentality in the United States that it must be destroyed." And Mr. Colver of the Federal Trade Commission is so eager to find missiles to hurl at the packers that after he had denounced them so often as destroyers of nearly everybody else he actually declared, only three months ago, that they are less efficient and successful than their competitors. The larger independents, said he, "make more profit per pound of product, more profit per dollar of investment, and more profit per dollar of sales," thus beating the alleged public enemies on their own ground. The distorted imagination of Don Quixote saw giants waving swords against the background of the sky, while the practical Sancho saw windmills grinding corn for the people.

Just now, while a suffering world calls for increased production in every industry and while every industry needs, for its own contribution to that increase, a greater supply of iron and steel products, at various points along the line, there are persons still so mentally blind that they would disrupt the organization and lower the efficiency and output of the largest factor in that most essential industry. The railroads may be aided in their difficult return to strength and normal service because that industry escapes the attempted interference, and probably they may in turn help the industry. In any event, the failure of the attack is timely and encouraging. May it prove the beginning of a permanent restoration of sanity concerning all practical affairs!

#### THE RETURNED RAILWAYS.

The railway bill passed the House on Saturday, Feb. 21, by 250 to 150, a vote only 17 short of two-thirds; it passed the Senate on Monday following by 47 to 17, four more than two-thirds; the properties went back at 12.01 on the morning of March 1, according to the previous order; the change was made quietly, although with unquestioned approval and relief through the country. Such is the brief record of completion of the first step in attempted reversal of probably the most colossal and unhappy blunder the country has ever made in its internal business affairs.

It is far too early to venture any definite forecasts of what is before us, save to again remind ourselves that we must expect difficult problems, acrimonious disputes, and situations which will require a stern resolution to stand by what is both just and wise

and to reduce to the minimum the discomforts and self-denial by accepting them quietly and firmly. As was to be expected (since it is an integral part of the whole trouble) the railway brotherhoods and their allies show no sign of relaxing their determination to grab the fat on life's table and pass the lean and the bare bones along to anybody else, for when they have enough all the world has enough and should be satisfied. Having failed to browbeat Congress into defeating the bill, and then to get a veto, and using pleas so palpably false and insincere that everybody saw their real aim was to continue Government as their indulgent employer, they now graciously say they will resist no longer; instead, they will "co-operate with the Government" in setting up the Labor Board which they denounced, of course counting upon being able to extort from the fears of politicians the successive advances that speed along the advance in prices. This is part of what the country has to meet and control, and though we cannot now foresee either details or methods we *can* decide now that domination by labor unions has reached its peak and shall subside.

Feigning an unwonted and grotesque concern for the public as against the "class" of railway security owners, the unions protested against the financial guarantee in the law. But there is no guarantee. There is only a mandate that the Inter-State Commerce Commission shall make such rates as during the next two years will yield  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  "on aggregate" value in the properties (plus an allowance up to another  $\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) and thereafter will yield "a fair return upon the aggregate value of the railroad property held for and used in the service of transportation." The value upon which the return is to be computed is as far from ascertainment to-day as ever, not even the basic rules for the process having been brought to determination. Waiving all that, however, this fair return,  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  or other, is to be discovered "as nearly as may be," and evidently that will be the limit of accomplishment; hence there is nothing that can be called a financial guarantee or warrant.

Section 209, providing for a certain guaranteed minimum "railway operating income" *during the next six months*, also declares the section inapplicable to any carrier that does not file with the Commission, on or before the 15th, a written acceptance of the entire section. An interesting question is now suggested: whether any roads which believe themselves strong enough to go alone cannot obtain legal freedom to get what they can and retain what they get by merely omitting to file a statement of acceptance.

No more than this can now be said of the financial parts of the law, yet much (we might almost say all) will manifestly turn upon the composition of the regulative commission. Heretofore, its members have seemed to conceive themselves morally under a retainer as prosecutors of the carriers, not as being arbiters and judges; they came to every case with eyes and ears closed (except to complaints by shippers and others) and they reaffirmed their former stand with only insignificant modifications. Open-mindedness to receive and breadth to consider the entire subject have been lacking, and the situation to-day has largely developed from that lack. If real service and successful results are to come from the action of this body, the attitude of its members must change; who shall change that, and how?

The change must come through a change in the people. The preposterous conception of railroads



as a gigantic octopus must be dismissed. The vague notion that they belong to some third party whose welfare need not be considered and who can bear any burdens cast upon him (or them, or it) must be abandoned. The notion that a corporation is wicked per se and size is a presumption of robbery must be corrected. The people must realize that a carrier can get income only by carrying and can carry only as passengers and freight offer; hence that the carrier must thrive or languish as the country thrives or languishes; the notion that there is a conflicting interest instead of a common interest in railways and the people is not fit for even a nursery bugaboo. What is needed now is that all the people understand and realize that the roads are *theirs*—theirs in service, in ownership, and in responsibility. Is it forgotten how the roads have shown recognition of this; how, for example, in years now quite far back, they labored for development and betterment of agriculture, aiding colleges and schools, and running "instruction" trains as part of their work?

There is a mingling of reminder, encouragement, and pathos suggested by advertisements, this week by two once prosperous systems. The Baltimore & Ohio, by Daniel Willard (once a humble employee himself) announces that it resumes "operation of its property" and will try satisfactorily to handle all business; it cites its geographical position, and declares its aim "to satisfy the reasonable requirements and desires of its patrons, and it solicits business solely upon that basis." The N. Y. Central lines similarly announce that "once more they are in the hands of their owners;" they propose to discuss things frankly with the public; they "want to retain old friends and make new ones . . . thus we can serve the public as it should be served by a modern, efficient railroad." Is this the octopus speaking, and waiving its tentacles as it speaks?

The many instances, and the great degree, in which railways have shown human feelings and practical good sense—are those forgotten so soon? For one example, is it forgotten how they appealed to their employees to take a personal interest in their duties, increasing efficiency and lopping off wastes, and promising them a share in any savings effected? This same Daniel Willard returns to that now by an appeal to all employees on the Baltimore & Ohio to use care against wastes; as one means of so doing he tells them that "if only one scoopful of coal in every twenty could be saved by firemen (not an impossible thing) it would result in an actual saving of more than \$700,000 a year" to the system. On the other side of the line of saving, there were deliberately enacted and persistently retained "Full-Crew" laws whereby to waste railway earnings and give employment to needless men who had ample time to join the rest in clamoring for more pay.

How generally and how well has the hard lesson of the past been learned? What will the country think about it, and what will the country do? Will it really try to save and strengthen and enlarge these indispensable draught animals called railroads, or will it continue to misunderstand, denounce, and maltreat them?

This is what time is to show, and upon it will turn the success of the operation now resumed, under attempted support and limitation by this law. Study the elaborate measure as we will, we must admit that it does not fully satisfy anybody. It is a compromise, and was inevitably so. Yet it differs from some pre-

vious compromises in American history in this: that it does not sacrifice business reason or moral principle to a partisan expediency. It might have been better, and it might have been worse; but any further attempts by either branch of Congress to improve it at the eleventh hour would have imperilled it. The defect pointed out by Senator Wadsworth concerning turning over to the War Department the operation of inland waterways had to be left, with all other defects, for future correction. The country had to make a mighty effort to pull itself out of the trouble that was gripping and choking it. It is the first step that costs, says a proverb, and in this instance it certainly was. Having now made that step, we can proceed upon it and by its aid to successive steps to assured safety and progress, as the results indicate.

#### LABOR COUNTING THE FARMER TOO SOON.

Organized labor has openly declared its intention to choose in November a Congress so subservient that only a "message" now and then will be needed; not waiting for this, it has attempted to openly coerce the present Congress, which is not made up of just the same men as in 1916 and does show some signs of independence. Labor is taking these steps, unexampled hitherto in boldness and frankness, so far as Mr. Gompers speaks for and really controls it. Moreover, Mr. Plumb has a plan for relieving the general situation by paying off debts through assessments mainly laid upon the rich, and he may presently discover that a simpler plan would be to declare all existing debts canceled and all indebtedness hereafter prevented by a manifesto to that effect. Labor seems to be accepting the notion that the New Freedom which was officially promised, a few years ago, will repeal the Creator's law of labor (except as to others than one's self) and that the unionized man can continue indefinitely drawing increased wages and cutting down the time and the product of his services.

The outlook is thus far not pleasant, but it is not a time for despair; there are many gleams of encouragement, the brightest of them being the certainty that stern old teacher Experience has not dismissed his compulsory school or softened in the least his hard terms of tuition.

Great Britain has her fill of labor insubordination, but industrious France has revived her habit of hard work, and so has Belgium. In Russia, the Bolsheviks and the Soviets (using both terms, because there is still some vagueness about them, as about Socialism), have discovered that it is necessary for work to be done by somebody and therefore are said to be laying an irresistible demand for it upon some who may have thought themselves finally emancipated. In Germany, according to a cable which possibly was not noticed as carefully as it should have been, workers were discovering, nearly six months ago, that increased production is their only means of rescue from their distresses and that no mere changes in wages can help them; the thing needed is increased product, and that thing can come only by longer work-days and harder labor.

Mr. Plumb's plan for clearing off the national debt was addressed to an assembly calling itself the All American Farmer Labor Co-operative Conference, but the farmers are counted too soon by the professed readjusters of all human affairs. New Hampshire is surely a State where agriculture returns crops only

in exchange for downright hard work, and farmers there are consequently not of the lazy breed. In November the Farm Bureau of Sullivan County adopted a preamble and resolutions, the former reciting that a conflict is on between capital and labor and the latter is constantly demanding shorter hours with greatly increased wages, but that, notwithstanding sympathy with labor, any attempt to cut working time unduly must be viewed with great concern, "for it cannot mean other than greatly decreased production with a corresponding increase in the costs of living." Further (said the preamble) the farmer must work at least twelve hours in the day, therefore the resolution declared this:

"That we, the members of the Sullivan County Farm Bureau, numbering over 900, do hereby go on record as favoring a 10-hour working day for all laboring classes, in order that production may be greatly increased at once; that we believe just demands for wages should be met; that we do not favor strikes as a means of obtaining demands; that we do favor arbitration and believe that capital and labor and agriculture should get together on a common ground, for the benefit of all."

Inevitably, after taking this position, the meeting declared against any affiliation with labor organizations, "it being our desire that the Farm Bureaus of the nation remain strictly neutral."

Shortly before Christmas, the N. Y. State Federation of Farm Bureaus, claiming to speak for 70,000 farmers, called on Mr. Gompers to publicly make clear that he had not received any authority to speak on behalf of the farmers of this State, and also called on Congress to promptly return the railroads and to do this under conditions assuring them a reasonable financial future. At about the same time, the "American Agriculturist," which must be admitted to be considerably representative, scouted as impudent pretense the announcement of a conference to be held in Washington between agricultural and labor organizations.

At the close of January, seven organizations representing the products of the soil and those who grow and gather them met in conference in Washington and presented to Congress a memorial against Government ownership of railroads and calling for their return; against Governmental price-fixing as contrary to economic laws; against indiscriminate striking, and making some positive declarations to the effect that this is the best country on the globe, "its opportunities are boundless and are open to every citizen," and that "there is nothing fundamentally wrong with it."

On Feb. 9 Mr. T. C. Atkeson, speaking for the National Grange (said to have a membership of 700,000) said the organization has decided not to go with organized labor in its political program, and that organized labor and the farmers have no class interests in common, but are really squarely opposed in some particulars. The most remarkable part of what he is quoted as saying is that if the farmer adopted the unionized laborer's demand for shorter hours and more pay this "would mean curtailment of production of food until the people were so hungry they would pay exorbitant prices rather than starve; instead, it is our policy to encourage as much work as possible to stimulate production, so that normal conditions may be restored." If a question could be raised as to the number of persons for whom Mr. Atkeson can speak authoritatively, there can be no

question that he speaks thus for necessity and common sense.

The foregoing does not profess comprehensively to cover the ground, and nobody has a warrant to speak for the farmers of this country. But as a class they are men of shrewdness and clear common-sense. Were it possible to gather them in assembly rooms and to reel off to them much or little of the current denunciations of wealth and of the vaporous dogmas about profits and prices and so on, there would be this immovable and wholesome bulwark against its destructive effects: the farmer is always an employer. If he is such by hiring and paying others, he understands the position of the employer; if he employs only himself and his own family, he is employer and worker in one. He deals with the soil, and he knows that labor is its price of crops and the price must be paid in advance of the crops. No pleasant nonsense of how abundance can be had by cutting down the fixed price in labor attached to it can touch him; hard personal experience has taught him otherwise. The relation between labor and product is known to him, and no piping of union sirens can for a moment allure him to forget. On various questions of policy such as engrossed public attention in election campaigns which now seem so far back, and on such topics as the limits of Governmental control and the futility of its attempts to reform mankind—on such as these the farmer may be bewildered by the false apostles of the day and may perhaps become an uncertain factor as to his vote. But he knows so well what work is and what work has to be that we need not worry over the chance that he can be gompersized.

#### THE POST-BELLUM FERMENT IN THE FAR EAST.

The importance of the recent sayings of two distinguished Englishmen lies not in the men who said these things but in the significance of the facts of which they speak, especially if these facts are set side by side.

Mr. Balfour says the completeness of the change of thought wrought by the war is the greatest that any century has seen. That change is from dwelling upon the past as an inheritance to be preserved to appraising the present and the future. "The new age is pre-eminently a challenge to progress." Mr. John Galsworthy says "the war by the destruction of so much of the youth and the wealth of Europe has shifted the storm-centre of the world to the Pacific Ocean and the three unexhausted nations on its shores."

It is not to be supposed that these three great nations will be unreachd by the new impulses and demands or will fail to respond to the challenge of the new era. America, indeed, is just now in the centre of the stage; it would be strangely careless for any thoughtful man to be indifferent to what is transpiring in the two other great nations on the further shore of the Pacific. Though their methods will be very different, and their response to the challenge of the new era less rapid than our own, it may for that very reason be more disturbing and complete. That the ferment is working is clear, and that the effect upon the world is to be tremendous is sure.

Since 1871 we have watched Japan. She has passed through great changes, but they are by no means over. By so much as she is a new Japan, by



so much the more will she be sure to respond to the new age. She already evidences it everywhere. Her new system of public education is reported as reaching 98% of the population. This is like opening the pores of the nation to every impulse from without. The imperialistic military administration has given place to the popular party, and on the corners of the streets in the chief cities young men are addressing the crowd about "demo-cracy" as they call it. As yet only 20% of the male population have the ballot, but there is prospect of the early removal of limitations, with a large increase in the electorate.

Industrialism, which is already extensive and rapidly developing, has created in the cities the working class with the accompaniment of trade unions and strikes. Socialism exists in all its forms from the socialist of the chair to the syndicalist, from the Fabian to the advocate of "direct action," though the movement is still in its earlier stages and the strong hand of the Government is felt. Newspapers of all shades are abundant. The greater movements of other lands in thought and science as well as in politics and finance are known and studied. The moving of the churches of the West to achieve a closer unity is responded to by the drawing together of the Christan churches of Japan, and "surveys" after the approved fashion are under way.

In short, Japan's spirit of patriotism and confidence in herself and her great mission in the Eastern world, which are well known, make it certain that whatever new lines of thought the age may open to her, or whatever new methods she may adopt, she will take them up with power and will make them subservient to her scheme of empire in the East. In one line and in the other, in thought and in action, she is to be reckoned with, as she is sure to be to a greater extent than to-day one of the great nations of the world.

Turning to China we have a still more important instance. Here is the oldest nation in the world, much the largest, and apparently much the strongest stock. When the other existing nations were still in the savage state, China was highly civilized. Time and again she has been conquered and overrun by other races only to have them absorbed and assimilated by her more abundant vitality. In the twenty-five or more centuries of her continuous history the world has undergone many vast changes. Civilizations, as well as great nations, have come and gone; she has remained unchanged except so far as to adjust herself to changing external conditions which have proved to be in the main transient and temporary.

Now China begins to throb with the impact of the new world created by the war. Could any people seem more remote from us than the three hundred millions and more entrenched behind the Great Wall separated from us by the greatest ocean and totally severed by their traditions, their habits and their, to us, uncouth and unintelligible speech? But there is something in her millions of men, and the very difficulty of understanding her, coupled with the unmistakable strength of her character and the extent of her resources in every direction, mental as well as material, which attracts us to her and makes it possible that the future of America and of China, the oldest and the youngest of the nations, may, in the providence of God, be strangely intermingled.

China's long established Government has recently been overthrown, even more completely than was

Japan's. She also feels the throb of democracy. The slow contest that has been going on between South and North China is the result of it. To-day this seems approaching a settlement because of the recent fall of the central government and the triumph of the liberal leaders.

China was always a literate country. She is beginning to supersede her ancient system of education, effective as it was to produce her great men of the past, adopting Western methods in its place, or, at least, recognizing for the first time the necessity of mastering the learning of the West if she is to have hope of taking her place in the contests and competitions of the new world.

The industrialism of the West seems hardly to have touched her, her own long-established ways of individual industry have so fully met her needs. Consequently we hear little of the impact of Socialism. On the other hand, there are signs of widespread religious inquiry which, if not purely religious, is evidence of the new and thoroughly awakening movement of the minds of her people. This is chiefly manifest in the cities, but is widely diffused and seems to be awaiting only the arousing touch of outside teaching, so quick and strong is the response. In some instances the Governors of great provinces, and in many cases the authorities of large cities and towns, have endorsed the movement and even taken steps to initiate it.

China has her quota of men of large wealth, and among these are appearing those who, in increasing number, are using their money in educational, philanthropic and religious promotion. In Amoy, for example, one of this class has recently given \$3,000,000 for public education and in Tientsin the head of an independent Christian high school for boys, enrolling over 1,000 students, has just raised from Chinese sources \$1,000,000 to organize a college department.

There are manifest also the two movements which so often occur together marking a strong awakening movement; on the one hand in some places the throwing out of idols and the turning over of temples to other uses; and on the other, elsewhere, the re-erudescence of idolatry for counter influence. The official and educated class are fully alive to the necessity of understanding and possibly adopting Western ways if their country is to hold her own in the world's advance; while not a few of them, notably at the North, are, as are crowds of students in the cities, eager for instruction in the teachings of Christianity.

What may be regarded as a well justified national self-sufficiency and a deeply rooted prejudice are giving way before the recognition of the new age and a wide-spread spirit of inquiry. While it would be foolish to venture prophecy as to what changes are soon to occur, or still more to forecast the future development of the nation, it is evident that China is already well within the sweep of the great movement, intellectual, social, political, commercial, which is world-wide.

Here, then, are the facts which confirm the statement that the centre of interest and of force for the world of to-day is shifted by the war to what we have called the Far East, with which America is in contact on our western front, where the great ocean no longer divides, but unites.

We must recognize that the progress to which Mr. Balfour says the new era calls, is by no means limited to material things, however great that is sure

to be, but extends primarily to man himself; "that whole side of human life which," as Horace Bushnell said in his Phi Beta Kappa address at Yale 75 years ago, "does not trade, which wields in fact a mightier power over the public prosperity itself just because it reaches higher and connects with nobler ends."

It is the consciousness of this truth and in support of it as of unalterable validity that America went into the war; as by vindicating it she gained her great honor in the day of victory. It is in this consciousness, which it is not possible that the disappointments and aggravations of the past year can have completely destroyed, that the American people begin now to realize that they cannot stand aloof from the danger and trial of the Old World, or repudiate or forget the lofty and disinterested spirit in which they gave their help in saving the Old World from the ruin which would have made the New World impossible.

The progress for which the new generation must strive is to have peace world-wide and assured as its goal and essential condition, peace, as "the establishment and maintenance of the moral equilibrium of the world, the only balance of power which can be registered in the scales of justice;" which shall recognize the rights of all men, regardless of race or condition, and shall rest upon that unity of interest which marks the disappearance of all divisive distinction between the East and the West, as it does between the great and the small, the strong and the weak.

#### CLASS LEGISLATION IN A REPUBLIC.

We need principles always; and under our system of government we are almost compelled to use parties. A curious, an unusual, incident occurred in the debate on the Railroad Conference bill in the Senate. Senator Myers of Montana, in a matter-of-fact way, paid his respects to "union labor," saying, among other things, that the Government "appears to be plunging headlong to a point where it will be government of labor unions, for labor unions and by labor unions." According to the New York "Times" report of his speech, he said: "The two parties are going to put on a sham battle for the public. I'm in favor of making it an honest, clean-cut campaign, with real live issues. One party ought to declare for anti-strike legislation and anti-sedition laws and against the nationalization of public utilities, and the other ought to come out against anti-strike and anti-sedition laws and in favor of nationalization. Then we would have a campaign on the real issues of the day."

"Which party would you have come out in favor of anti-strike and anti-sedition laws?" inquired Senator Gronna.

"Whichever one could get to it first," replied Senator Myers.

It is reported in press dispatches from Washington, that, at the time this conference bill was before the Senate, there were gathered in that city "more than 700 representatives of the fourteen union organizations." The large majorities in both branches of Congress by which the bill passed, is not only gratifying to the country, but constitutes a rebuke to the representatives of railroad labor. Even Senator Myers should take hope. But there is food for reflection in the efforts, as well as attitude, of labor organizations concerning the bill. The manifest and imperative object of legislation was to restore

the roads to their owners. Employees through their representatives (aided by so-called labor organizations associated with them) protest against this return. They would have had the President veto the bill. They worried unduly over an alleged 5½% income on valuation. They stand at the doors of Congress ready to blacklist, by their own announcement, members who vote against their wishes, members sworn to represent the whole people. And there can be but one conclusion fairly drawn—that such attitude and action is a menace to Republican representative government.

Yet these very unions, led by Samuel Gompers, are *against* a labor party. By this pronouncement they declare themselves as unwilling to submit principles by means of a party to the judgment of the voters. They, however, will enter the elections with all the solidarity they can command, to *elect* a Congress friendly to labor. Like the "strike," which they claim is their last resort, they would use the ballot to club the old parties into submission to their demands. Such arrant selfishness is an insult to the intelligence of the people. Defied, they are doubly disgruntled. And to-day, it may be believed, they stand impeached in the righteousness of public opinion, having used a factitious advantage in an unwise and arrogant manner. A little power, to them, is a dangerous thing. Efforts to try to show they represent all labor, and all the people, and are engaged in restoring lost liberties, is so transparent as to awaken derision. And the result will be a repetition of the past, an inability to control their own members at election time. Disappointment, is it aid, sits in the labor temple so fortuitously erected in the nation's capital. It would appear that out of this quiver the last bolt is shot—unless they should be foolish enough to try a "general strike," which now seems unlikely. In that event they might cause untold losses and suffering, but they would never win, and degraded before the people, the very name would be anathema.

We learn our political lessons slowly, but we learn them surely. Both the old parties appeal to the people, whatever else they may do or not do. It is true that too often they trim their sails to catch every wind that blows. What a mere subterfuge it is for "labor" to gather 700 strong at Washington at the time legislation is pending to raise their eyes to heaven over a 5½% earning on valuation—which it is averred is not a guaranty at all and *cannot* put the Government in for a deficit. If a "class" does really exist in a republic, its protestations of ultra-patriotism will always be discounted. Classes do not form, do not exist, for the purpose of influencing legislation by voting regardless of party, save it be in selfishness. To seek to organize a particular body of voters, outside a party, under the plea of patriotism, is itself inimical to freedom, disinterestedness and consecration of an electorate. Any other body of men, any other order, or society, commercial, financial, social, may do the same thing, with equal reason and fairness. That runners and "workers" for political parties at elections should not interfere with the freedom of the individual citizen to cast his ballot uninfluenced and unmolested the Australian or secret ballot came into existence. What then of a class that boldly announces its intent to control an election, not on principle announced, but by means of an open party organization, and by duress brought upon members (as must follow) to



forego their independence of citizenship to accomplish the wishes of a class?

The veriest tyro knows that a free government cannot long remain free when beset by warring, selfish, dominating classes seeking their own ends under the cloak of the whole people. Their very existence endangers not only unity of the whole people, but tends to enslave the majority to the interests, whims and caprice of a minority. It is not holiness to assume superior virtue. It is not patriotism to speak in the name of the people. Perhaps, in the end, these labor unions will have done the country a distinct service as a warning against class rule. They have issued a challenge at least to every voter to look well to the interests of the entire people. In a way bold defiance to alleged *enemies* may be honest, but it compels every other voter to ask whether or not the so-called enemy of labor in a republic may not be thereby a true friend of the people? On what may be termed the other side—the alleged selfishness of social capital—the changes have been rung; but no commercial or financial body that we can recall ever announced so direct an onslaught on the free will of the majority at the polls. Our institutions, grown out of experience, serve us all—they must and will be preserved—and by an electorate bound by no class and using no class.

#### THE SOLEMN DUTY OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE.

While we are refreshing our memories with the utterances of the great Washington, there is one passage of the Farewell Address upon which we may reflect at this time with immediate profit. It is this:

"It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world; so far, I mean, as we are now at liberty to do it; for let me not be understood as capable of patronizing infidelity to existing engagements."

We do not cite this for the purpose of opening the question of joining the League of Nations. *That* we do not conceive (looking at the present status of the Treaty before the country) is an "engagement" in the sense in which the word is used in the excerpt quoted—though we are aware of the argument that a war to perpetuate peace implies the construction of international machinery to insure that peace.

But unquestionably our participation in the war for the purpose named, and our conduct therein both from an economic and military standpoint, has created a condition in which we now find ourselves. These *are* obligations, "engagements," we have entered into. They are not theoretical, they exist. And upon them a duty must be predicated. *How* we came into these obligations, leads us back to the last election (when a plea of the "administration" for a Congress that would carry out the plans of the Executive was refused by the people) and even back of the previous and Presidential election (when decision must be made whether or not the people authorized entrance into the war) before we can determine whether these obligations were by instruction or by assumption entered into. But, as we have just said, the fact is that we are *in* certain engagements we have undertaken, and, the condition existent, certain duties follow.

Now the *duty* of a State is not easy to determine. In a Republic, we presume it will not be disputed,

duty lies in the bosom of the free people. We do not refer of course to ministerial duty by branches and officers of the Government. Our Constitution defines the duty of the National Government in specific terms. Briefly if power be not delegated to the nation or prohibited to the States; then it is reserved to the States and the people. Duty implies power in a government, just as jurisdiction in a court implies enforcement of its processes. And just here we open the present wide currents of discussion as to the foreign and domestic policies (the League, Prohibition and Woman Suffrage). Still, we point out, we have taken upon ourselves certain obligations which we shall denominate moral, as distinguished from constitutional (whether incurred rightfully or wrongfully) which bear upon us heavily, and which mean much to us as well as to the world.

We bring up, then, by way of illustration, two of these implied moral obligations. The first, which we are compelled to state in somewhat bald terms, is the obligation of "engagement" to feed the starving peoples of Europe. Our undertaking here was both Governmental, by loans, and popular, by voluntary subscriptions. Shall we stop now simply because peace has come? More, shall we stop in the light of the imposition of severe treaty penalties said to contribute to a condition of hunger and woe in countries not directly penalized? Carefully made statistical estimates declare that, counting the various populations and parts of populations in dire distress, the sum of one hundred and thirty millions (minimum) will be sufficient to avert starvation until the present year's crops come in. After this, it is averred, though in some instances continuous help will be needed, the obligation (if such there is) on our part will be no more. Understand, that we brush aside (has it not often been done in years just passed) both constitutional questions and governmental theories and confront ourselves with actual conditions—is there a moral obligation to make this appropriation, or loan, whatever it may turn out to be, in keeping with the "crusade" for world betterment we entered into?

We must pass rapidly to another question of obligated duty, holding to the same understanding of terms. We do not now refer to military employment, though that must at the same time be debatable. The unpaid obligation, the "engagement," to which we refer, is economic help to Russia. Are we bound to this, if we would not be charged with "infidelity?" A flock of questions at once spring up. Ought we to *recognize* the Bolshéviki by trading with them? Should we send supplies into Siberia? Here "duty" is more difficult of determination for many reasons. Yet Russia before collapse was an ally, with whom we were at least associated. The great question which we lift up is our *moral* duty to Russia—granting we can have one—granting we already have one by reason of a condition regardless of Governmental pronouncement or theoretical permission—our moral duty to lift up, at least by urgent and specific economic aid, a great fallen country, struggling toward long-loved liberty, a country once a friend to the "Union," and now suffering no one knows how grievously with a cancer at its heart?

We do not pretend to offer succinct answers to these illustrative questions because we ask them. The purpose is this: To call attention to the need of quickly fulfilling certain moral obligations—whether

we determine to join a League of Nations or not—obligations inherent in conditions abroad; and then following this with a frank and forcible determination whether we will incur entangling alliances or not, or completing our task while we at the same time make this decision. We referred to the imposition of duty implied in an election when the slogan was "He kept us out of war!" That is no more. We want now the good will of all the world. Until so ordered, we should form no more entanglements. But let us think seriously not only of our continuing power to help where help is needed, but of assumed or existent, at least, obligations, that fulfillment in spirit may not fail, and that if we do return to "isolation," so-called, we do so after "seeing it through."

#### CANADIAN IMPORT DUTIES AS AFFECTED BY THE DEPRECIATION IN EXCHANGE.

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One of the curious and embarrassing developments of the exchange problem which affects the Canadian importer to a material degree is to be found in the interpretation of the Canadian customs law relating to the valuation of goods entered for Canadian purchase. The law prescribes that the duty shall be collected on the Canadian value of the goods imported; the value of the currency in which are purchased is to be for customs purposes translated into its equivalent in Canadian money. The law reads thus:

"The rate so ordered shall be based upon the actual value of the standard coins or currency of such country as compared with the standard dollar of Canada, in so far as such comparative values are known."

This works out in such a way that a person spending ten thousand Canadian dollars in the United States does not pay duty on ten thousand dollars but on 8,300, which is the price of United States money. On the other hand, if he spends the same money in England, he pays duty on \$13,500 instead of on \$10,000 which is the Canadian value of the goods. There is a preference on British goods of course which modifies the latter handicap. The practice of the Canadian customs department, however, has had the effect of sweeping away the intended benefit of the British preference. In actual operation the average duty towards the United States is 32½% which gives on \$8,333 a duty of \$2,697. The duty on the British import of goods of the same purchasing power (\$10,000) is 25% which would total \$3,376. Under these circumstances many of the leading Canadian newspapers are asking whether some further concessions cannot be arranged to make the concessions towards British importers more than a conditional promise.

#### RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR.

The year 1919 was the second year of Government operation of the railroads of the United States and the results were no more satisfactory than those for 1918, which was the first year of Government operation. In reviewing the figures for the first six months of 1919 to June 30 it was pointed out in an article in the issue of the "Chronicle" of Aug. 23 that the dominant feature in the returns of earnings had been a further rise in the cost of operations with a consequent great increase in expenses. The same

comment is to be made concerning the statement for the full twelve months of the year, to Dec. 31, only with additional emphasis. For the first six months our compilation showed \$265,635,870 increase in gross earnings (12.81%) attended by an augmentation in expenses of \$265,952,855 (14.70%), leaving therefore a small loss in net, namely \$316,985. For the full twelve months the gain in the gross is not quite as large as it was for the first six months, being only \$258,130,137 (5.25%), while the expenses have mounted up in the prodigious sum of \$401,609,745 (10%), causing a loss in net of no less than \$143,479,608, or 15.80%. The grand aggregates for the twelve months of the two years are as follows:

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— (202 Roads)—	1919.	1918.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) Amount.	%
Miles of road.....	233,985	234,264	-279	0.12
Gross earnings.....	\$5,173,647,054	\$4,915,516,917	+\$258,130,137	5.25
Operating expenses.....	4,409,068,324	4,007,458,579	+401,609,745	10.00
Net earnings.....	\$764,578,730	\$908,058,338	-\$143,479,608	15.80

To appreciate the significance of this falling off in the net in 1919 it must be recalled that it follows a prodigious loss in net in the previous year. For 1918 our compilation showed an increase in the gross in the imposing sum of \$863,892,744, or 21.40%, but this was attended by an augmentation in expenses in the huge amount of \$1,148,664,364, or 40.35%, leaving consequently a loss in the net of \$284,771,620, or 23.92%. The tremendous increase in the gross in 1918 followed not alone from the large volume of traffic moved in connection with the nation's war activities, but also from the very considerable advance in both passenger and freight rates made in June and operative the rest of the year. On the other hand, the prodigious augmentation in the 1918 expenses was due not merely to the general rise in operating costs but yet more to the tremendous advances in wages granted by Director-General McAdoo in May, 1918, and made retroactive to the 1st of January of that year. But even in 1917 there had been a falling off in the net in face of a substantial increase in the gross. In other words, for the calendar year 1917 our compilation showed that while gross had increased \$430,679,120, or 11.61%, this had been attended by a rise in operating expenses of \$490,758,869, or over 20%, leaving a loss of \$60,079,749 in net earnings. There was this qualifying circumstance, however, with reference to the 1917 loss in net, namely that it followed strikingly good results, both as regards gross and net, in 1916 and 1915. The statement for 1916 was one of the best on record; the addition to gross earnings reached \$547,647,836, or 17.35%, and notwithstanding an augmentation in expenses of \$311,024,409, or 14.68%, there remained a gain in net in the very satisfactory amount of \$236,623,427, or 22.84%. In 1915 our tables showed \$152,539,756 gain in gross and \$211,653,900 gain in net. On the other hand, it is equally important to remember that these gains for 1916 and 1915 represented in part a recovery of previous losses. For 1914 our compilations showed a loss of not less than \$208,178,035 in gross and a loss also of \$75,925,113 in net. In 1913 there was a gain in gross in the very considerable sum of \$142,521,797, but the augmentation in expenses reached \$176,008,897, leaving an actual loss in net in amount of \$33,487,100.

Carrying the comparisons further back, we find that in 1912 there was a gain of \$221,579,969 in gross and of \$60,350,833 in net. Here again, however, the improvement was qualified by the circumstance that comparison was with losses in gross and net alike in



the previous year. In the gross the loss in 1911 was \$30,024,816 and in the net \$24,288,388. Again, in 1910, though the additions to gross earnings reached \$239,011,258, expenses rose in the prodigious amount of \$230,014,410, leaving, therefore, the insignificant gain of \$8,996,848 in net. In 1909 there was a substantial addition to the net. But the results then were wholly exceptional. At that time the roads were still economizing in every conceivable way, cutting down their outlays in all directions and accordingly they were able in their returns to show very satisfactory increases in both gross and net. The 1909 improvement moreover, represented to a considerable extent merely a recovery of what had been previously lost. The increase in gross in 1909 was \$282,453,959 and in net \$151,040,332. For 1908 our tables show very large losses in both gross and net—\$301,749,724 in the former and \$53,371,196 in the net. But our compilations at that time were not nearly so complete as they are now. They covered only 199,726 miles. Careful compilations which we then made showed that if we could have had returns for the whole railroad mileage of the country, the decrease in gross earnings for 1908 would have reached no less than \$345,000,000 and the loss in net earnings about \$60,000,000.

In the following we show the yearly comparisons as to both gross and net for each year back to 1907. For 1907 and 1909 we take the aggregates of the monthly totals as then published by the Interstate Commerce Commission, but for the preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal of some of the roads at that time to furnish monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1907.	2287,501,600	2090,595,451	+196,906,154	560,753,545	565,280,191	-4,526,646
1908.	2235,164,873	2536,914,597	-301,749,724	561,999,018	748,370,244	-186,371,226
1909.	2605,003,303	2322,649,843	+282,353,459	617,726,065	750,685,733	-132,959,668
1910.	2836,795,091	2597,753,832	+239,041,258	614,470,938	600,473,211	+14,000,727
1911.	2805,074,723	2835,409,536	-30,334,816	583,526,478	507,914,509	+75,611,969
1912.	3012,390,205	2780,810,356	+231,579,849	637,968,711	577,617,875	+60,350,836
1913.	3162,851,484	3019,029,037	+143,822,447	677,022,312	560,509,412	+116,512,900
1914.	3072,614,302	3180,792,357	-108,178,055	628,522,041	614,448,054	+14,073,987
1915.	3166,214,610	3013,674,851	+152,539,759	610,045,001	528,650,401	+81,394,600
1916.	3702,940,241	3165,292,405	+537,647,836	1272,637,742	1036,016,312	+236,621,430
1917.	4138,433,200	3707,754,140	+430,679,056	1215,110,554	1275,160,709	-60,050,155
1918.	1900,739,809	1036,866,505	+863,872,744	905,794,718	1190,566,335	-284,771,617
1919.	1573,647,05	1915,516,917	-341,869,870	137,764,878	730,908,658	-593,143,779

Note.—In 1907 the length of road covered was 173,023 miles, against 171,310 miles in 1906; in 1908, 199,726 miles, against 197,237 miles; in 1909, 228,508 miles, against 225,027 miles; in 1910, 237,554 miles, against 233,829 miles; in 1911, 241,432 miles, against 235,275 miles; in 1912, 239,991 miles, against 236,000 miles; in 1913, 241,931 miles, against 239,625 miles; in 1914, 246,356 miles, against 243,636 miles; in 1915, 249,081 miles, against 247,936 miles; in 1916, 249,998 miles, against 247,866 miles; in 1917, 250,193 miles, against 249,879 miles; in 1918, 233,014 miles, against 232,639 miles; in 1919, 233,985 miles, against 234,264 miles.

Under ordinary circumstances a large contraction in expenses in 1919 should have occurred as compared with 1918. In the whole history of railroading in the United States there was never such a combination of adverse circumstances as existed during the early months of 1918. It is important to recall some of these unfavorable factors as narrated in our review of that year. January of 1918 was a period of extraordinarily unfavorable conditions wholly without parallel or precedent. The month opened with the railroads in the eastern half of the country, north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, particularly at New York and in lesser degree at other points on the North Atlantic seaboard, congested as never before. The weather during the month was of such severity as had not been experienced before in a generation, and possibly never before. The temperature most of the month ruled exceedingly low, many previous records in that respect being broken. Indeed, the cold was so intense that outdoor operations in the running of trains and

in the clearing away of the mass of accumulated freight were rendered extremely difficult. Then there were repeated snow storms in the territory between Chicago and the seaboard, several of which took the nature of veritable blizzards and were reported as altogether unprecedented. In addition there was at the opening of that year a coal famine which extended all through the Eastern and Middle States, this scarcity of coal becoming so acute that on Jan. 17 the Fuel Administrator had to resort to the desperate expedient of issuing orders denying the use of fuel to manufacturing establishments in the whole of the eastern half of the country for the five-day period beginning Jan. 18 and ending Jan. 22, involving therefore a shut-down for these days, and denying also the use of fuel not only to manufacturing establishments but to office buildings, retail stores and nearly all other activities for several successive Mondays thereafter. It became necessary likewise to place embargoes on different classes of freight and to route special kinds of freight over special lines for the purpose at once of getting coal through and for clearing the tracks of the accumulated freight which the intense cold and recurring snow storms had served to increase, notwithstanding the heroic methods employed for providing relief. Some of the most prominent systems in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers failed to earn even their ordinary operating expenses during the month in question. This was true, for instance, of those two great railroad systems, the Pennsylvania and the New York Central. In brief, then, the situation in January, 1918, was an abnormal one and the conditions also were wholly abnormal, the two together producing a state of things such as had never before been encountered.

This abnormal situation the previous year continued into February, though the latter half of that month a decided change occurred. The last Monday during which the fuelless order was in effect was Feb. 11, the next day, Feb. 12, being Lincoln's Birthday and a legal holiday. There had been some expectation that Monday, Feb. 4 might prove the last of the fuelless Mondays, but very low temperatures continued to rule, Tuesday, Feb. 5 proving in this city the second coldest day on record, the thermometer standing at 7 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock in the morning. It was not until later in the month of February of that year that any decided amelioration in weather conditions occurred, and not until towards the end of February that the long continued freight congestion was considerably relieved and freight embargoes greatly modified.

Contrasted with these extraordinarily unfavorable conditions of 1918 the situation in 1919 in the same regard was the exact opposite, that is, there was a complete absence of obstructive agencies of any kind. The winter was one of the mildest on record, with little snow or ice or extreme cold anywhere here in the East and only isolated instances of snow storms or intensely cold weather (of very limited extent and of short duration) in the western half of the country. There were no freight embargoes and no traffic congestion and no blockades of any kind such as had served to add so greatly to the cost of operation in 1918. No money had to be spent to keep tracks open or to contend with the rigors of winter. In such a state of things, under ordinary circumstances, a great saving in expenses would have resulted as compared with the heavy expenses of 1918. But

the influence of Government control served to counter balance all these great advantages. Then also very considerable further advances in wages were made from time to time in 1919; discipline became decidedly lax, and the morale of the force was steadily weakened by the consciousness of the men that they held the Government in such complete subjection (in being able to hold a strike threat over it) that the managing officials would not dare to call them to account. The result was that it took a greatly increased number of men to do the same amount of work as before, and laxity and inefficiency grew apace. At the beginning of the year the Railroad Administration contended that with the restoration of peacetime conditions, which could come only gradually, more economical operations would be possible—that, for instance, much overtime work at high overtime charges would be eliminated and that the result must be reflected in lower operating costs. But as month after month passed without tangible improvement, that explanation was finally abandoned.

With the exceptions of January and June, heavy losses in net were reported in every month of 1919, in face of very considerable gains in the gross earnings. In January there was a gain in the net because the unparalleled bad weather of the previous year had cut the net in 1918 down to very small figures, while in June improvement in the net was inevitable because comparison was with the month in 1918 when the roads had fallen \$40,136,575 short of meeting their bare operating expenses due to the fact that the whole of the wage increases (announced in May and made retroactive to the 1st of January, 1918) for the half year were, in pursuance to instructions from the Director-General of Railroads, included in the June total of expenses of that year, swelling the aggregate in amount of \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000. There was, of course, no repetition of this item of expense in June, 1919, and accordingly a gain in the net reaching \$109,533,316 followed as a matter of course.

As far as the gross earnings are concerned, it is proper to state that in the first six months of 1919 the roads had the advantage of the higher transportation rates put in force in the previous year, and accordingly the gross earnings for these months recorded substantial gains notwithstanding the dulness of trade and the falling off in the volume of traffic. In the previous year these advances did not apply until June 1918, not becoming effective in passenger fares until June 10 and not until June 25 in the freight traffic; it follows that in the half-year of 1918 the roads did not have the benefit of the higher rates for more than twenty days in the case of the passenger schedule and for no more than five days in the case of the freight schedules. These advances in transportation charges were of large dimensions, too, figuring out roughly 25% in the freight tariff and being represented in the passenger tariff by an increase to 3 cents a mile from the previously prevailing basis of 2½ cents. In the last six months of 1919, however, with the absence of this special advantage the gross earnings fell below those of the previous year in three of the months, while only comparatively light increases were shown in the other three months. There was at the same time continued growth in operating cost, while expenses were further augmented by new wage advances by the new Director-General, Walker D. Hines. Thus in August, though the Director-General refused a general

increase to the railway shopmen, he did grant them 4 cents an hour extra by way of adjustment of shopmen's wages with those of other classes of railway workers, and it was estimated that this would add \$45,000,000 annually to the payroll of the railroads. In November Mr. Hines equalized the wages of railway men in the slow freight service and calculations were that this equalization would mean an addition to railway expenses of \$3,000,000 a month or \$36,000,000 a year. We are referring here only to the wage advances that were conspicuously featured during the year; there were many others, though of lesser importance. The following is a summary of the totals of gross and net earnings by months.

Month	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	1919.	1918.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.	Inc. or Dec.
Jan.	\$ 395,552,020	\$ 284,131,201	+111,420,819	\$ 30,222,169	\$ 13,881,674	+22,340,495
Feb.	351,048,747	289,392,100	+61,656,647	27,323,400	28,814,420	-1,191,014
March	375,772,750	365,096,335	+10,676,415	29,596,482	32,011,451	-2,414,969
April	388,697,894	370,710,999	+17,986,895	44,850,090	39,943,598	+4,906,492
May	413,190,468	378,058,163	+35,132,305	58,293,240	92,232,037	-33,938,797
June	424,035,872	393,265,898	+30,769,974	69,396,744	140,136,575	-70,739,831
July	454,588,513	469,246,733	-14,658,220	96,727,014	152,079,422	-55,352,408
Aug.	469,868,678	502,505,334	-32,636,656	112,245,680	143,561,208	-31,315,528
Sept.	495,123,397	485,870,475	+9,252,922	98,302,598	117,131,459	-18,828,861
Oct.	508,023,324	489,031,358	+18,992,966	104,003,195	106,196,863	-2,193,668
Nov.	436,436,551	439,039,989	-2,593,438	48,130,467	74,979,347	-26,848,880
Dec.	451,991,330	440,481,121	+11,510,209	38,536,432	44,910,752	-6,374,320

Note.—Percentages of increase or decrease in gross for the above months have been: January, 39.22% inc.; February, 21.31% inc.; March, 2.90% inc.; April, 4.85% inc.; May, 9.29% inc.; June, 7.83% inc.; July, 3.13% dec.; August, 6.4% dec.; September, 1.90% inc.; October, 3.87% inc.; November, 0.59% dec.; December, 2.61% inc. Percentages of increase or decrease in net for the above months have been: January, 160.94% inc.; Feb., 4.13% dec.; March, 63.91% dec.; April, 50.14% dec.; May, 39.81% dec.; June, 36.40% dec.; July, 36.40% dec.; August, 21.81% dec.; September, 19.05% dec.; October, 2.07% dec.; November, 35.89% dec.; December, 14.21% dec.

In January the length of road covered was 232,655 miles in 1919, against 233,199 miles in 1918; in February, 232,957 miles, against 233,266 miles; in March, 226,096 miles, against 225,631 miles; in April, 232,708 miles, against 233,261 miles; in May, 233,941 miles, against 234,339 miles; in June, 233,169 miles, against 232,682 miles; in July, 226,654 miles, against 226,934 miles; in August, 233,423 miles, against 233,203 miles; in September, 232,772 miles, against 232,549 miles; in October, 233,192 miles, against 233,136 miles; in November, 233,032 miles, against 232,911 miles; in December, 233,899 miles, against 233,814 miles.

The volume of traffic in 1919 can hardly be said to have been equal to the exceptionally large traffic moved in 1918 when the country was still actively engaged in waging war. There is no single item of traffic of the magnitude of the coal traffic; and in the amount of coal mined and shipped over the railroads there was a noteworthy contraction. After the signing of the Armistice in November, 1918, a period of hesitancy in trade developed in 1919 which lasted for quite a number of months, then to be followed, however, by a sudden revival of confidence and a resumption of activity in certain lines of industry on a greater scale than before. In the iron and steel trades which create exceptional volumes of traffic, dulness was a feature not only throughout the whole of the first six months, but the inactivity also extended into the second half of the year. The war demands for steel had been entirely eliminated and consumption for ordinary purposes had been slow in starting up. In the autumn when demand for steel suddenly developed on a considerable scale, the strike of the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor came in to interfere with production and though it soon became manifest that this strike was going to prove little short of an abortion, the effect nevertheless was to curtail output at a time when except for this labor disturbance the output doubtless would have greatly increased.

According to the monthly compilations of the "Iron Age" of this city (which do not take cognizance of the small amount of iron produced with charcoal as fuel) the output of iron for the twelve months of 1919 aggregated only 30,582,878 tons as against 38,506,047 tons in the calendar year 1918, 38,185,981 tons in 1917, 39,039,356 tons in 1916 and 29,662,566 in 1915. Under the unfavorable conditions that prevailed in the first half of the year, owing to



the cutting off of the demand for iron and steel for war purposes, the monthly product, which had been 3,302,260 tons in January, 2,940,168 tons in February and 3,090,243 tons in March, fell to 2,478,218 tons in April, 2,108,056 tons in May and 2,114,863 tons in June. From this, with a revival in demand for iron and steel for general purposes, the production increased to 2,428,541 tons in July, 2,743,388 tons in August, but thereafter declined again with the inauguration of the steel workers' strike, dropping to 2,487,965 tons in September and to no more than 1,863,558 tons in October. With the demonstrated failure, however, of the strike and the gradual return to work of the limited bodies of men who had quit, the monthly output again rapidly increased, rising to 2,392,350 tons in November and 2,633,268 tons in December.

The shipments of Lake Superior iron ore by water from the upper to the lower Lake ports during the season of navigation in 1919 were only 47,177,395 tons against 61,156,963 tons in 1918, 62,498,901 tons in the season of 1917 and 64,734,198 tons in the season of 1916, the falling off reflecting of course the diminished production of iron. This ore after reaching the lower Lake ports by water passes thence over the railroads to the iron-producing districts and the diminished quantity of ore thus transported indicates one other way in which there was a falling off in railroad traffic in 1919.

In the production of steel also there was a falling off estimated at 9,000,000 tons. In the copper production, owing to the large stocks carried over from the previous year and the cessation of the special export demand arising out of the war, there was a decrease in production estimated at 900,000,000 lbs.

The sharpest falling off of all, however, in the freight traffic of the railroads was undoubtedly in the transportation of coal and this, as already stated, is the biggest single item in the freight traffic of the roads as a whole, though in the western half of the country the coal tonnage on many roads is relatively unimportant. In the early months of 1919 coal production was sharply reduced. This followed alike from the signing of the armistice the previous November (thus removing the special stimulus to high production which the war had made necessary) and the extremely mild weather, which latter reduced the demand for coal for heating purposes. In November and December production was sharply reduced owing to the strike of the miners in most of the bituminous regions of the country. The soft coal output altogether for 1919 is estimated at 458,063,000 tons as against 579,385,820 tons for the calendar year 1918 and 551,790,563 tons for the calendar year 1917. The Pennsylvania anthracite output also declined, in the main as a result of the milder weather. The quantity mined in 1919 is estimated at 86,200,000 tons as against 98,826,084 tons in 1918 and 99,611,811 tons in 1917.

The combined production of soft and hard coal is put at 544,263,000 tons as against 678,211,904 tons in 1918 and 651,402,374 tons in 1917. What a general factor this contraction of 134,000,000 tons in the coal output must have been in the freight traffic of the railroads is evident from a casual examination of the production figures for the different States. With the exception of a trifling increase in the small output of North Dakota there is not a State in which coal mining is carried on where there was not a decline in 1919 in the quantity of coal

mined and in some States the losses were very considerable. In Pennsylvania, besides the loss of 12,000,000 tons in the anthracite production, the bituminous output was only 145,300,000 tons against 178,550,741 tons in 1918. In West Virginia the amount of soft coal mined was only 75,500,000 tons against 89,935,829 tons, in Illinois 64,600,000 tons against 89,291,105 tons, in Indiana 20,500,000 tons against 30,678,634 tons, in Kentucky 28,500,000 tons against 31,612,617 tons, in Ohio 35,050,000 tons against 45,812,943 tons, in Colorado 10,100,000 tons against 12,407,571 tons, in Alabama 15,230,000 tons against 19,184,962 tons and in Virginia 9,500,000 tons against 10,289,808 tons. Similarly, the minor coal-producing States also all show larger or smaller losses in the quantity of coal mined.

As far as the movements of the leading staples are concerned, there was a notable contraction in the movement of certain items of the grain traffic as a result of the smaller crop production of 1919. Taking the receipts at the Western primary markets for the 52 weeks ending Dec. 27 and comparing with the corresponding 52 weeks of the preceding year, the wheat receipts are found to have been just about the same for 1919 as for 1918, the comparison being 385,402,000 bushels as against 385,102,000 bushels, while the flour receipts were somewhat larger at 19,029,000 bbls. against 15,919,000 bbls. The barley receipts were also somewhat heavier at 88,679,000 bushels against 70,196,000 bushels, and the rye receipts 43,556,000 bushels against 29,629,000 bushels. On the other hand, in the corn receipts there was a falling off of nearly 107,000,000 bushels, and in the receipts of oats of almost 100,000,000 bushels, the comparison in the first case being between 180,412,000 bushels and 287,285,000 bushels, and in the matter of oats between 231,998,000 bushels and 331,392,000 bushels. The receipts of the five cereals combined (but not counting flour) aggregated 930,047,000 bushels for the 52 weeks of 1919 against 1,103,604,000 bushels for the 52 weeks of 1918. The Western grain movement in detail is set out in the following:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.						
Jan. 1 to Dec. 27.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
<b>Chicago</b>	1919 ... 10,200,000	77,038,000	64,624,000	88,307,000	26,167,000	7,743,000
1918 ... 8,833,000	65,039,000	101,067,000	137,852,000	18,732,000	4,416,000	
<b>Minneapolis</b>	1919 ... 805,000	8,759,000	8,036,000	27,888,000	19,125,000	4,668,000
1918 ... 834,000	12,578,000	11,687,000	38,664,000	10,655,000	2,614,000	
<b>St. Louis</b>	1919 ... 4,297,000	43,596,000	20,355,000	32,344,000	1,098,000	405,000
1918 ... 2,910,000	37,004,000	24,720,000	30,642,000	828,000	415,000	
<b>Toledo</b>	1919 ... -----	12,374,000	1,405,000	4,550,000	-----	-----
1918 ... -----	8,573,000	2,771,000	8,188,000	1,057,000	336,000	
<b>Detroit</b>	1919 ... 30,000	1,710,000	1,557,000	2,416,000	29,000	-----
1918 ... 82,000	1,447,000	4,579,000	3,716,000	3,000	3,000	
<b>Cleveland</b>	1919 ... 39,000	553,000	625,000	2,119,000	7,000	4,000
1918 ... 713,000	3,777,000	4,365,000	6,617,000	127,000	171,000	
<b>Peoria</b>	1919 ... 3,543,000	2,881,000	19,750,000	8,367,000	1,406,000	214,000
1918 ... 2,492,000	3,405,000	34,655,000	15,850,000	978,000	362,000	
<b>Duluth</b>	1919 ... -----	24,991,000	28,000	1,028,000	7,090,000	16,290,000
1918 ... -----	73,451,000	183,000	2,711,000	5,063,000	8,118,000	
<b>Minneapolis</b>	1919 ... -----	109,398,000	8,475,000	24,787,000	33,757,000	14,228,000
1918 ... 35,000	110,104,000	16,604,000	43,401,000	32,755,000	13,192,000	
<b>Kansas City</b>	1919 ... 115,000	70,657,000	15,673,000	12,330,000	-----	4,000
1918 ... 20,000	49,821,000	34,403,000	15,489,000	-----	2,000	
<b>Omaha and Indianapolis</b>	1919 ... -----	34,045,000	39,884,000	27,772,000	-----	-----
1918 ... -----	21,603,000	32,251,000	28,288,000	-----	-----	
<b>Total of All</b>	1919 ... 19,029,000	385,402,000	180,412,000	231,998,000	88,679,000	43,556,000
1918 ... 15,919,000	385,102,000	287,285,000	331,392,000	70,196,000	29,629,000	

The grain movement towards the Eastern seaboard makes a somewhat different comparison, having on the whole been very considerably larger than in 1918, this, however, having been in no inconsiderable measure due to the falling off in the previous year when the deliveries were rather diminutive owing to the fact that in the early part of that year the Eastern trunk lines were in a much congested

condition and freight embargoes existed for long periods of time. A summary of the grain and flour receipts at the seaboard is furnished in the following:

Receipts of—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Flour.....bbls.	10,229,000	10,625,000	21,962,000	25,453,000	27,532,000
Wheat.....bush	221,333,000	101,926,000	204,521,000	374,883,000	323,640,000
Corn.....	101,095,000	30,311,000	49,439,000	57,960,000	53,049,000
Oats.....	71,013,000	102,514,000	135,255,000	178,940,000	152,285,000
Barley.....	57,944,000	10,256,000	17,396,000	27,499,000	17,391,000
Rye.....	30,403,000	8,016,000	14,569,000	16,862,000	14,726,000
Total grain.....	481,788,000	243,023,000	421,180,000	656,144,000	561,091,000

The Western livestock movement would appear to have been on the whole somewhat smaller than in the preceding year. At all events at Chicago the receipts for the twelve months of 1919 comprised 303,948 carloads as against 309,136 carloads in the twelve months of 1918; at Kansas City 150,714 carloads against 161,812 and at Omaha 132,798 cars against 137,393. Southern roads had the advantage of a considerably larger cotton tonnage. The 1919 crop is not equal to that of the previous year, but the movement to market was freer, while in the early part of the year the receipts from the 1918 crop ran heavier than in the previous year. The shipments overland for the twelve months of 1919 were 2,437,241 bales against 2,364,423 bales in 1918; 2,783,497 bales in 1917 and 3,108,517 bales in 1916. At the Southern outports the receipts were away ahead of those for 1918 and 1917 but did not come up to the level of those of earlier years. As will be seen from the table we now introduce, the receipts for 1919 aggregated 6,927,349 bales against 4,930,740 bales in 1918 and 5,328,882 bales in 1917, but comparing with 7,561,641 bales in 1916, 9,734,000 bales in 1915 and 7,953,651 bales in 1914.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 1914 TO 1919, INCLUSIVE.

Ports.	Full Year.					
	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Galveston.....bales.	2,272,207	1,488,623	1,968,018	2,500,245	3,463,217	3,220,293
Texas City, &c.....	366,873	117,875	107,398	448,706	685,833	437,988
New Orleans.....	1,300,728	1,652,729	1,355,695	1,646,911	1,979,406	1,584,383
Mobile.....	252,544	117,371	99,511	172,401	141,824	219,094
Pensacola, &c.....	27,769	45,880	37,908	124,187	143,660	90,060
Savannah.....	1,410,812	1,009,146	907,757	1,085,194	1,585,215	1,201,039
Brunswick.....	214,030	90,550	175,770	165,132	208,200	135,208
Charleston.....	298,214	145,506	198,533	204,560	377,244	262,230
Georgetown.....	.....	.....	.....	101	2,484	.....
Wilmington.....	189,687	93,830	72,272	162,576	315,728	173,828
Norfolk.....	301,542	263,373	379,895	686,553	726,595	440,994
Newport News, &c.....	2,943	5,857	6,125	60,775	115,294	179,325
Total.....	6,927,349	4,930,740	5,328,882	7,561,641	9,734,000	7,953,651

When we come to consider the returns of the separate roads the comparisons are much like those for the general totals. The great body of roads show gains in the gross and losses in net. On the other hand, however, there are not a few companies which register considerable decreases in the gross and also some that are able to record increases in the net. These last comprise mainly roads in the Southwest, together with certain systems in Michigan, like the Pere Marquette and the Michigan Central, which have been deriving special advantages by reason of the wonderful growth and expansion of the automobile industry. To the number of roads distinguished for better net (in this of course we refer only to roads having quite large gains) there must also be added a prominent New England road in the Boston & Maine and one of the Eastern trunk lines, namely the Erie, the 1919 improvement in the net in these two cases being ascribable no doubt to the extraordinarily poor showing made in 1918.

In the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad the figures (which cover the lines directly operated East and West of Pittsburgh and Erie) show an increase in the large sum of \$26,803,349 in the gross, but a loss of no less than \$16,205,552 in the net. For the New

York Central we have an increase of \$15,892,540 in the gross but a decrease of \$644,390 in the net. This relates to the New York Central proper. When the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the Big Four, &c., are included, the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$22,560,999 in the gross with a loss of \$8,795,273 in the net—this loss in net occurring notwithstanding the Michigan Central increased its net \$3,552,557.

As instances of improvement in the net in the Southwest, we may cite particularly the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe and the St. Louis-San Francisco. The former's return shows gross enlarged by \$21,733,423 and net by \$3,565,726, while the St. Louis-San Francisco has added \$9,425,265 to gross and \$3,565,726 to net. In the following we indicate all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$1,000,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGE IN GROSS EARNINGS IN 12 MONTHS.

Increases.		Decreases.	
Pennsylvania (3).....	\$26,803,349	Chicago Ind & Louisville.....	\$1,338,553
Ach Top & Santa Fe (3).....	21,733,423	Florida East Coast.....	1,280,000
Union Pacific (3).....	18,602,522	Wichita Falls & Northw.....	1,240,587
Southern Pacific (8).....	16,848,694	Ala Great Southern.....	1,233,104
New York Central.....	15,892,540	New Or Tex & Mex (3).....	1,215,963
Chicago Milw & St Paul.....	15,597,449	Carolina Clinch & Ohio.....	1,158,596
Chic Rock Isl & Pac (2).....	12,335,118	Maine Central.....	1,119,000
Chicago & Northwestern.....	12,294,237	St Louis Southwest (2).....	1,072,402
Michigan Central.....	10,324,300	Missouri Kans & Texas.....	1,041,758
Chicago Burl & Quincy.....	9,838,669	Grand Rapids & Ind.....	1,030,900
St Louis San Fran (3).....	9,425,265	Central of Georgia.....	1,003,623
Texas & Pacific.....	8,917,605		
Baltimore & Ohio.....	8,428,568	Representing 70 roads	
Minn St Paul & SS M.....	6,666,302	in our compilation.....	\$288,601,030
Atlantic Coast Line.....	6,566,122		
Pere Marquette.....	6,488,125		
Louisville & Nashville.....	6,122,175	Philadelphia & Reading.....	\$7,897,741
Great Northern.....	5,872,672	Norfolk & Western.....	5,078,434
Mo Kan & Tex of Tex.....	5,404,184	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	4,958,085
N Y N H & Hartford.....	4,250,907	Buffalo Roch & Pitts.....	4,524,067
Missouri Pacific.....	3,964,634	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	2,245,781
Erie (2).....	3,303,621	Northern Pacific.....	2,168,906
Colorado & Southern (2).....	3,240,917	Bingham & Garfield.....	2,135,787
Southern Ry.....	3,213,515	El Paso & Southwestern.....	2,029,077
Delaware Lack & West.....	3,083,971	Chicago & East Illinois.....	1,957,911
Chicago Great Western.....	3,031,265	Nash Chatt & St Louis.....	1,713,269
Grand Trunk Western.....	2,966,581	Dul Missabe & Nor.....	1,550,558
Chi St Paul Minn & O.....	2,902,038	Kanawha & Mich.....	1,371,379
Los Angeles & Salt Lake.....	2,692,554	Hocking Valley.....	1,501,344
Boston & Maine.....	2,672,487	Elgin Jollet & Eastern.....	1,374,669
Western Pacific.....	2,591,334	Spokane Portl & Seattle.....	1,321,680
Yazoo & Miss Valley.....	2,475,121	Nevada Northern.....	1,126,892
Cleve Cin Chi & St Louis.....	2,452,486	Lehigh Valley.....	1,057,880
Seaboard Air Line.....	2,260,426	Toledo & Ohio Central.....	1,050,750
Long Island.....	2,140,818	Duluth & Iron Range.....	1,017,324
Denver & Rio Grande.....	1,664,043		
West Jer & Sea Shore.....	1,371,478	Representing 19 roads	
Minneapolis & St Louis.....	1,356,571	in our compilation.....	\$46,181,534

Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate roads so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.  
 a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR., together with the Pennsylvania Company, and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$9,609,747 increase, the Pennsylvania Company \$10,312,157 increase and the P. C. C. & St. L. \$6,881,415 increase.  
 b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$22,560,999.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS IN 12 MONTHS.

Increases.		Decreases.	
Erie (2).....	\$4,236,956	Wabash.....	\$3,666,454
St Louis San Fran (3).....	3,565,726	Cleve Cin Chi & St L.....	3,079,678
Michigan Central.....	3,552,557	Delaware Lack & West.....	3,055,696
Great Northern.....	3,534,224	Lehigh Valley.....	2,914,154
Pere Marquette.....	3,079,851	Internat & Great North.....	2,613,172
Chicago & North West.....	2,213,422	Nash Chatt & St Louis.....	2,573,331
Grand Trunk Western.....	2,176,680	El Paso & Southwestern.....	2,286,500
Minn St Paul & SS M.....	1,950,126	Central of Georgia.....	2,147,764
Ach Top & Santa Fe (3).....	1,678,173	Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	2,193,747
Chicago Great Western.....	1,489,199	Cin New Orl & Tex Pac.....	2,060,011
Chicago Burl & Quincy.....	1,413,322	Buffalo Roch & Pitts.....	1,975,486
Denver & Rio Grande.....	1,300,546	Chicago & Alton.....	1,962,608
Boston & Maine.....	1,079,591	Union Pacific (3).....	1,951,407
		Chicago & East Illinois.....	1,868,401
Representing 18 roads		Seaboard Air Line.....	1,858,598
in our compilation.....	\$31,270,373	Long Island.....	1,706,961
		Bingham & Garfield.....	1,671,469
Southern Ry.....	\$18,720,872	Kanawha & Mich.....	1,426,615
Pennsylvania (3).....	16,205,552	St Louis Southw (2).....	1,419,596
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	8,779,253	Dul Missabe & North.....	1,382,576
Illinois Central.....	8,160,095	Elgin Jollet & East.....	1,341,914
Norfolk & Western.....	7,520,422	Cumberland Valley.....	1,163,600
Louisville & Nashville.....	6,864,993	Spokane Portl & Seattle.....	1,129,847
Northern Pacific.....	6,832,318	Mobile & Ohio.....	1,116,060
Philadelphia & Reading.....	6,616,543	Mo Kan & Tex of Tex.....	1,064,692
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	6,594,744	Georgia.....	1,031,750
Missouri Pacific.....	6,161,202	Missouri Kansas & Tex.....	1,002,063
Southern Pacific (8).....	4,776,989		
Atlantic Coast Line.....	4,270,436	Representing 52 roads	
Cent RR of New Jersey.....	3,858,049	in our compilation.....	\$157,045,558

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR., together with the Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$12,510,039 decrease, the Pennsylvania Company \$1,883,173 increase and the P. C. C. & St. L. \$5,578,656 decrease.  
 b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a loss of \$8,795,273.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions according to their location, striking illustration is furnished of the part played by rising



expenses in diminishing the net earnings. In the group summaries the irregularities in the comparisons as between different roads in the same sections naturally disappear, permitting the main controlling factors, like the rise in operating cost, to reflect the evidence of their presence. It accordingly happens that while every geographical section without any exception records considerable improvement in the gross earnings, on the other hand every geographical division without any exception also registers a decrease in the net. And this decrease in the net in the case of some of the groups is both large in amount and in ratio. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Table with columns: Section of Group, 1919, 1918, Increase (+) or Decrease (-), Inc. or Dec. Rows include Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, Group 1 (8 roads), Group 2 (37 roads), etc.

Table with columns: Section of Group, 1919, 1918, Increase (+) or Decrease (-), Inc. or Dec. Rows include Group No. 1, Group No. 2, Group No. 3, etc.

NOTE.—Group I, includes all of the New England States. Group II, includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo; also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.

Group III, includes all of Ohio and Indiana; all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

Groups IV and V, combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.

Groups VI, and VII, combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois; all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City; also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.

Groups VIII, and IX, combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City, Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana; and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.

Group X, includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona and the western part of New Mexico.

We now add our detailed statement for the last two calendar years classified by groups the same as in the table further above and giving the figures for each road separately.

EARNINGS OF UNITED STATES RAILWAYS JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31.

Large table with columns: Group, 1919, 1918, Net, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Group I (New England), Group II (East Middle), Group III (East West), Group IV (South West), Group V (South East), Group VI (North West), Group VII (North East), Group VIII (South West), Group IX (South East), Group X (North West).

Table with columns: Group III, Middle West, 1919, 1918, Net, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Ann Arbor, Bessemer & Lake E., Chic Ind & Lou., etc.

Table with columns: Groups IV & V, Southern, 1919, 1918, Net, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Alabama Vicks., Ala Great South., Atlanta & West Pt., etc.

Table with columns: Groups VI & VII, Northwest, 1919, 1918, Net, Inc. or Dec. Rows include B & O Chic Term., Bell Ry of Chicago, Chic & Alton, etc.

Table with columns: Groups VIII & IX, Southwest, 1919, 1918, Net, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Ateb Top & S Fe., Gulf Colo & S Fe., Panhandle & S Fe., etc.

Groups VIII. & IX. (Con.)	Gross		Net		Inc. or Dec.
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	
St Louis-San Fran	78,552,125	69,812,604	18,124,022	14,560,628	+3,563,394
Ft Worth & Rio G	1,665,481	1,151,032	139,158	47,906	+91,252
St L S F of Texas	1,537,640	1,366,345	98,108	187,028	-88,920
St L M Edge & Term	3,217,134	3,620,589	def326,286	150,576	-476,862
St Louis Southwest	13,750,285	13,035,153	3,600,520	4,144,364	-537,835
St L Southw of Tex	6,010,878	6,563,008	def1,277,940	4,134,218	-881,731
St Louis Transfer	1,144,253	1,030,329	304,455	173,166	+131,289
San Ant & Ar Pass	4,516,591	4,370,334	def908,964	def39,995	-868,969
South Pacific System					
Galy Harris & S A	21,957,495	21,273,847	5,093,740	6,287,718	-1,193,978
Hous & Tex Cent	9,720,533	9,041,981	1,943,212	2,044,970	-701,758
Hous E & W Tex	2,306,164	2,087,716	499,302	521,638	-22,336
Louis Western	4,234,597	4,348,162	1,551,293	1,999,635	-448,342
Morg La & Tex	8,065,807	8,351,731	1,707,747	2,773,003	-1,065,256
Texas & New Or	8,140,173	7,445,600	871,821	1,292,096	-420,275
Term RR of St L	4,002,717	3,882,410	507,481	689,298	-181,817
Texas & Pacific	36,212,438	27,294,833	6,074,365	5,394,452	+680,113
Texas & Ft Smith	1,495,014	1,281,122	311,881	442,663	-130,682
Trinity & Brazos Val	1,454,328	1,162,730	def447,942	def423,004	-27,938
Utah	1,309,885	1,409,235	589,329	704,705	-115,376
Vicks Shreve & Pac	3,323,329	2,689,104	629,946	465,747	+164,199
Wich Falls & N W	2,308,744	1,068,157	def16,817	def321,646	+204,829
<b>Total (49 roads)</b>	<b>513,582,869</b>	<b>473,756,727</b>	<b>139,092,974</b>	<b>151,661,258</b>	<b>-12,568,284</b>
	Gross		Net		
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	Inc. or Dec.
<b>Group X.</b>					
<b>Pacific Coast</b>					
Bingham & Garfield	1,314,960	3,450,747	def74,815	1,596,654	-1,071,469
El Paso & Southwest	12,761,391	14,790,468	3,874,948	6,161,448	-2,286,500
Los Ang & Salt Lake	17,209,932	14,517,378	3,524,617	3,646,690	+878,927
Nevada Northern	1,579,440	2,706,332	483,883	1,362,375	-878,692
Northwest Pacific	6,882,459	5,702,395	1,432,187	1,728,630	-296,443
Southern Pacific	169,728,932	153,945,641	40,280,447	40,395,743	-115,296
Arizona Eastern	3,681,307	4,478,691	879,518	1,742,185	-862,667
Spokane Internat*	1,072,680	912,504	341,103	307,702	+33,401
Spok Port & Seattle	7,275,264	8,406,944	2,170,824	3,300,671	-1,129,847
Union Pacific System					
Oregon Short Line	38,260,580	34,136,853	13,162,216	12,527,367	+634,849
Ore-Wash RR&N	28,307,603	26,294,957	5,629,941	6,633,478	-903,537
Western Pacific	13,657,297	11,065,963	4,112,012	3,174,345	+937,667
<b>Total (12 roads)</b>	<b>301,591,845</b>	<b>280,473,276</b>	<b>76,816,881</b>	<b>82,376,488</b>	<b>-5,559,607</b>
Grand tot. (202 roads)	517,664,714	491,551,917	704,878,730	908,058,338	-143,479,608
Net decrease	15.80%				
* Eleven months' figures only.					

**EQUIPMENT TRUST AGREEMENTS EXECUTED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND LEADING RAILROADS APPROXIMATE \$360,000,000.**

Equipment trust agreements, it is announced, have been finally executed by the Director-General of Railroads and some seventy leading railroad companies, together with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as trustee, covering approximately \$360,000,000 worth of new rolling stock, built and building. This rolling stock was ordered by the United States Railroad Administration during the period of Federal control of railroads and it has been allocated to the railroad companies named below and accepted by them. For the most part it has already been completed and put in use.

The agreements mentioned are drawn substantially in one of the conventional forms of such equipment contracts, with the Director-General acting as vendor of the rolling stock, while the railroads as purchasers bind themselves each on its own account, to operate the cars and locomotives, which have been allotted to them under a lease arrangement pending the completion of the purchase, the rentals payable sufficient to meet the maturing installments of principal and interest of the notes issued by them individually on account of the purchase price.

In this instance the notes are to be issued to the Director-General for the full value of the equipment purchased at the outset to an aggregate amount equal in the case of each road to the total of certain "minimum purchase prices" named in the leases, later to the full purchase cost when and as determined, but not exceeding certain agreed "maximum purchase prices." The title, also, to all of the equipment allocated to each road will remain vested in the trustee until the road has duly paid off its entire issue of notes, principal and interest.

The notes, while issued from time to time as the equipment is delivered to the roads are all to be dated Jan. 15 1920, payable both principal and interest, in gold of present standard. Each issue will mature in fifteen equal installments on Jan. 15 in each year, 1921 to 1935, both inclusive, and will bear interest at 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, July 15 and Jan. 15 at the office of the trustee in New York City. They will be subject to redemption at the option of the maker prior to maturity at 103 and interest on any interest date after 60 days' notice, but only as entire issues. There are three trust agreements in all, one to cover the rolling stock already delivered in full, another covering the cases in which only a part of the equipment has been delivered and the third including the sales of equipment to some six or eight receivership roads.

In one respect these note issues are unique. It is important the Government should be in a position to market a large part of the notes whenever money conditions are favorable, and it is therefore provided that the notes of each issue maturing in any year after 1930 may be stamped at the request of the holder with the following words to indicate that they will rank subordinate as to the payment of principal

and interest to the unstamped notes due from 1921 to 1930, inclusive:

*Statement which May be Stamped on Notes Maturing After 1930.*

For value received and as an inducement to purchasers of unstamped notes, the holder of this note has caused the same to be stamped pursuant to Article 11 of the Equipment Trust Agreement mentioned in the note, and, as provided in said Article 11, the unstamped notes shall be payable in preference and priority to the stamped notes out of any moneys received or collected by the trustee under said Equipment Trust Agreement upon enforcement of its rights or remedies in case of a default of the carrier. [The trust deed further provides that such payments as to the unstamped notes shall be made pro rata on all such notes and the coupons thereon with interest on overdue interest without preference between the unstamped notes or as between principal and interest.—Ed.]

By way of explanation on this point the trust agreements say:

The purpose of this Article 11 is to make suitable provision enabling the holder or holders of said notes to induce purchases of unstamped notes by making the same payable as aforesaid in preference and priority to stamped notes out of any moneys received or collected by the trustee upon enforcement of its rights or remedies in case of a default of the carrier. The stamping of any such notes shall operate as an agreement binding upon the holders of said notes and upon the trustee; but neither the stamping of such notes nor anything in this Article 11 contained shall in any wise affect the carrier or impair or affect any obligation of the carrier or any right, title or remedy of the trustee under any of the provisions of this agreement or the liability of the carrier upon any of said notes, whether stamped or unstamped, or upon any of the coupons for interest thereon.

The right to enter into these trust agreements was conferred on the Director-General by Act of Congress, approved Nov. 19 1919 (V. 109, p. 1668, 1955) for the purpose of enabling him to reimburse the Government for the large expenditures made on account of rolling stock by the United States Railroad Administration. This act contemplated the formation of the National Equipment Corporation, but that method of financing it has been definitely dropped, at least for the time being, as appears from the following press dispatch dated at Washington March 3. (Compare V. 109, p. 2406):

Washington, March 3.—Director-General Hines announced to-day that the condition of the money market in the last several months had not been such as to warrant the carrying through of the National Equipment Corporation plan, which as proposed before the railroads were returned to private control. The method which the Government may pursue in the sale of equipment obligations in the event that it decides not to carry the indebtedness itself will be dependent upon the market conditions.

All the equipment that was purchased by the Railroad Administration for the various railroads, consisting of about 100,000 cars and approximately 1,930 locomotives, has been finally allocated, and accepted by the various roads," said Mr. Hines. "The Division of Finance advises that where railroads were able and willing to pay for the cost of such equipment in cash this has been done; that in the other instances the Government has accepted in payment for the cost of the equipment the equipment trust obligations of the individual carriers, whereby such cost is to be repaid in fifteen annual installments at 6 per cent interest.

"Equipment trust obligations have been accepted from 74 railroad companies. They are the obligations of the individual carriers, aggregate about \$360,000,000 and are in such form as to enable the Government, should it so desire, to carry out the plan for the creation of a national equipment corporation that would issue its own obligations and through the sale of such obligations reimburse the Government. If it should be deemed desirable, however, for the Government to sell the individual obligations of the carriers, it is in a position to do so, or, if it prefers, it can hold them, receiving the annual payments.

The names of the various companies which have entered into equipment trust agreements with the Director-General and the maximum amount of equipment notes issuable by each is disclosed by the following special statement compiled for the "Chronicle."

**Railroads Executing Equipment Trust Agreements with Director-General and Total Issues of Equipment Notes Authorized Thereunder.**

Name of Company	Authorized (not to exceed)	Name of Company	Authorized (not to exceed)
Alabama Great Southern RR.	\$170,985	Kansas City Southern Ry.	995,242
Ann Arbor RR.	862,502	Kansas City Terminal Ry.	219,560
Arch Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	7,917,480	Lake Erie & Western Ry.	701,307
Atlanta Birm. & Atlantic Ry.	1,026,242	Louisville & Nashville RR.	2,569,809
Atlantic Coast Line RR.	450,035	Louisville & Nashville RR.	8,579,590
Atlantic Coast Line RR.	6,273,773	Maine Central RR.	1,315,169
Atlantic Coast Line RR and Louisville & Nashville RR.		Michigan Central RR.	5,495,775
Joint lessees of Georgia RR.	1,284,060	Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.	1,565,973
Baltimore & Ohio RR.	19,135,498	Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.	1,429,456
Boston & Maine RR.	6,948,715	Missouri Pacific RR.	2,669,014
Buffalo Rochester & Pitts Ry.	2,263,456	Missouri Pacific RR.	2,671,947
Carrollton Clinch & Ohio RR.	6,792,625	Missouri Pacific RR.	2,696,017
Central Railroad of N. J.	6,294,114	Mobile & Ohio RR.	634,500
Charleston & W. Caro Ry.	879,720	Morgantown & Klugwood RR.	2,329,320
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	10,606,400	Nash Chatt. & St. Louis Ry.	1,369,537
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	1,778,400	New York Central RR.	14,848,010
Chicago & Alton RR.	1,908,065	N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR.	4,813,930
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.	6,561,925	Norfolk & Southern RR.	137,251
Chicago & East Illinois RR.	803,340	Norfolk & Western Ry.	7,673,650
Chicago Great Western RR.	715,805	Northwestern Pacific RR.	293,240
Chicago Ind. & Louisv Ry.	1,091,283	Pennsylvania RR.	61,921,394
Chicago Junction Ry.	504,686	Pere Marquette Ry.	10,739,920
Chicago Milw. & St. Paul Ry.	18,142,700	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.	655,451
Chicago & North West Ry.	10,744,075	Rich McKees & Young RR.	3,015,439
Chicago, Ind. & Pacific Ry.	8,762,610	Rich Frederlek & Potom RR.	1,075,351
Chic St. Paul Minn. & Om Ry.	2,537,710	Ru. land RR.	409,160
Chicago & West Ind RR.	310,015	St. Louis San Francisco Ry.	3,030,130
Cin New Or. & Tex Pac Ry.	1,040,095	St. Louis San Francisco Ry.	3,030,130
Cleve Clin Chic & St. L Ry.	5,654,805	St. Louis San Francisco Ry.	3,030,130
Colorado & Southern Ry.	1,185,381	St. Louis San Francisco Ry.	3,030,130
Delaware & Hudson Co.	4,365,545	St. Louis San Francisco Ry.	2,907,591
Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.	879,720	Seaboard Air Line Ry.	1,826,095
Detroit Toledo Shore Line	501,000	Southern Pacific Co.	3,072,450
Erie Railroad	4,958,442	Southern Ry.	10,977,193
Ft Worth & Denver City Ry.	544,135	Spokane Port & Seattle Ry.	879,720
Georgia RR—See Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville above.		Terminal RR. Assn. of St. L.	360,490
Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.	983,585	Texas & Pacific Ry.	2,525,289
Grand Trunk Western Ry.	3,278,585	Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.	2,377,995
Great Northern Ry.	4,632,716	Toledo St. Louis & Western.	1,127,250
Hocking Valley Ry.	1,617,100	Vi. ginian Ry.	1,239,160
Hocking Valley Ry.	1,372,505	Wabash Ry.	12,111,160
Illinois Central RR.	10,103,597	Washington Southern Ry.	460,868
Indiana Harbor Belt RR.	658,680	Washington Terminal Co.	108,147
Kansawa & Michigan Ry.	1,159,797	Western Maryland Ry.	921,735
		Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.	4,918,370



## 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 March 1.

### 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 March 5.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FRENCH INTERNAL 5% LOAN TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL MARCH 20.

With regard to the new French Internal 5% loan of 1920 now being offered in this country and France, it was announced in the New York "Sun" of Feb. 21 that information has been received from the French Government through the French Embassy at Washington that the Consulate-General of France will receive now without any charges subscriptions for the new loan until March 20. Details of the loan were given in these columns Feb. 21, page 703.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ITALY'S SIXTH LOAN.

Rome cablegrams to the daily papers under date of March 4 said:

Total subscriptions to the sixth loan amount to about 18,175,000,000 lire, of which 1,175,000,000 comes from abroad, Signor Schanzer, Minister of the Treasury, announced to-day. The subscription lists closed Wednesday.

Subscriptions to the loan were opened in January, as announced in our issue of Jan. 17, page 203.

### EXTENSION OF SUBSCRIPTION DATE OF BELGIAN GOVERNMENT INTERNAL LOAN.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of this city, which, as indicated in our issue of Feb. 14, page 608, has been soliciting subscriptions, subject to confirmation and allotment, on behalf of its Belgian office for the account of the Belgian Government, to the latter's 5% Internal Premium Loan of 2,500,000,000 francs, announces that arrangements have been made to extend the date for receipt of subscriptions for the bonds from March 6 to March 13 in Brussels. The company further states that it will accept subscriptions for its Brussels office up to and including March 11.

### PROPOSED LOAN OF \$50,000,000 IN U. S. FOR POLAND.

In reporting that a private loan of \$50,000,000 is expected to be effected in the United States in behalf of Poland, newspaper advices from Washington March 1 said:

Announcement was made to-day at the Polish Legation that negotiations for floating the bonds in this country had been concluded with the People's Industrial Trading Corporation, of New York, and the loan will be the first in this country to any of the States arising out of the war.

While it is against the policy of the United States Government to give official approval to the flotation of private loans to foreign Governments, nevertheless, the features of the bond issue, it is understood, have been presented to the Treasury and State Departments and no objections have been interposed to the project.

The loan will bear 6% interest and will mature at the expiration of 20 years. The funds realized will be used by the Polish Government for the general purposes of reconstruction. Only a few weeks ago the War Finance Board advanced to the Baldwin Locomotive Works \$5,000,000 to be used for the construction of locomotives for the Polish Government.

On March 1 a Copenhagen cablegram to the daily papers said:

Poland is demanding 31,500,000,000 marks in gold as indemnity from Soviet Russia in the peace negotiations now going forward, the National Tidende learns.

### INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO STOP SPECULATION IN RUPEES.

The "Wall Street Journal" of March 1 printed the following London advices:

To prevent speculation in exchange, the Indian Government has announced the right to refuse any tender for the purchase of reserve council drafts without proper reasons being assigned. It is stated that a large sum, representing the savings of the English people in India, is awaiting remittance to India, and the aim of the Government policy is to distinguish between the genuine remitter and the speculator.

### BILL OF BRITISH CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER LOOKING TO REDUCTION OF FINENESS IN SILVER COINAGE.

The attention of our readers is called to the circular of Samuel Montague & Co. of London, which we publish on a subsequent page (see page 941) in this week's issue of our paper with regard to the introduction of a bill by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer to amend the law as to the standard fineness of silver coin in the United Kingdom.

### NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON CONTRACTION OF BANK CREDIT AND HIGH MONEY RATES

In the report on business conditions in the New York Federal Reserve District, issued under date of Feb. 20 by the Federal Reserve agent, but not made public until March 3, it is stated that "the effect of the increase in the Federal Reserve Bank discount rates, announced on Jan. 21, is evident in a generally conservative attitude of banks and business men toward industrial expansion at this time, and in a substantial liquidation of speculative commitments." On the subject of credit and banking the report also says:

"During the last thirty days there has been a gradual reduction in bank loans in this district, more than two-thirds of which has been in the decline of loans secured by stocks and bonds. Since last October, when bank loans in this district were at their highest point, they have declined 9%.

The contraction of bank credit which has taken place in this district, particularly in New York City, has not had its counterpart in the country as a whole. In the four weeks ended Feb. 13, the 71 banks in New York City which report weekly to the Federal Reserve Board reduced their loans \$178,000,000. The 733 reporting banks elsewhere in the United States, however, increased their loans in the same four weeks' period \$67,000,000, thereby partially offsetting the decrease made in New York City. The reduction of loans on stocks and bonds, in so far as any has been made, has taken place in this district. Thus, while New York City banks were reducing such loans \$130,000,000, banks elsewhere kept them on the average almost stationary at the level of a month ago.

Bank deposits in this district declined rapidly, continuing the movement, unusual for this time of year, which was observed a month ago. The deposits of New York City banks decreased from Jan. 16 to Feb. 13, \$275,000,000. Of this \$136,000,000 was in a single item of Government deposits, which have been withdrawn rapidly during the period. Elsewhere in the country, despite the increase in loans, deposits have declined \$116,000,000.

The evidences of contraction indicated above are not reflected in the reports of the Federal Reserve Banks. On the contrary, member banks have materially increased their demands on the central institutions, not only in this district but elsewhere. The total earning assets of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Feb. 20 were \$1,100,000,000, not much below the maximum for this bank reached early in January when the Treasury required special accommodation. In addition to the loans outstanding on Feb. 20, however, should be considered \$48,100,000 of paper which this bank had rediscounted with other Federal Reserve Banks and carried as a contingent liability. The aggregate, \$1,148,100,000, is the largest volume of loans thus far for this bank. The withdrawal from the banks of Government deposits, until they are now at a minimum, accounts to a considerable degree for the increase in loans.

The gold reserves of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York declined from \$572,000,000 on Jan. 16 to \$527,000,000 on Feb. 20. This reduction, which has progressed with fair consistency since mid-summer, reflects not only the losses of gold to the interior of the country but the very material withdrawals for export. Since Jan. 16 gold has been withdrawn from this bank for export, chiefly to South America, in the amount of \$47,121,000, and \$10,000,000 has been received from Canada. The net loss of \$37,121,000 accounts largely for the decline of \$45,000,000 in gold reserves since a month ago. In the same period the loss of gold in the entire system, including New York, has been \$74,000,000.

After the rapid fall in this bank's Federal Reserve note circulation which took place after the holidays, the usual seasonal rise began, but at a somewhat accentuated pace. Since Jan. 15, when the circulation stood at the low point thus far in 1920, Federal Reserve notes in circulation have increased \$62,000,000, until on Feb. 20 they amounted to \$817,400,000, only \$10,000,000 below the high point of 1919. Aside from the practically universal employment of labor at high wages, the current price scales and other fundamental factors, which produce a demand for currency, at least \$10,000,000 of Federal Reserve notes of this district have been sent to Cuba, where United States currency is legal tender, for use in moving the sugar crop.

The effect of these movements has been reflected in the reserve percentage of this bank, which fell from 41.4 on Jan. 16 to 37.1 on Feb. 20 and in that of the system as a whole which declined in the same period from 45.1 to 42.7, the lowest point yet reached.

#### Discussing "Money Rates" the report says:

The conditions which prevailed in the money market during the preceding month were continued into the period just past which increasing acuteness. High rates for call and time money, and the inability of bill dealers and commercial paper distributing houses to attract any wide demand despite advanced offering rates, were in sharp contrast with the state of things normally existent at this season. Government withdrawals from the banks in unusually large amounts were accompanied by fluctuations in call money quotations ranging as high as 25% with renewals for a considerable part of the period quoted between 10 and 17%. The redemption of amortizing issue of certificates of indebtedness early in February afforded no apparent relief to the money market. Time loans continued practically unobtainable, though borrowers bid 9½ and 10% for money on industrial collateral. Latterly, the situation has become easier, largely as a result of the liquidation which has occurred in the stock market, and call loans were made and renewed at 6%; but time money continues scarce with rates nominally at 8½ and 9%.

### FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK ON GOLD PREMIUM AND DEPRECIATED CURRENCIES.

On the subject of "The Gold Premium and Depreciated Currencies" the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the

following to say in its report on business conditions in the New York Federal Reserve Bank, made public on the 3rd inst.

In the main the fall in European exchanges, which has, of course, been general, and not confined to relations with the United States, represents largely an endeavor to adjust our currency and that of other nations to the inflated and correspondingly depreciated currencies of Europe. This is revealed by the rise in the gold premium in London step by step with the fall in sterling. There normally exists between all countries which have extended trade with each other, a certain balance between the price level, the state of currency and the rate of exchange. Thus, for example, in Great Britain, prices since the war began have risen at least one-third more than in the United States, which roughly corresponds to the fall in exchange and the amount of the prevailing gold premium. In terms of gold then, the general price balance between the two countries remains in about the same correspondence as before. Moreover, the actual quantity of American products seriously affected by present exchange rates is relatively small. So far as the great proportion of our exports is concerned, they must be taken at the prices obtainable, forcing a corresponding price in the depreciated currencies of Europe. There is a prevalent idea that the post-war needs of Europe have enormously increased our exports to that continent, and that it is this which has created the present disturbing situation. This has little justification in fact. On the whole, with Germany, Austria and Russia out of the market, the proportion of our exports to Europe has not sensibly changed. It was 60% in 1913. It was 63% last year. That of England, France and Italy has somewhat augmented, but even here the gain is relatively small. These relations are clearly brought out in the diagrams on the next page.

Much has been said as to the highly unfavorable state of England's trade and balances. Yet a review of her exports for the year shows an unbroken rise, month by month, to record figures; and a corresponding decrease in her adverse balances. For 1919 this balance was 669 millions sterling; but a large part of imports was for restocking, now apparently well advanced. January's figures showed a marked improvement. Exports were a hundred per cent over either 1918 or 1917, and at the rate of six billions of our money for the year; while, even with heavy cotton takings, imports were up less than 50% over those years. Such a gain, continued, would soon give Great Britain an export balance in her favor, a thing she has not had in long years. To this is to be added the estimated half billion sterling of so-called "invisible exports," shipping charges and interest; which very considerably exceeds the interest on her foreign borrowings.

#### INCREASE BY NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK IN BUYING RATE FOR ACCEPTANCES.

Concerning a further advance, which has been made by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its buying rate for bank acceptances, the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 28 said

The New York Federal Reserve Bank has again raised its buying rate on bank acceptances  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%. The new purchase rates of the central institution are  $5\frac{1}{4}$ % for 30-day bills, 5% for 60-day bills and  $5\frac{1}{4}$ % for 90-day bills. This action was taken to bring the bank's buying rates more in line with the open market rates, which have recently been advanced by dealers.

#### BANK CALL OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY THIS TIME COMES ON A HALF DAY.

The call for statement of condition of the national banks, issued this week by the Comptroller of the Currency prompts the following in the New York "Commercial" of March 5:

Bankers are anticipating some unusual figures in connection with the last call of the Comptroller of the Treasury. The reports will be made as of Saturday, Feb. 28, a half day and for the reason that business will show about half the ordinary volume for the day, the shifts in deposits will not be completed as is the case when reports are made on full days.

The current call is the first to be made as of a Saturday in a number of years, if not in the history of the system. The result of the call as it will be reflected in the reports is not expected to affect the totals of the various items to any extent, for the reason that in the consolidated reports the balances will be about the same, but some of the banks will show decreases where ordinarily they would show increases, and others will show just the opposite.

No estimate can be made as to the extent of the shifts, nor as to the importance of the decreases incident to the reduced volume of business, but it is expected that they will be important enough to attract attention, notwithstanding the fact that they will have little actual significance in connection with the conditions of the banks.

#### INCREASE IN RESERVES IN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK—SILVER DEPOSIT BY TREASURY.

The weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York last Saturday (Feb. 28) has attracted quite as much attention as that of the previous week, when a deficit of 33.9% (1.1% below the minimum) in the reserves against deposits was shown. The fact that the Bank had in issuing its statement of Feb. 21 changed the practice previously employed of publishing its ratio of gold held as a reserve for note issues, after setting aside 35% as cover for its deposits, and in lieu thereof had adopted a new method whereby it first deducted 4% in gold as reserve for its note issues, leaving the balance to apply to deposits, caused no little comment last week. In its weekly statement of last Saturday the reserve against deposits was raised to 35.2%, a trifle beyond the legal requirement—but this showing was made possible only through a deposit of \$50,000,000 in the Federal Reserve Bank by the Treasury. As bearing on this the weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, issued Feb. 28, said:

Gold reserves show a further reduction of about 3 millions, while the increase of over 50 millions in other reserve cash represents largely a transfer of silver accumulated by the Treasury with a view to meeting Oriental demands. Silver so transferred will gradually be used for that purpose by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, which is conducting the operation under the direction of the Federal Reserve Board. Meanwhile, the transfer serves to replenish the balance of the Treasury with the New York Bank in anticipation of Mar. 15 demands without calls upon depository banks.

One of the comments which this move elicited was the following in the New York "Times" of Mar. 2:

In banking circles it can be said that there was no great enthusiasm over the way the local Reserve bank rehabilitated its reserve position. Perhaps the most drastic criticism took the angle that there might be a question raised as to the availability of this silver for reserve purposes. But that is drastic criticism. The situation is bad enough, at best, without raising legal points. The \$50,000,000 silver is a transient item, which may disappear within a short time, just as the gold held by the bank is disappearing through export shipment. The question was asked yesterday—and there appeared to be no satisfactory answer to it—as to what would happen when those reserves did disappear. Loans, if the figures mean anything, are not coming down, while reserves are. Soon or later, and probably very soon, the bank's ability to find new and unusual reserves will reach its limit.

The deposit of silver in the Federal Reserve Bank served to recall the announcement made by the latter last December (and published in our issue of Dec. 13, page 2215), regarding the arrangements made between the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board whereby standard silver dollars that were free in the Treasury would "until further notice be delivered against other forms of money to the Division of Foreign Exchange of the Federal Reserve Board, which will, through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, co-operating with the branches of American banks in the Orient, employ such dollars in regulating our exchanges with silver standard countries." It was the understanding that the banks to which the metal would be sold were the International Banking Corporation, the Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation, and the Asia Banking Corporation. Anent this, the "Wall Street Journal" of March 1 said:

Deposit of \$50,000,000 silver in the N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank by the Treasury Department whereby the former's reserve against deposit was raised to 35.2% (instead of otherwise falling to about 31%) has occasioned a good deal of interest in banking circles. There was much speculation as to the meaning of this operation.

Early last December the Federal Reserve Board announced that it had entered into an arrangement with three New York banking firms doing business in the Orient whereby the Treasury Department would sell to them silver dollars lying in the general fund of the Treasury. The banks in question were the International Banking Corporation, The Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation and the Asia Banking Corporation. These concerns were allowed to acquire the silver through the tender of current funds. They were to dispose of the silver in Shanghai in order to stabilize the American dollar in China.

At that time there was about \$60,000,000 of silver dollars in the general fund of the Treasury. (This, of course, is not the silver in the trust fund against outstanding silver certificates.) Only a small amount of this silver has so far been acquired for export to the Far East, as last week the Treasury's statement showed \$58,000,000 available silver in the general fund. This arrangement for selling silver to the Orient was to be conducted through the N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank. It amounted to a credit of the silver dollars in the general fund in favor of the local institution. It is evident therefore, that, in the predicament which the N. Y. Reserve Bank was placed as regards its reserve position, the Federal Reserve Board came to its assistance, so that the N. Y. institution could obtain immediate benefits of the silver in its reserves. The silver can only be used, however, for sale to the Orient.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TO ACCEPTANCE DEALERS.

A questionnaire which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has addressed to bank acceptance dealers, calls for the following information, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 26:

- How many bills bought?
- From whom bought?
- How many were sold?
- To whom sold?
- Range of rates paid during January and February?
- Different maturities?
- Range of selling prices?
- Range of call money borrowings on acceptances?

The "Wall Street Journal" also says:

While it is not definitely known what prompted the central bank to seek this information, it is understood that the Reserve authorities are compiling data on both the money and bill markets.

One banker ventured the opinion that perhaps the Federal Reserve Board is endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the large number of bank acceptances now held by the Reserve banks. This banker believed that the local institution was seeking this data for presentation to the Board.

#### RESIGNATION OF ALBERT STRAUSS FROM FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The resignation of Albert Strauss as a member of the Federal Reserve Board was made known this week. In his letter of withdrawal Mr. Strauss reminded the President that he had accepted the position as a war duty with the understanding that he "should be free to resign whenever the first after-effects of the war had somewhat spent themselves." In accepting the resignation the President indicated his reluctance to consent to Mr. Strauss's retirement, stating



that the latter's withdrawal "will be a distinct loss to the public service." Mr. Strauss who had been a member of the firm of J. & W. Seligman & Co. of New York since 1901 was named as Vice-Governor of the Reserve Board on Sept. 19 1918 to succeed Paul M. Warburg, resigned. The following is Mr. Strauss's letter tendering his resignation to President Wilson:

February 24 1920.

Dear Mr. President:—I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

In laying down at this time the office which you entrusted to me, and which I have felt it a high honor to hold, it is perhaps proper to recall that I accepted the position as a war duty at the urgent insistence of Secretary McAdoo, and with the understanding that I should be free to resign whenever the first after-effects of the war had somewhat spent themselves.

My personal plans would be greatly facilitated should you find it possible to accept my resignation in the near future, if possible, relieving me by March 15.

Permit me, in retiring, to express my appreciation of the opportunities afforded to me under your effective leadership, of assisting, however slightly, in the business of the war.

I remain,

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) ALBERT STRAUSS.

The President, White House.

In his letter of acceptance President Wilson said:

The White House, Washington, March 2 1920.

My Dear Mr. Strauss:

I have received with regret your resignation of your membership on the Federal Reserve Board and have noted your desire to be relieved if possible by March 15. I fully understand the reasons which make it necessary for you to retire from the Government service and I reluctantly accept your resignation, to take effect March 15.

For nearly three years you have served the Government with singular distinction. Shortly after the nation went into war you responded to the call of the Secretary of the Treasury for service and rendered valuable assistance in the capacity of special adviser to the Treasury in matters relating to foreign credit. Later you became a member of the War Trade Board. In October you accepted membership on the Federal Reserve Board and became its Vice Governor, while at the same time you continued to advise the Treasury in foreign matters and to serve on the War Trade Board until its dissolution after the armistice. You rendered equally fine service to the nation for several months in Paris as one of the financial advisers to the Peace Commission. Your withdrawal will be a distinct loss to the public service. I am grateful to you for what you have done and wish you to know that you have my best wishes for your continued welfare and happiness.

Cordially yours,  
(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

Hon. ALBERT STRAUSS,  
Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Strauss has taken occasion to issue the following statement:

There is no truth whatever in the statements and suggestions appearing in certain newspapers to the effect that my resignation as a member of the Federal Reserve Board was caused or influenced by differences with my colleagues as to matters of policy or otherwise, or intended as a protest against political, sectional or other pressure. There have been no differences with my colleagues and there has been no attempt by any one to exert any such pressure on the Board.

I accepted the office as a war task and I resigned because I felt that the time had come when I might fairly do so. That is the whole story. There is nothing sensational to be extracted from it.

#### GEORGE W. NORRIS TO RESIGN FROM FEDERAL FARM LOAN BOARD TO BECOME GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

George W. Norris, Director of the Federal Farm Loan Board, was this week elected Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, succeeding E. P. Passmore, who retired from the governorship on March 1 to become President of the Bank of North America, of Philadelphia. Mr. Passmore's resignation was referred to in our issue of Jan. 31, page 425. Mr. Norris will resign from the Farm Loan Board on April 1.

Mr. Norris is a member of the Philadelphia bar and was formerly a partner in the banking firm of E. B. Smith & Co. Following his withdrawal from the banking business he was delegated by Mayor Blankenburg, of Philadelphia, to take a place in the latter's staff. Mr. Norris was director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia when named to the directorship of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

#### PLANS FOR EXCHANGING TEMPORARY LIBERTY BONDS INTO PERMANENT SECURITIES.

Advices to holders of temporary Liberty bonds regarding the exchange of such temporary certificates into permanent bonds are contained in a statement issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on March 4. Last week, page 818, we printed the information conveyed by the Acting Governor of the Bank, J. H. Case, to the banking institutions in the local Federal Reserve district. The following is this week's statement:

Holders of over one billion dollars in Third Liberty Loan bonds will begin on March 15 the exchange of their present temporary bonds into permanent bonds containing all the coupons to maturity. The exchange in this Federal Reserve district will be under the direction of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, but in most cases the various banking institutions will arrange with the Federal Reserve Bank to secure the permanent bonds in sufficient quantities to make the exchange for their customers.

Inasmuch as there were more than three million original subscribers to the Third Loan in this district and a large quantity of bonds issued in the other districts will undoubtedly be exchanged through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York the task of issuing the bonds will be a large one. Holders of \$50 and \$100 bonds may make their exchanges at the office of the Liberty Loan Association, 19 West 44th Street, New York, while the great volume of exchanges will be greatly simplified for other bondholders, since they will be able to secure the new bonds through their own bank or trust company without going to the Federal Reserve Bank.

It is expected that bonds of the First and Second Loans, both 4% and 4½% issues, will be exchanged for permanent bonds after April 1. In the cases where these bonds will have coupons attached holders should detach the coupons and hold them until maturity when they can be cashed in the usual manner. Holders of the 4% bonds will receive in return 4½% bonds of the same loan with all coupons attached unless in making the exchange they specifically ask for 4% bonds in return.

Holders of the temporary bonds who avail themselves of the assistance of their own banks in effecting the exchanges will present and surrender their present bonds to these institutions with coupons detached. The banks will in turn make the necessary exchanges of 4½% bonds for permanent bonds and will receive the temporary 4% bonds for conversion and exchange into the permanent 4½% bonds. This service will be undertaken by the various banking institutions for their customers without charge.

The First Liberty Loan 3½% bonds and the Victory Liberty Loan 3½% and 4½% bonds were issued by the Government in permanent form, as were the registered bonds of all the Government war loans and therefore none of these bonds need be offered for exchange. The date for conversion of the temporary bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan on which the last coupon will not mature until Oct. 15 1920 has not yet been announced. Bondholders offering temporary coupon bonds for exchange may receive, if they desire, permanent bonds in registered form.

In order to effect exchanges as conveniently and as efficiently as possible, the Federal Reserve Bank will issue a circular addressed to all incorporated banks and trust companies in the district urging them to use the forms which have been prescribed by the Treasury for effecting the exchanges.

#### REMOVAL BY CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE OF RESTRICTION AFFECTING TRADING IN CORN.

The restriction which limited individual trading in corn to 200,000 bushels was removed by the Chicago Board of Trade on Feb. 24. The rule had been in force since May 19 1919, and was adopted at the request of the Food Administration. The Chicago "Tribune" says:

It [the ruling] applied to Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City simultaneously, and is removed in the same way. There is no limit on operations now. No reports of trades to the Secretary's office that have been made daily will be necessary until the advent of each current month, such contracts being subject to the licensing requirements of the Food Control Act. Supervision and control of such trading will be continued as in the past.

#### U. S. SUPREME COURT DECIDES IN FAVOR OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

In an opinion handed down on March 1 the United States Supreme Court has affirmed the decree of the District Court of the United States for the District of New Jersey, dismissing the Government suit for the dissolution of the corporation and its subsidiary companies. The Government had alleged that the corporation was engaged in illegal restraint of trade and the exercise of monopoly. The opinion of the Supreme Court was read by Associate Justice McKenna and was concurred in by Chief Justice White and Associate Justices Holmes and Vandewater. A dissenting opinion was given by Justice Day, Justices Clarke and Pitney joining in the minority opinion. Justice McReynolds and Brandeis took no part in the conclusions of the Court. Mr. McReynolds having been Attorney General when the Government's suit was instituted, and Mr. Brandeis having, before his appointment to the bench, expressed his opinion as to the status of the Steel Corporation under the anti-trust act when he appeared before a Senate Committee in 1911 inquiring into the subject of trusts. The majority opinion handed down by the Supreme Court on Monday last states that "we have seen that the Judges of the District Court unanimously concurred in the view that the corporation did not achieve monopoly, and such is our deduction, and it is against monopoly that the statute is directed, not against an expectation of it, but against its realization, and it is certain that it was not realized." It also says:

The suggestion that lurks in the Government's contention that the acceptance of the Corporation's prices is the submission of impotence to irresistible power is, in view of the testimony of the competitors, untenable. They, as we have seen, deny restraint in any measure or illegal influence of any kind. The Government, therefore, is reduced to the assertion that the size of the Corporation, the power it may have, not the exertion of the power, is an abhorrence to the law, or as the Government says, "the combination embodied in the Corporation unduly restrains competition by its necessary effect and, therefore, is unlawful, regardless of purpose." "A wrongful purpose," the Government adds, is "matter of aggravation."

The illegality is statistical, purpose or movement of any kind only is emphasis. To assent to that, to what extremes would we be led. Competition consists of business activities and ability—they make its life, but there may be fatalities in it. Are the activities to be encouraged when militant and suppressed or regulated when triumphant because of the dominance attained? To such paternalism the Government's contention, which regards power rather than its use the determining consideration, seems to conduct, certainly conducts, we may say, for it is the inevitable logic of the Government's contention that competition must not only be

ree, but that it must not be pressed to the ascendancy of a competitor for ascendancy there is the menace of monopoly.

Discussing the question as to whether the Standard Oil and tobacco cases furnish a guidance to the conclusions of the court, the majority opinion states in part:

In the tobacco case, therefore, as in the Standard Oil case, the court had to deal with a persistent and systematic law breaker masquerading under legal forms and which not only had to be stripped of its disguises, but arrested in its illegality. A decree of dissolution was the manifest instrumentality and inevitable. We think it would be a work of sheer supererogation to point out that a decree in that case or in the Standard Oil case furnishes no example for any decree in this.

In conclusion the court says "we are unable to see that the public interest will be served by yielding to the contention of the Government respecting the dissolution of the company or the separation from it of some of its subsidiaries and we do see in a contrary conclusion a risk of injury to the public interest, including a material disturbance of, and it may be serious detriment to the foreign trade, and in submission to the policy of the law and its fortifying prohibitions the public interest is of paramount regard. We think therefore that the decree of the District Court should be affirmed. In part the majority opinion of the court follows:

Supreme Court of the United States—No. 6—October Term, 1919.—The United States of America, appellant, vs. United States Steel Corporation et al.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the District of New Jersey.

Suit against the Steel Corporation and certain other companies which it directs and controls by reason of the ownership of their stock, and they being separately and collectively charged as violators of the Sherman Anti-Trust act.

It is prayed that it and they be dissolved because engaged in illegal restraint of trade and the exercise of monopoly.

Special charges of illegality and monopoly are made and special redresses and remedies are prayed, among others that there be a prohibition of stock ownership and exercise of rights under such ownership, and that there shall be such orders and distribution of the stock and other properties as shall be in accordance with equity and good conscience, and "shall effectuate the purpose of the Anti-Trust act." General relief is also prayed.

The Steel Corporation is a holding company only. The other companies are the operating ones, manufacturers in the iron and steel industry, twelve in number. There are, besides, other corporations and individuals more or less connected in the activities of the other defendants that are alleged to be instruments or accomplices in their activities and offenses; and that these activities and offenses (speaking in general terms) extend from 1901 to 1911, when the bill was filed, and have illustrative periods of significant and demonstrated illegality.

Issue is taken upon all these charges, and we see at a glance what detail of circumstances may be demanded, and we may find ourselves puzzled to compress them into an opinion that will not be of fatiguing prolixity.

The case was heard in the District Court by four Judges. They agreed that the bill should be dismissed, they disagreed as to the reasons for it. (223 Fed. 55.)

One opinion (written by Judge Buffington and concurred in by Judge McPherson) expressed the view that the Steel Corporation was not formed with the intention or purpose to monopolize or restrain trade and did not have the motive or effect "to prejudice the public interest by unduly restricting competition or unduly obstructing the course of trade." The corporation, in the view of the opinion, was an evolution, a natural consummation of the tendencies of the industry on account of changing conditions, practically a compulsion from "the metallurgical method of making steel and the physical method of handling it," this method and the conditions consequent upon it tending to combinations of capital and energies rather than diffusion in independent action. And the concentration of powers (we are still representing the opinion) was only such as was deemed necessary and immediately manifested itself in improved methods and products and in an increase of domestic and foreign trade. Indeed an important purpose of the organization of the corporation was the building up of the export trade in steel and iron which at that time was sporadic, the mere dumping of the products upon foreign markets.

Not monopoly, therefore, was the purpose of the organization of the Corporation, but concentration of efforts with resultant economies and benefits.

The tendency of the industry and the purpose of the Corporation in yielding to it was expressed in comprehensive condensation by the word "integration," which signifies continuity in the process of the industry from ore mines to the finished product.

The other opinion (by Judge Woolley and concurred in by Judge Hunt, 223 Fed. 161) was in some particulars in antithesis to Judge Buffington's. The view was expressed that neither the Steel Corporation nor the preceding combinations, which were in a sense its antitypes, had the justification of industrial conditions, nor were they or it impelled by the necessity for integration, or compelled to unite in comprehensive enterprise because such had become a condition of success under the new orders of things. On the contrary, that the organizers of the Corporation and the preceding companies had illegal purpose from the very beginning, and the Corporation became "a combination of combinations by which, directly or indirectly, approximately 180 independent concerns were brought under one business control, which, measured by the amount of production, extended to 80% or 90% of the entire output of the country, and that its purpose was to secure great profits, which were thought possible in the light of the history of its constituent combinations, and to accomplish permanently what those combinations had demonstrated could be accomplished temporarily, and thereby monopolize and restrain trade.

The organizers, however (we are still representing the opinion) underestimated the opposing conditions and at the very beginning the Corporation instead of relying upon its own power sought and obtained the assistance and the co-operation of its competitors (the independent companies). In other words, the view was expressed that the testimony did "not show" that the Corporation in and of itself ever possessed or exerted sufficient power when acting alone to control prices of the products of the industry."

Its power was efficient only when in co-operation with its competitors, and hence it concerted with them in the expense of pools, associations, trade meetings, and finally in a system of dinners inaugurated in 1907 by the resident of the company. E. H. Gary, and called "the Gary dinners." he dinners were congregations of producers and "were nothing but trade meetings," successors of the other means of associated action and control

through such action. They were instituted first in "stress of panic," but their potency being demonstrated they were afterward called to control prices "in periods of industrial calm." "They were pools without penalties" and more efficient in stabilizing prices. But it was the further declaration that "when joint action was either confused or withdrawn the Corporation's prices were controlled by competition."

The corporation, it was said, did not at any time abuse the power or ascendancy it possessed. It restored to none of the brutalities or tyrannies that the cases illustrate of other combinations. It did not secure freight rebates; it did not increase its profits by reducing the wages of its employees—whatever it did was not at the expense of labor; it did not increase its profits by lowering the quality of its products, nor create an artificial scarcity of them; it did not oppress or coerce its competitors—its competition, though vigorous, was fair; it did not undersell its competitors in some localities by reducing its prices there below those maintained elsewhere, or require its customers to enter into contracts limiting their purchases or restricting them in resale prices; it did not obtain customers by secret rebates or departures from its published prices.

There was no evidence that it attempted to crush its competitors or drive them out of the market, nor did it take customers from its competitors by unfair means, and in its competition it seemed to make no difference between large and small competitors. Indeed, it is said in many ways and illustrated that "instead of relying upon its own power to fix and maintain prices, the Corporation at its very beginning sought and obtained the assistance of others." It combined its power with that of its competitors. It did not have power in and of itself, and the control it exerted was only in and by association with its competitors.

This summary of the opinions, given necessarily in paraphrase, does not adequately represent their ability and strength, but it has value as indicating the contentions of the parties, and the ultimate propositions to which the contentions are addressed. The opinions indicate that the evidence admits of different deductions as to the genesis of the corporation and the purpose of its organizers, but only of a single deduction as to the power it attained and could exercise.

The alternatives are perplexing, involve conflicting considerations, which, regarded in isolation have diverse tendencies. We have seen that the Judges of the District Court unanimously concurred in the view that the Corporation did not achieve monopoly, and such is our deduction, and it is against monopoly that the statute is directed, not against an expectation of it, but against its realization, and it is certain that it was not realized.

The opposing conditions were underestimated. The power attained was much greater than that possessed by any one competitor—it was not greater than that possessed by all of them. Monopoly, therefore, was not achieved, and competitors had to be persuaded by pools, associations, trade meetings and through the social form of dinners, all of them, it may be, violations of the law, but transient in their purposes and effect.

They were scattered through the years from 1901 (the year of the formation of the corporation), until 1911, but, after instances of success and failure, were abandoned nine months before this suit was brought. There is no evidence that the abandonment was in prophecy of dread of suit, and the illegal practices have not been resumed, nor is there any evidence of any intention to resume them, and certainly no "dangerous probability" of their resumption, the test for which *Swift & Co. vs. United States*, 196, U. S., 396, is cited.

It is our conclusion, therefore, as it was that of the Judges below, that the practices were abandoned from a conviction of their futility, from the operation of forces that were not understood or were underestimated, and the case is not peculiar, and we may say in passing that the Government cannot fear their resumption, for it did not avail itself of the offer of the District Court to retain jurisdiction of the cause in order that if illegal acts should be attempted they could be restrained.

What, then, can now be urged against the Corporation? Can comparisons in other regards be made with its competitors, and by such comparisons guilty or innocent existence be assigned it? It is greater in size and productive power than any of its competitors, equal or nearly equal to them all, but its power over prices was not and is not commensurate with its power to produce.

It is true there is some testimony tending to show that the Corporation has such power, but there was also testimony and a course of action tending strongly to the contrary. The conflict was by the Judges of the District Court unanimously resolved against the existence of that power, and in doing so they but gave effect to the greater weight of the evidence.

It is certain that no such power was exerted. On the contrary, the only attempt at a fixation of prices was, as already said, through an appeal to and confederation with competitors, and the record shows, besides, that when competition occurred it was not in pretence, and the Corporation declined in productive powers—the competitors growing either against or in consequence of the competition. If against the competition, we have an instance of movement against what the Government insists was an irresistible force; if in consequence of competition, we have an illustration of the adage that "competition is the life of trade" and is not easily repressed. The power of monopoly in the corporation under either illustration is an untenable assumption.

We may pause here for a moment to notice illustrations of the Government of the purpose of the Corporation, instancing its acquisition after its formation of control over the Shelby Steel Tube Company, the Union Steel Company, and, subsequently, the Tennessee Company. There is dispute over the reasons for these acquisitions which we shall not detail.

There is, however, an important circumstance in connection with that of the Tennessee Company which is worthy to be noted. It was submitted to President Roosevelt and he gave it his approval. His approval, of course, did not make it legal, but it gives assurance of its legality, and we know from his earnestness in the public welfare he would have approved of nothing that had even a tendency to its detriment. And he testified he was not deceived and that he believed that "the Tennessee Coal and Iron people had a property which was almost worthless in their hands, nearly worthless to them, nearly worthless to the communities in which it was situated, and entirely worthless to any financial institution that had the securities the minute that any panic came, and that the only way to give value to it was to put it in the hands of people whose possession of it would be a guarantee that there was value to it."

From this digression we return to the consideration of the conduct of the Corporation to its competitors. Besides the circumstances which we have mentioned, there are others of probative strength. The company's officers, and, as well, its competitors and customers, testified that its competition was genuine, direct and vigorous, and was reflected in prices and production. No practical witness was produced by the Government in opposition. Its contention is based on the asserted size and dominance of the Corporation—alleged power for evil, not the exertion of the power in evil. Or as counsel put it, "a combination may be illegal because of its purpose; it may be illegal because it acquires a dominating power, not as a result of normal growth and development, but as a result of a combination of competitors." Competitors, it is said, followed the Corporation's prices because they made



money by the imitation. Indeed, the imitation is urged as an evidence of the Corporation's power.

Competitors, dealers and customers of the Corporation testify in multitude that no adventitious interference was employed either to fix or to maintain prices, and that they were constant or varied according to natural conditions. Can this testimony be minimized or dismissed by inferring that, as intimated, it is an evidence of power, not of weakness, and power exerted not only to suppress competition, but to compel testimony? The situation is indeed singular, and we may wonder at it.

But there are other paradoxes. The Government does not hesitate to present contradictions, though only one can be true, such being, we were told in our school books, the "principle of contradiction." In one, competitors (the independents) are represented as suppressed by the superior power of the Corporation. In the other they are represented as ascending to opulence by imitating that power's prices, which they could not do if a disadvantage from the other conditions of competition, and yet confederated action is not asserted.

If it were, this suit would take on another cast. The competitors would cease to be the victims of the Corporation and would become its accomplices. And there is no other alternative. The suggestion that lurks in the Government's contention that the acceptance of the Corporation's prices is the submission of impotence to irresistible power is, in view of the testimony of the competitors, untenable. They, as we have seen, deny restraint in any measure or illegal influence of any kind. The Government, therefore, is reduced to the assertion that the size of the Corporation, the power it may have, not the exertion of the power, is an abhorrence to the law, or as the Government says, "the combination embodied in the Corporation unduly restrains competition by its necessary effect and, therefore, is unlawful, regardless of purpose." "A wrongful purpose," the Government adds, is "matter of aggravation."

The illegality is statable, purpose or movement of any kind only is emphasis. To assent to that, to what extremes would we be led. Competition consists of business activities and ability—they make its life, but there may be fatalities in it. Are the activities to be encouraged when militant and suppressed or regulated when triumphant because of the dominance attained? To such paternalism the Government's contention, which regards power rather than its use the determining consideration, seems to conduct, certainly conducts, we may say, for it is the inevitable logic of the Government's contention that competition must not only be free, but that it must not be pressed to the ascendancy of a competitor for in ascendancy there is the menace of monopoly.

The Corporation was formed in 1901, no act of aggression upon its competitors is charged against it, it confederated with them at times in offense against the law, but abandoned that before this suit was brought, and since 1911 no act in violation of law can be established against it except its existence be such an act. This is urged, as we have seen, and that the interest of the public is involved, and that such interest is paramount to corporation or competitors. Granted—though it is difficult to see how there can be restraint of competitors in the trade nor complaints by customers—how can it be worked out of the situation and through what proposition of law. Of course if calls for nothing other than a right application of the law, and to repeat what we have said above, shall we declare the law to be that size is an offense, even though it minds its own business, because what it does is imitated? The Corporation is undoubtedly of impressive size and it takes an effort of resolution not to be affected by it or to exaggerate its influence. But we must adhere to the law, and the law does not make more size an offense or the existence of unexercised power an offense. It, we repeat, requires overt acts, and trusts to its prohibition of them and its power to repress or punish them. It does not compel competition, nor require all that is possible.

The Steel Corporation by its formation united under one control competing companies, and this, it is urged, a condition was brought about in violation of the statute, and therefore illegal, and became a continually operating force with the possession of power unlawfully obtained.

But there are countervailing considerations. We have seen whatever there was of wrong intent could not be executed, whatever was of evil effect was discontinued, before this suit was brought, and this, we think, determines the decree. We say this in full realization of the requirements of the law. It is clear in its denunciation of monopolies, and equally clear in its direction that the courts of the nation shall prevent and restrain them (its language is to prevent and restrain violations of the act), but the command is necessarily submissive to the conditions which may exist and the usual powers of a court of equity to adapt its remedies to those conditions. In other words, it is not expected to enforce abstractions or do injury thereby, it may be, to the purpose of the law. It is this flexibility of discretion—indeed, essential function—that makes its value in our jurisprudence, value in this case as in others. We do not mean to say that the law is not its own measure and that it can be disregarded, but only that the appropriate relief in each instance is remitted to a court of equity to determine, not, and let us be explicit in this, to advance a policy contrary to that of the law, but in submission to the law and its policy, and in execution of both. And it is certainly a matter of consideration that there was no legal attack on the Corporation until 1911, ten years after its formation and the commencement of its career. We do not, however, speak of the delay simply as to its time or that there is estoppel in it because of its time, but on account of what was done during that time—many the millions of dollars spent, the developments made and the enterprises undertaken, the investments by the public that have been invited and are not to be ignored.

And what of the foreign trade that has been developed and exists? The Government, with some inconsistency, it seems to us, would remove this from the decree of dissolution. Indeed, it is pointed out that under Congressional legislation in the Webb act the foreign trade of the Corporation is reserved to it. And, further, it is said, the Corporation has constructed a company called the Products Company which can be "very easily preserved as a medium through which the steel business might reach the balance of the world," and that in the decree of "dissolution that could be provided."

The proposition and suggestions do not commend themselves. We do not see how the Steel Corporation can be such a beneficial instrumentality in the trade of the world and its beneficence preserved, and yet be such an evil instrumentality in the trade of the United States that it must be destroyed. And by whom and how shall all the adjustments of preservation or destruction be made? How can the Corporation be sustained and its power of control over its subsidiary companies be retained and exercised in the foreign trade and given up in the domestic trade? The Government presents no solution of the problem.

The Government, however, tentatively presents a proposition which has some tangibility. It submits that certain of the subsidiary companies are so mechanically equipped and so officially directed as to be released and remitted to independent action and individual interests and the competition to which such interests prompt, without any disturbance to business. The companies are enumerated. They are the Carnegie Steel Company (a combination of the old Carnegie Company, the National Steel Company and the American Steel Hoop Company), the Federal Steel Company, the

Tennessee Company and the Union Steel Company (a combination of the Union Steel Company of Donora, Pa., and Sharon Steel Company of Sharon, Pa., and Sharon Tin Plate Company). They are fully integrated, it is said; possess their own supplies, facilities of transportation and distribution. They are subject only to the Steel Corporation's, in effect, the declaration, in nothing but its control of their prices. We may say any parenthetically that they are defendants in the suit and charged as offenders, and we have the strange circumstance of violators of the law being urged to be used as expeditors of the law. But let us see what guide to a procedure of dissolution of the Corporation and the dispersion as well of its subsidiary companies, for they are asserted to be illegal combinations, is prayed. And the fact must not be overlooked or underestimated. The prayer of the Government calls for not only a disruption of present conditions, but the restoration of the conditions of twenty years ago, if not literally substantially. Is there guidance to this in the Standard Oil case and the Tobacco Trust case? As an element in determining the answer we shall have to compare the cases with that at bar, but this can only be done in a general way, and the law necessarily must be kept in mind; no other comment on it is necessary. It has received so much exposition that it and all it prescribes and proscribes should be considered as a consciously directing presence.

The Standard Oil Company had its origin in 1882, and through successive forms of combinations and agencies it progressed in illegal power to the day of the decree, even in attempting to circumvent by one of its forms the decision of a court against it, and its method in using its power was of the kind that Judge Woolley described as "brutal," and of which practices, he said, the Steel Corporation was absolutely guiltless. We have enumerated them, and this reference to them is enough, and of the practices this court said no disinterested mind could doubt that the purpose was "to drive others from the field and to exclude them from their right to trade, and thus accomplish the mastery which was the end in view." It was further said that what was done and the final culmination "in the plan of the New Jersey corporation" made manifest the continued existence of the intent and impelled the expansion of the New Jersey corporation. It was to this corporation, which represented the power and purpose of all that preceded, that the suit was addressed and the decree of the court was to apply.

What we have quoted contrasts that case with this. The contrast is further emphasized by pointing out how in the case of the New Jersey corporation the original wrong was reflected in and manifested by the acts which followed the organization as described by the court. It said the exercise of the power which resulted from that organization fortifies the foregoing conclusions (as to monopoly, &c.) since the development which came, the acquisition here and there which ensued of every efficient means by which competition could have been asserted, the slow, but resistless methods which followed by which means of transportation were absorbed and brought under control, the system of marketing which was adopted by which the country was divided into districts and the trade in each district in oil was turned over to the designated corporation within the combination and all others were excluded, all lead the mind up to a conviction of a purpose and intent which we think is so certain as practically to cause the subject not to be within the domain of reasonable contention.

The tobacco company case has the same bad distinctions as the Standard Oil case. The illegality in which it was formed (there were two American Tobacco Companies, but we use the names as designating the new company as representing the combinations of the suit) continued, indeed progressed, in the intensity and defiance to the moment of decree. And it is the intimation of the opinion, if not its direct assertion, that the formation of the company (the word "combination" is used) was preceded by the intimation of a trade war "inspired by one or more of the minds which brought about and became parties to that combination."

In other words, the purpose of the combination was signalled to competitors and the choice presented to them was submission or ruin, to become parties to the illegal enterprise or be driven "out of the business." This was the purpose and the achievement, and the processes by which achieved, this court enumerated to be the formation of new companies, taking stock in others to obscure the result actually attained, but always to monopolize and retain power in the hands of the few and mastery of the trade; putting control in the hands of seemingly independent corporations as barriers to the entry of others into the trade; the expenditure of millions upon millions in buying out plants not to utilize them but to close them by constantly recurring stipulations by which numbers of persons, employees, were required to bind themselves generally for long periods, not to compete in the future.

In the tobacco case, therefore, as in the Standard Oil case, the court has to deal with a persistent and systematic lawbreaker masquerading under legal forms, and which not only had to be stripped of its disguises but arrested in its illegality. A decree of dissolution was the manifest instrumentality and inevitable. We think it would be a work of sheer supererogation to point out that a decree in that case or in the Standard Oil case furnishes an example for a decree in this.

In conclusion we are unable to see that the public interest will be served by yielding to the contention of the Government respecting the dissolution of the company or the separation from it of some of its subsidiaries; and we do see in a contrary conclusion a risk of injury to the public interest, including a material disturbance of, and, it may be serious detriment to, the foreign trade. And in submission to the policy of the law and its fortifying prohibitions the public interest is of paramount regard.

We think, therefore, that the decree of the District Court should be affirmed.

The suit was begun in 1911 in the New Jersey Federal Court and has been one of the longest, most voluminous and most costly proceedings in Supreme Court annals. The case was twice argued in the high court, in March, 1917, and again last October. Postponement of consideration of this and other Government anti-trust suits was decided upon while the war was in progress during 1918. The dissenting opinions of the court are referred to in another item.

#### DESSENTING OPINION IN U. S. STEEL CASE.

In another article we refer to the majority opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court affirming the action of the District Court in dismissing the decree for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation. As therein stated a dissenting opinion was given by Justice Day and was concurred in by Justices Pitney and Clarke. Justice Day contends that the record seems to leave no fair room for a doubt that the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary corporations were formed in violation of the

Sherman Anti-trust Act. Justice Day states that he is "unable to see force in the suggestion that public policy or the assumed disastrous effect upon foreign trade is sufficient to entitle the combination to immunity. 'Its resources, strength and comprehensive ownership of the means of production, enable it,' says Justice Day, 'to adopt measures to again, as in the past, effectually dominate and control the steel business.'" Justice Day also said "it is affirmed that to grant the Government's request for a decree of dissolution would not result in a change in the conditions of the steel trade. Such is not the theory of the Sherman Act. That Act was framed in the belief that attempted or accomplished monopolization of combinations which suppressed free competition were hurtful to the public interest, and that a restoration of competitive conditions would benefit the public. We have here a combination in control of one-half of the steel business of the country. . . . It seems to me that if this Act is to be given effect the bill under the findings of fact made by the Court, should not be dismissed, and the cause should be remanded to the district court, where a plan of effective and final dissolution of the corporations should be enforced by a decree framed for that purpose." The following is the dissenting opinion:

This record seems to me to leave no fair room for a doubt that the defendants, the United States Steel Corporation and the several subsidiary corporations which make up that organization, were formed in violation of the Sherman Act. I am unable to accept the conclusion which directs a dismissal of the bill instead of following the well settled practice, sanctioned by the previous decisions of this Court, requiring the dissolution of combinations made in direct violation of the law.

It appears to be thoroughly established that the formation of the corporations here under consideration constitutes combination between competitors in violation of law, and intended to remove competition and to directly restrain trade. I agree with the conclusions of Judges Wooley and Hunt expressed in the court below that the combinations were not submissions to business conditions, but were designed to control them for illegal purposes, regardless of other consequences, and "were made upon a scale that was huge and in a manner that was wild," and "properties were assembled and combined with less regard to their importance as integral part of and integrated whole than to the advantages which existed between them."

Those Judges found that the constituent companies, of the United States Steel Corporation, nine in number, were in themselves combinations of steel manufacturers, and the effect of the organization of these combinations was to give a control over the industry at least equal to that theretofore possessed by the constituent companies and their subsidiaries.

"That the Steel Corporation was a combination of combinations by which directly or indirectly 150 independent concerns were brought under one control." The enormous overcapitalization of companies and the appropriation of \$100,000,000 in stock to promotion expenses were represented in the stock issues of new organizations thus formed, and were the basis upon which large dividends have been declared from the profits of the business. This record shows that the power obtained by the corporation brought under its control large competing companies which were of themselves illegal combinations and succeeded to their power; that some of the organizers of the Steel Corporation were parties to the preceding combinations, particularly in their illegality, and by uniting them under a common direction, intended to augment and perpetuate their power. It is the irresistible conclusion from these premises that great profits to be derived from unified control were the object of these organizations.

The contention must be rejected that the combination was an inevitable evolution of industrial tendencies compelling union of endeavor. Nothing could add to the vivid accuracy with which Judge Wooley, speaking for himself and Judge Hunt, has stated the illegality of the organization and its purpose to combine in one great corporation the previous combinations by a direct violation of the purposes and terms of the Sherman act.

For many years, as the record discloses, this unlawful organization exerted its power to control and maintain prices by pools, associations, trade meetings and as the result of discussion and agreements at the so-called "Gary dinners," where the assembled trade opponents secured co-operation and joint action through the machinery of special committees of competing concerns, and by prudent provision took into account the possibility of defection and the means of controlling and perpetuating that industrial harmony which arose from the control and maintenance of prices.

It inevitably follows that the corporation violated the law in its formation and by its immediate practices. The power thus obtained from the combination of resources almost unlimited in the aggregation of competing organizations had within its control the domination of the trade and the ability to fix prices and restrain the free flow of commerce upon a scale heretofore unapproached in the history of corporate organization in this country.

These facts established, as it seems to me they are by the record, it follows that if the Sherman act is to be given efficacy there must be a decree undoing so far as possible that which has been achieved in open, notorious and continued violation of the provisions.

I agree that this offers no objection to the mere size of a corporation, nor to the continued exertion of its lawful power, when that size and power have been obtained by lawful means and developed by natural growth, although its resources, capital and strength may give to such corporation a dominating place in the business and industry with which it is concerned. It is entitled to maintain its size and the power that legitimately goes with it, provided no law has been transgressed in attaining it. But I understand the reiterated decisions of this court construing the Sherman act to hold that this power may not legally be derived from conspiracies, combination, or contracts in restraint of trade. To permit this would be to practically annul the Sherman law by judicial decree.

This principle has been so often declared by the decisions that it is only necessary to refer to some of them. It is the scope of such combinations and their power to stifle and suppress competition and create or tend to create monopolies which, as we have declared so often as to make its reiteration monotonous, it was the purpose of the Sherman act to condemn, including all combinations and conspiracies to restrain the free and natural flow of trade in the channels of inter-state commerce. While it was not the purpose of the act to condemn normal and usual contracts to lawfully expand business and furnish legitimate trade, it did intend to effectually reach and control all conspiracies and combinations or contracts of whatever form which unduly restrain competition and unduly obstruct the natural course

of trade, of which, from their nature or effect, have proved effective to restrain interstate commerce.

This statute has been enforced for nearly forty years. It has been frequently before the courts for consideration and the nature and character of the relief to be granted against combinations found guilty of violations of it have been the subject of much consideration. Its interpretation has become a part of the law itself and if changes are to be made now in its construction and operation it seems to me that exertion of such authority rests with Congress and not with the courts.

The fourth section is intended to give to courts of equity of the United States the power to effectually control and regulate violations of the act. In none of the cases which have been before the courts was the character of the relief to be granted, where organizations were to be within the condemnation of the act, more thoroughly considered than in the Standard Oil and the tobacco cases. In the former case, considering the measure of relief to be granted in the case of a combination, certainly not more obnoxious to the Sherman act than the court now finds the one under consideration to be, this court declares that it must be twofold in character. First, to forbid the doing in the future of acts like those which we have found to have been done in the past which would be violative of the statutes. Second, the exertion of such measure of relief as will effectually dissolve the combination found to exist in violation of the statute, and thus neutralize the extension and continually operating force which the possession of the power unlawfully obtained has brought and will continue to bring about.

In the American Tobacco Company case the nature of the relief to be granted was again given consideration, and it was there concluded that the only effectual remedy was to dissolve the combination and the companies comprising it, and for that purpose the cause was remanded to the District Court to determine a method of dissolution and of recreating from the elements composing it "a new condition which should be in honest harmony with and not repugnant to the law."

In that case the corporation dissolved had long been in existence and the offending companies were organized years before the suit was brought and before the decrees of dissolution were finally made. Such facts were considered no valid objection to the dissolution of these powerful organizations as the only effective means of enforcing the purposes of the Anti-Trust act. These cases have been frequently followed in this court and in the lower Federal courts in determining the nature of relief to be granted, and I see no occasion to depart from them now.

As I understand the conclusions of the court affirming the decree directing dismissal of the bill, they amount to this: That these combinations, both the holding company and the subsidiaries, although organized in plain violation of the Act, nevertheless are immune from a decree effectually ending the combinations and putting it out of their power to attain the unlawful purposes sought because of some reasons of public policy requiring such conclusions.

I know of no public policy that sanctions a violation of the law, nor of any inconvenience to trade, domestic or foreign, which should have the effect of placing combinations in defiance of the law forbidding such combinations. Such a conclusion does violence to the policy which the law was intended to enforce, runs counter to the decisions of the court, and necessarily results in a practical nullification of the Act itself.

There is no mistaking the terms of the Act, as they have hitherto been interpreted by this court. It was not intended to merely suppress unfair practices, but, as its history and terms amply show, it was intended to make it criminal to form combinations or engage in conspiracies or contracts in restraint of inter-State trade. The remedy by injunction at the instance of the Attorney-General was given to enable the courts to prohibit such conspiracies, &c., and this court, interpreting its provisions, has held that the proper enforcement of the Act requires decrees to end combinations by dissolving them and restoring as far as possible competitive conditions.

I am unable to see force in the suggestion that public policy or the assumed disastrous effect upon foreign trade is sufficient to entitle the combination to immunity. Nor can I yield assent to the proposition that this combination has not acquired a dominant position in the trade enabling it to control prices and production when it sees fit to exert its power. Its total assets Dec. 31 1913 exceeded \$1,800,000,000; its outstanding capital stock was \$868,583,600; its surplus, \$151,798,428; its cash on hand ordinarily was \$75,000,000. This sum alone exceeded the total capitalization of any one of its competitors and, with a single exception, the total capitalization and surplus of any one of them. That such an organization thus fortified and equipped could, if it saw fit, dominate the trade would seem too plain to require argument.

Its resources, strength and comprehensive ownership of the means of production enable it to adopt measures to again, as in the past, effectually dominate and control the steel business. From the earliest decisions of this court it has been declared that it was the effective power of such organizations to control and restrain competition and the freedom of trade that Congress intended to limit and control. That the exercise of the power may be withheld, or exerted with forbearing benevolence, does not place such combinations beyond the authority of the statute which was intended to prohibit their formation and when formed, to deprive them of the power unlawfully attained.

It is said that a complete monopolization of the steel business was never attained. To insist upon such results would be beyond the requirements of the statute, and in most cases practically impossible.

It is affirmed that to grant the Government a decree of dissolution would not result in a change of the conditions in the steel trade. Such is not the theory of the Sherman Act. That Act was framed in the belief that attempted or accomplished monopolization or combinations which suppressed free competition were hurtful to the public interest, and that a restoration of competitive conditions would benefit the public.

We have here a combination in control of one-half the steel business. If the plan was followed, as in the tobacco case of remanding the case to the District Court, a decree might be framed restoring the competitive conditions as far as practicable. In that case the subject of reconstruction so as to restore such conditions was elaborated upon and carefully considered.

In my judgment, the principles there laid down, if followed now, would make a very material difference in the steel industry. Instead of one dominating corporation with scattered competition, there would be competitive conditions throughout the whole trade, which would carry into effect the policy of the law.

It seems to me that if this act is to be given effect the bill, under the findings of fact made by the court, should not be dismissed and the cause should be remanded to the District Court, where a plan of effective and final dissolution should be enforced by a decree framed for that purpose.

#### JUDGE GARY ON SUPREME COURT DECISION IN UNITED STATES STEEL CASE.

In expressing gratification at the decision of the Supreme Court, Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the



United States Steel Corporation, had the following to say on Mar. 1:

All the members of the organization of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries are, of course, much gratified by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which, as I understand, holds that the corporation was not in itself an organization in violation of the Sherman Act, and in general affirms the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals. Those of us who were intimately connected with the creation of the corporation and with its principles and policies from that time until the present have never doubted that the final decision in the case ought to be in its favor. There has never been any intention on our part to violate the Sherman Law. It has been our endeavor to be of real benefit to our employees, our customers, our competitors and especially to the general public, and to be of injury to no one. That we may have failed in some respects is quite possible.

The fact that a minority opinion, endorsed by three able judges, was filed in the case emphasizes the necessity on the part of industrial managers to observe the requirements of all statutory provisions and to keep constantly in mind the rights and interests of the public. I think from the beginning sentiment has generally been favorable to the Corporation and, if so, it is because we have taken pains to publish the facts concerning our management, our conditions and our intentions.

A decree of dissolution would have been a calamity. It would seriously have interfered with industrial progress and prosperity. The decision, as made, will immeasurably add to the general feeling of confidence in the value of property and in the opportunities of business enterprise.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON SIGNS BILL FOR RETURN OF RAILROADS TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

The railroads and transportation systems of the country were returned to their owners on March 1, with the relinquishment of Government control on that day. The return was effected under the railroad bill enacted into law on Feb. 28, on which day it received President Wilson's approval. Before signing the bill the President had sent it to the Department of Justice for an expression of view as to its validity by U. S. Attorney-General Palmer, and had also referred the measure to Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines. As indicated in our issue of Saturday last (page 819) the Attorney-General returned the bill to the President on Feb. 27 with an opinion to the effect that there was no constitutional objection to the new legislation. Mr. Hines, it was stated on Feb. 27, had made a study of the measure since it had first been taken up in conference between the House and Senate, and is said to have reported that he regarded it as about the best legislation that could be obtained under the circumstances. With the signing of the bill by President Wilson on Feb. 28 he dispatched to the representatives of the railroad brotherhoods a reply to their request that he veto the bill; in this reply, which is given in full in another article in to-day's issue of our paper, the President told the heads of the brotherhoods that "I cannot share the apprehension of yourselves and your constituents as to the provisions of the law concerning the Labor Board. I believe those provisions are not only appropriate in the interest of the public which, after all, is principally composed of workers and their families, but will be found to be particularly in the interest of railroad employees as a class." The President also on the 28th issued a proclamation carrying into effect the provisions of the railroad Act under which Federal control of the roads is terminated, and vesting in Director-General Hines authority to exercise the duties incident to the winding up of the Government's administration of the affairs of the roads. The following is the Proclamation issued by the President:

By the President of the United States of America

#### A PROCLAMATION:

Whereas, the act approved Feb. 28 1920 entitled "an act to provide for the termination of Federal control of the railroads and systems of transportation; to provide for the settlement of disputes between carriers and their employees; to further amend an Act entitled "an Act to regulate commerce" approved Feb. 4 1887, as amended, and for other purposes" contains certain provisions with reference to the termination of Federal control of railroads and systems of transportation, and

Whereas, Section 211 of said Act is as follows:

Section 211—All powers and duties conferred or imposed upon the President by the preceding sections of this act, except the designation of the agent under Section 206, may be executed by him through such agency or agencies as he may determine.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, under and by virtue of the power and authority so vested in me by said Act, and of all other powers me hereto enabling, do hereby designate and appoint Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, or his successor in office, either personally or through such divisions, agents or persons as he may appoint, to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon me by the provisions of said act of Feb. 28 1920, except the designation of the agent under Section 206 thereof; and hereby confirm and continue in him, and his successors in office, all powers and authority heretofore delegated under the Federal Control Act, approved March 21 1918 except as such powers and authority have been limited in the said act of Feb. 28 1920.

The said Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized and directed, until otherwise provided by proclamation of the President or by act of Congress, to do and perform as fully in all respects as the President is authorized to do all and singular the acts and things necessary or proper in order to carry into effect the provisions of this proclamation, the provisions of said Act of Feb. 28 1920,

and the unrevoked provisions of the said Federal Control Act of March 21 1918.

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

Done by the President in the District of Columbia this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-fourth.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

FRANK L. POLK, Acting Secretary of State.

With the completion of the arrangements for the formal restoration of the roads to their owners on Feb. 29 by Director-General Hines, instructions were issued to operating representatives of the Railroad Administration informing them that they would "report to the proper officials of the corporations which resume control at 12.01 a. m. March 1." On that date, it was stated, only a small part of the organization created by former Director-General McAdoo would remain extant. Regional officials, Federal managers and treasurers and many high officials comprising the Director-General's staff ceasing to function as such at the designated hour. Mr. Hines, it is stated, will continue in his present capacity until about May 1. He still has before him, it is said, the settlement of thousands of claims, contracts and grievances. Only 147 of the 230 compensation contracts with the railroads, it is reported, were actually signed during Government control, and the others, it is added, will continue to be the subject of negotiations. With the discontinuance of Federal control the Director-General turns over properties and equipment valued at approximately \$20,000,000,000, to their old direction, free except for the jurisdiction retained in the newly enacted bill; the transportation systems which had been operated as a unit under Federal control since Dec. 28 1917 are again divided among their 230 respective corporate owners with the release of Government control. A report reviewing the management of the roads under his direction was issued by Mr. Hines on Feb. 28. One extract therefrom we give herewith:

While all the activities incident to the public service and operation side of the Railroad Administration will be discontinued as of March 1, except as to small forces temporarily retained to receive the final reports and consolidate the records and dispose of the incidental matters which can not be completed by the end of this month, it will be necessary, on the other hand, to continue and in some instances temporarily enlarge the branches of the organization dealing with these matters related to settlement with the corporations.

The accounting branch of the organization will, of course, continue to be of the highest importance. The newly organized Division of Liquidation of Claims is developing its organization to consider and dispose of claims which may be presented on account of alleged under-maintenance of way and structures and equipment and also claims to the effect that corporations ought not to be charged with improvements alleged to have been merely for war purposes and not for the traffic of the railroads in question. This division will handle claims of other sorts, including supervision of claims presented to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for reparation on account of alleged excessive rate.

The Division of Finance will, of course, have to function actively for a considerable period, and the Division of Law will necessarily have to continue until final settlement or until the eventual transfer of the remaining legal problems to some other Governmental agency.

The development of water transportation instituted by the Railroad Administration, is to be continued, it is understood under the direction of the War Department. The whole organization which has handled this part of the Railroad Administration's duties will be transferred to the jurisdiction of Secretary Baker. This includes the operation of barges and towboats on the Mississippi River between St. Louis and New Orleans; between the Alabama coal fields and the Gulf of Mexico on the Warrior River project; on the New York Barge Canal, and on the Delaware & Raritan Canal. These waterway systems are regarded by Mr. Hines as representing a "fine beginning," and in relinquishing control of them he advocates a continuation of the development "in order that a practicable test may be made of utilizing the nation's inland waterways."

#### RAILROAD UNIONS AGREE TO SETTLE WAGE DEMANDS THROUGH CUMMINS-ESCH BILL— PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO UNIONS.

The profuse criticisms and protests directed against the Cummins-Esch bill by the railroad unions proved of no avail and on Feb. 28, as noted above, President Wilson affixed his signature to the measure which thereby became a law. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, on March 1 characterized the action of the President "as quite regrettable, but irrevocable." Mr. Gompers, who at the time was in Miami, Fla., stated that while organized labor was much opposed to the bill no further action would be taken in regard to it. "I speak for them all," he said "when I say that the action of the President in signing the bill is to be regretted."

Definite steps were taken on the following day (March 2) looking toward settlement of the railroad wage controversy which has been pending since last August. Representatives of railroad workers, with the exception of one group (the Maintenance of Way Brotherhood) after a session of three days in Washington agreed to co-operate with the Government and the railroads in giving a trial of the new transportation act with its arbitration clauses, and President Wilson in letters to both the Association of Railway Executives and heads of the fifteen workers' organizations requested that they select representatives to sit on the bi-partisan wage board provided for in the railroad bill.

Prompt action was urged by the President in order that the negotiations between employer and employee might not longer be delayed. The President, in his letters, said he had turned over direction of the preliminary wage negotiations to Director-General Hines, who was entrusted with details of the winding up of Government control by the President in his proclamations turning back the roads. Both the railroad executives and the union heads were asked to notify the Director-General of their representatives on the board, and were informed that Mr. Hines would arrange for the first meeting at which will be determined all questions of procedure. Agreement of the unions to give the law a thorough trial was regarded, it was said, as making remote prospects of a strike.

The statement issued by the unions on March 2 making known their attitude on the subject said that while the railway employees still considered the Cummins-Esch act obnoxious, they had decided that "as American citizens we feel that in the interests of railroad labor there is nothing for us to do at present except to co-operate with each other in the prompt creation of the machinery provided for in this law." The unions' announcement in full follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that labor in general and railroad labor in particular, with the full support and co-operation of other bodies representing American citizens, urged the Congress not to pass the railroad bill, and the President to veto the same and return it to Congress, we are now officially advised the President has signed the bill and it is a law.

Labor's criticisms and protests against this legislation are matters of record and were presented to the Congress, the President and the public.

We have not changed our views in regard to this legislation and therefore do not indorse the law; however, as American citizens we feel that in the interests of railroad labor there is nothing left for us to do at present except to co-operate with each other in the prompt creation of the machinery provided for in this law.

President Wilson's letter to the railroad unions, under date of March 1, reads:

*The White House, March 1 1920.*

Gentlemen:—In my letter of Feb. 28 to the executives of labor organizations relative to the wage demands which your organizations have been pressing, I said, referring to the new transportation act:

"The bill having now become a law the way is open for immediate action on the wage matter in accordance with the terms of the bill. Section 301 of the bill evidently contemplates that the carriers and employees should, as suggested by you, select representatives who will thus constitute a bi-partisan board for the purpose of attempting by conference to agree upon a solution of this wage problem. In accordance with the assurance I gave last August and repeated in substance in my letter of the 13th inst., I shall at once request the carriers and the employees to join in this action.

"I believe such a step will go far toward clarifying and maturing the subject for final disposition. In fact, the sort of board thus contemplated by Section 301 appears to be an appropriate substitute for the commission of experts which I have heretofore suggested, and, indeed, such a board will be authorized to go further than such a commission could have gone.

"While it is true that the provisions of Section 307 of the railroad bill relating to the labor board will probably also come into operation as to this wage matter, nevertheless, the bi-partisan board can make a great deal of progress which will materially diminish the time to be consumed by the labor board; and while the bi-partisan board is functioning the appointment and organization of the labor board can be expedited."

I, therefore, request that your organizations select such number of representatives as may seem appropriate to them to conduct the conference and negotiation contemplated by Section 301, to the end that such representatives may promptly meet in conference with the representatives selected by the railroad companies in accordance with the request I am making of them, and may thus initiate the necessary proceedings.

I shall be obliged if you will advise the Director-General of Railroads as to the representatives selected as here requested. As soon as he receives such advice as to the representatives selected by the railroad companies, he will arrange for all such representatives to begin their conferences, and at such conferences questions of procedure can be settled and any question that may be raised as to whether the number of representatives of either the employees or carriers is sufficient can also be dealt with.

The President's letter of Feb. 28, quoted in the above, in full was as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

*Washington, Feb. 28 1920.*

Gentlemen:—Your letter of the 14th inst. and the subsequent arguments presented on your behalf with reference to the subject of pending claims for wage increases have had my careful consideration. The passage of the railroad bill by the House of Representatives on the 21st inst. and by the Senate on the 23d inst., has made it evident that I could not act upon your suggestions until it should be determined whether the bill would become a law or not. It was manifest that if the bill should become a law the negotiation and consideration of the wage matter ought to proceed in harmony therewith.

The bill having now become a law, the way is open for immediate action on the wage matter in accordance with the terms of the bill. Section 301 of the bill evidently contemplates that the carriers and employees should,

as suggested by you, select representatives who will thus constitute a bi-partisan board for the purpose of attempting by conference to agree upon a solution of this wage problem.

In accordance with the assurance I gave last August and repeated in substance in my letter of the 13th inst., I shall at once request the carriers and the employees to join in this action. I believe such a step will go far toward clarifying and maturing the subject for final disposition. In fact the sort of board thus contemplated by Section 301 appears to be an appropriate substitute for the committee of experts which I have heretofore suggested, and, indeed, such a board will be authorized to go further than such a committee could have gone.

While it is true that the provisions of Section 307 of the Railroad bill relating to the Labor Board will probably also come into operation as to this wage matter, nevertheless the bi-partisan board can make a great deal of progress which will materially diminish the time to be consumed by the Labor Board; and while the bi-partisan board is functioning, the appointment and organization of the Labor Board can be expedited.

I cannot share the apprehension of yourselves and your constituents as to the provisions of the law concerning the Labor Board. I believe those provisions are not only appropriate in the interest of the public, which, after all, is principally composed of workers and their families, but will be found to be particularly in the interest of railroad employees as a class.

The argument that the public representatives on the Labor Board will be prejudiced against labor because drawn from classes of society antagonistic to labor can and ought to be overcome by selecting such public representatives as cannot be charged with any such prejudices. Nor do I anticipate that the public representatives will be against wage increases because they involve rate increases.

Not only must public representatives be selected who can be relied upon to do justice, but the bill itself provides that the Labor Board shall establish rates and wages and salaries which in the opinion of the board are "just and reasonable," and it is further provided that the entire Labor Board shall be guided by the very important standards which are provided in law, those standards including the wages paid for similar kinds of work in other industries, the relation between wages and the cost of living, the degree of responsibility, the character and irregularity of the employment and the correction of inequalities as the result of previous adjustments.

Coupled with the direction to the Labor Board to take into consideration these important standards is the highly important direction to the commission to prescribe rates sufficient to admit of the payment of the reasonable operating expenses, including, of course, fair rates of wages.

My hopes are that the putting into effect of these provisions with a carefully selected Labor Board, whose public representatives can be relied upon to be fair to labor and to appreciate the point of view of labor that it is no longer to be considered as a mere commodity, will mark the beginning of a new era of better understanding between the railroad managements and their employees and will furnish additional safeguards to the just interests of railroad labor.

I am sure that every agency which will be involved in the creation of the Labor Board and the conduct of negotiations fully appreciates that the wage demands are entitled to the earliest possible consideration and disposition, and therefore I do not anticipate delay in the appointment and organization of the Labor Board or in the other necessary steps.

Sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

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W. S. STONE,  
TIMOTHY SHEA,  
L. E. SHEPPARD,  
W. G. LEE,  
S. E. HEBERLING,  
E. J. MANION,  
JAMES W. KLEIN.

Messrs. WM. H. JOHNSTON,  
M. F. RYAN,  
LOUIS WEYAND,  
JOHN J. HINES,  
JAMES NOONAN,  
JAMES J. FORRESTER,  
D. W. HELT,

Prior to the passage of the railroad bill the chief executives of the principal railroad unions sent a letter to President Wilson on Feb. 14 in which they virtually agreed to accept the President's plan for settlement of the wage demands of 2,000,000 workers they claim to represent. The President's settlement plan was originally outlined in a letter presented to a committee of three, representing the unions, which called at the White House on Feb. 13.

The reply of the union executives, while expressing general agreement with the principles laid down in the President's earlier letter, nevertheless stated that "we feel justified in saying that we do not believe the railroad employees will countenance any plans which contemplate further delay."

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees did not subscribe to the proposals submitted by the President. A strike had been called by the heads of this union effective Feb. 17. At the President's request the strike was called off on Feb. 14.

In a statement on Feb. 14 supplementing their letter to the President, the officials of the different railroad unions declared their conviction that a settlement of the controversy along any lines other than on the principles they set forth would be "at best a makeshift." They held those principles to be fundamental and appealed to the public "not to fear that any wage increases granted us will prove a step in the so-called 'vicious cycle' of ever-increasing prices." The statement just quoted is given in full further below.

President Wilson's letter to the union executives setting forth the Government's settlement plan was as follows:

*Feb. 13 1920.*

Gentlemen:—I address you as the chief executives of the largest railroad organizations, which are among the most important industrial democracies in the country. I ask you to bring this message and its enclosure to the attention of your members on all the railroads to the end that they, at first hand, may understand the Government's view as to the present situation. I am confident that with this personal understanding on their part they will see that the position of the Government is not only just to all interests, but is, indeed, unalterable, and also protects the interest of the railroad employees.

The fundamental theory of labor organizations is that their membership is intelligent and capable of reaching enlightened conclusions, and I think it



is of paramount importance at the present time that this great body of American citizens shall have the fullest opportunity personally to consider the national problem of railroad wages in its national aspect, and shall not in the absence of this opportunity form erroneous impressions on the basis of local or fragmentary information.

I have received two letters on this general subject, signed by all but two of the executives to whom this letter is addressed. I have read those letters with the greatest care and have taken them fully into consideration.

On the 25th of last August I publicly announced the conviction that a large permanent and general increase in railroad wages ought not to be made upon the basis of the level of the cost of living then prevailing, if that cost of living level were to be merely temporary, and I counseled railroad employees to hold their demands in abeyance until the time should arrive when it could reasonably be determined whether that level of the cost of living was temporary or not. They have patriotically and patiently pursued this course, and in general have shown an admirable spirit in doing so.

I then anticipated and made it clear in my public statement that the time for determining whether or not the level of the cost of living was such as to be the basis of a readjustment of wages might not arrive until after the expiration of Federal control, and accordingly gave my assurance to the railroad employees that in that event I would continue to use the influence of the Executive to see that justice was done then.

Federal control will end in sixteen days, and in accordance with the policy as explained to the employees, it is now eminently reasonable and proper that I take such steps as will reassure them that their claims will be properly and promptly disposed of. This is all the more necessary because inevitably the change from Federal control to private control will, in the absence of special provision, involve delay in dealing with these matters which could not be otherwise than disquieting to the employees.

I wish, therefore, to announce to all railroad employees at this time that I propose to carry out the following steps:

1. In the event that in connection with the return to private control provisions shall be made by law for machinery for dealing with railroad wage matters, I shall promptly use my influence, and so far as such law confers power upon me, I shall promptly exercise that power, to bring about the earliest practicable organization of the machinery thus provided.

2. In the event that no such provision is made by law for dealing with these matters, I shall employ the influence of the Executive to get the railroad companies and the railroad employees to join promptly in the creation of a tribunal to take up these problems and carry them to a conclusion.

3. I shall at once constitute a committee of experts to take the data already available in the various records of the United States Railroad Administration, including the records of the Lane Commission and of the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions, and to analyze the same so as to develop in the shortest possible time the facts bearing upon a just and reasonable basis of wages for the various classes of railroad employees, with due regard to all factors reasonably bearing upon the problem, and specifically to the factors of the average of wages paid for similar or analogous labor for other industries in this country, the cost of living, and a fair living wage, so as to get the problems in shape for the earliest possible final disposition.

The views of this Board will serve as a guide to me in carrying out the assurance I gave to the employees last summer that I would use the full influence of the Executive to see that justice was done then, and will, I believe, be a means of avoiding what might otherwise be a long-drawn out investigation of facts. While I propose to act at once in regard to this matter, and to avoid any delay in doing so, I shall, nevertheless, invite the co-operation of the railroad corporations, and believe they will appreciate that it is to their interest as well as to the public interest to get these matters promptly settled.

I am sure it will be apparent to all reasonable men and women in railroad service that these momentous matters must be handled by an agency which can continue to function after March 1, and, therefore, cannot at the present stage be handled to a conclusion by the Railroad Administration.

The accompanying report which the Director-General of Railroads has made to me makes it clear that it has been wholly impractical for the Railroad Administration to dispose of these matters up to the present time. Not only were the demands for general wage increases necessarily held in abeyance by reason of the policy announced by the Government last summer, but the demands for increases to correct inequalities were so general and far-reaching as to become in themselves demands for general wage increases, and were so complex and conflicting that, despite continuous application on the part of the Board of Railroad Wages and Working Conditions and the other agencies of the Railroad Administration, the subjects could not be presented for even preliminary consideration by the Director-General until the present month, and then in an incomplete form and with a lack of ability on the part of the Wage Board to reach an agreement growing out of the largely conflicting condition of the data as presented.

Not quite six months have elapsed since I expressed my belief and hope that the then high cost of living could be regarded only as temporary. This high cost of living (which in some respects has become even higher but in other respects has already begun to respond to the corrective factors which have been and are at work), is the product of innumerable influences, many of them of world-wide operation. In the nature of things these readjustments could not come with rapidity.

The campaign which the Government has inaugurated to aid in controlling the cost of living has been steadily gaining in momentum, will continue to be aggressively conducted, and, I believe, will have an impressively beneficial effect, and this notwithstanding the fact that some of the most needed remedial measures which I recommended to Congress have not been adopted. However, preparation, consideration and disposition of these important wage matters ought not, in my opinion to be postponed for a further indefinite period, and I believe the matters involved ought to be taken up and disposed of on their merits at the earliest practicable time.

Pending the consideration of these problems by the Director General of Railroads and by me, at least one class of railroad employees has indicated its unwillingness to await a conclusion, and has announced its intention of striking. A strike of railroad employees would at any time be highly injurious to the public, and particularly at this time would be harmful, not only to the entire country, but to the railroad employees as well. Any interruption of transportation will, of course have a serious adverse effect on the industrial life of the nation at a peculiarly political period.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I have the right to request, and I do request, that any railroad labor organization which has a strike order outstanding shall withdraw such order immediately and await the orderly solution of this question. The railroad men of America have stood loyally by their Government throughout the war—they must in the public interest and in their own interest continue to do so during this delicate period of readjustment.

I believe that every intelligent railroad employee will recognize the extreme importance of continued co-operation with the Government in this matter, and that any other course will prove not only a grave injury to the public, of which railroad labor is such an important part, but a serious blow to the important principle of collective bargaining, and will merely delay

rather than expedite the just and prompt solution of these important matters. Cordially yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

This is the reply which the union officials made to the above:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14 1919.

The President, the White House:

My Dear Mr. President—We, the undersigned chief executives of the railway labor organizations signatory hereto, have been jointly conferring on your letter of Feb. 13, and note the following conclusions have been reached by you:

1. "Consideration and disposition of these important wage matters ought not, in my opinion, to be postponed for a further indefinite period, and I believe the matters involved ought to be taken up and disposed of on their merits at the earliest practicable time."

We understand from this that you are referring to the policy of the Government as announced Aug. 25 1919, and that you now believe the time has arrived when prompt disposition of general wage increases for railway labor should be made. In the interest of labor in general, and especially railroad labor and railroad operation, we are extremely gratified to note that you now recognize the necessity for promptly disposing of these vexatious problems. Also that you recognize that railroad labor has patriotically and loyally complied with your request of Aug. 25 1919.

2. We are further gratified to note that you now state that due regard shall be given "to all factors reasonably bearing upon the problem, and specifically to the factors of the average of wages paid for similar or analogous labor for other industries in this country, the cost of living, and a fair living wage."

We have been especially pleased with your recognition of these principles. It has been our feeling that the present movement has been different from what is ordinarily termed a wage movement.

We have felt that our wages should be adjusted to meet radical changes in living conditions, that the Government was morally bound to consider the situation, and to assure us as far as possible that this would be done before the termination of Federal control of the railroads.

During the entire period of the war we felt and acted upon the principle that our country's emergency was not a period for demanding an improvement in our economic conditions. We have been reluctant to believe that the Railroad Administration could not finally dispose of these wage matters before the expiration of Government control, and are greatly disappointed that after due consideration you also think that this is impracticable.

We understand from your letter that you have definitely decided that the subject matter must be dealt with in one of the two following methods:

1. "In the event that in connection with the return to private control provision shall be made by law for machinery dealing with railroad wage matters, I shall promptly use my influence, and so far as such law confers power upon me I shall promptly exercise that power to bring about the earliest practicable organization of the machinery thus provided."

2. "In the event that no such provision is made by law for dealing with these matters, I shall employ the influence of the Executive to get the railroad companies and the railroad employees to join promptly in the creation of a tribunal to take up these problems and carry them to a conclusion."

In this connection we have been pressing the necessity for immediate relief and urge that you do not require us to await the creation of a tribunal by legislation to deal with this problem. We feel justified in saying that we do not believe that railroad employees will willingly accept any plan which contemplates delay.

It is our earnest conviction that the situation warrants us urging that you promptly indicate to railroad labor that you will create by agreement a special tribunal to deal with this specific and important problem.

With a full realization of our responsibilities, however, we have decided to submit to our constituency the advisability of the creation of a special joint commission composed of an equal number of representatives selected by the railroad companies and the railroad labor organizations signatory hereto by agreement, and invested with full authority to deal with this particular controversy on the basis of the following principles:

1. Rates of pay for similar or analogous services in other industries.
2. Relation of rates of pay to increased cost of living.
3. A basic minimum living wage sufficient to maintain a railroad man's average family upon a standard of health and reasonable comfort.
4. That differentials above this basic minimum living wage be established giving, among other things, due regard to skill required, responsibility assumed and hazard incurred; decision of this tribunal to be handed down within sixty days after agreement to establish it, and to be final and binding upon all railroads in the United States and employees whom we represent.

In compliance with your request that we submit your message and its enclosure to the memberships, we have issued a call for the necessary representatives of the organizations to meet in Washington, D. C., Feb. 23, when your letter of Feb. 13 and enclosure, together with the above proposal, will be presented to them for consideration and determination.

Pending this action on our part, we respectfully request that you take necessary steps to place this proposition before the executives of the railway companies and secure their agreement thereto, so that when our representatives convene on Feb. 23 we will be able to place before them a definite basis for final action.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

- E. J. MANION,  
President Order of Railroad Telegraphers.
- D. W. HELT,  
President Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen of America.
- JAS. J. FORESTER,  
Grand President Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees.
- WM. H. JOHNSTON,  
by Fred Hewitt, International President International Association of Machinists.
- E. CORRIGAN,  
representing W. S. Stone, Grand Chief Engineer, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.
- TIMOTHY SHEA,  
Acting President Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.
- L. E. SHEPPARD,  
President Order of Railway Conductors.
- W. G. LEE,  
President Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.
- S. E. HEBERLING,  
President Switchmen's Union of North America.
- J. W. KLEIN,  
Grand President, International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers of America.

**JAMES P. NOONAN**,  
International President, International Brotherhood of Electrical  
Workers.

**MARTIN F. RYAN**,  
General President, Brotherhood Railway Carmen of America.

**LOUIS WEYLAND**,  
Acting International President, International Brotherhood of  
Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America.

**H. J. HYNES**,  
International President, Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers'  
International Alliance.

**B. M. JEWELL**,  
Acting President, Railway Employees' Department of American  
Federation of Labor.

The statement issued by the officers of the railroad unions on Feb. 14, which we have already referred to above, read as follows:

The President has told us that the attitude of the Government is one of justice to all interested. We receive that assurance with the same patriotism and patience with which, as he states, we have pursued the course he requested of us last August. We interpret it to mean that in the readjustment incident to the return of the railroads to private ownership the economic status of the railway workers is to be conserved and rehabilitated in the same degree that, and just as unimpaired as, the physical and financial condition of the properties is to be restored for the security and benefit of holders of railroad stocks and bonds. We ask nothing more, justice and a square deal cannot yield us less.

The intolerable burden of the high cost of living, which the President points out has in some respects become even higher than it was when he addressed us six months ago, cannot be borne indefinitely by the railway workers, no matter how patriotic or patient they may be. Hence we feel we should not be asked to await relief through machinery to be created by the Congress, and we have decided to place before our membership the President's alternative proposal that a joint tribunal be appointed by agreement to deal with our problem on the broad principles of the living wage, equality of compensation as compared with other industries, and a fair and proportionate differential for hazards, skill, efficiency and experience. We submit also that any determination or adjustment not based upon those fundamental principles will be at best a makeshift.

The American people need not fear that such wage increases as may in justice be granted us will prove a step in the so-called "vicious circle" of ever-increasing prices and resultant higher cost of living, providing the forces of the Government are alert and determined to prevent undue profiteering, and that Congress will pass remedial and corrective measures recommended by the President. It is the conscienceless pyramiding of profits, and not the increasing circle of costs incident to giving labor a living wage, that the public should be on guard against. Labor, assured of uniformly fair treatment and relieved of distress and worry due to inadequate wages, will always, through greater efficiency and a desire to give a square deal for a square deal, hold labor costs on a sound economic level by increasing production or service.

We have asked the committees to meet in Washington, D. C., Monday, Feb. 23, to consider and pass upon the entire wage matter. We ask the American people to see that we are met halfway in our efforts to settle sanely and fairly, but speedily, a great and trying problem.

Voluminous correspondence which had passed between the representatives of the railroad workers and Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads, along with a communication which Mr. Hines had sent to the President outlining the program which, in effect, was approved by President Wilson, was made public at the White House, Feb. 14, after the reply of the union leaders to the President's letter had been received. The substance of this correspondence was given in Washington advices of Feb. 14 to the New York "Times" as follows:

The first of these is a letter sent to Mr. Hines by the Committee of Workers on Feb. 9, in which they set forth their demands for wage increases. In this letter the assertion is made and emphasized that, in the belief of the railway workers, Congress has not upheld the hands of the President in his effort to reduce living costs, refusing him legislation asked and otherwise embarrassing him.

The employees also held that legislation pending before Congress and dealing with the return of the railways provided for the safeguarding of the interests of the capital classes owning the railroads, but not for the welfare of the workers. The charge was made—and this is significant in view of the fact that the workers do not wish to have final action taken on their demands by a tribunal created by Congress—that Congress was not in any sense meeting the test from the viewpoint of the workers, and that no hope was seen for justice in legislation which might be adopted.

An attack was made against "profiteers" who, it was held, were really responsible for present-day conditions.

The fact that the workers considered it hopeless to look for justice from Congress was emphasized in a supplementary letter sent to Mr. Hines on Feb. 11.

The Director-General submitted his side of the case to President Wilson in a letter dated Feb. 12. He stated that so many demands of a conflicting character had been made for wage increases that it seemed a hopeless task for the Railroad Administration to attempt a readjustment by March 1, when the roads will go back to private control. It had been estimated, Mr. Hines said, that it would cost \$375,000,000 a year simply to readjust wages on the basis requested by most of the organizations of workers.

Looking upon the unions' tentative acceptance of the President's settlement plan as having "obviated a pitched battle between the Government and the railroad brotherhoods," a Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia "Press" declared on Feb. 15: "It can be said upon the highest authority that the Department of Justice was prepared, in the event of a general strike being called, to begin injunction proceedings immediately against the officials of the brotherhoods, ask that strike orders be rescinded and that union funds be tied up and made unavailable."

According to the "Press" correspondent:

The brotherhood officials were fully advised of these preparations and had been informed by their attorneys of what they might expect. Nor was there any secret upon the part of Director General Hines or Attorney General

Palmer of the intention of the Government. Mr. Palmer took the position he would have no alternative if a strike was declared, and his plain duty would be to enforce the law and protect the public interests.

That there is abundance of law under which the Department could proceed is admitted by both sides. Both the Lever food control Act and the railroad control Act contain drastic provisions to prevent a general railroad strike and both these laws, passed as war measures, are in full effect and will remain so until peace is formally proclaimed by the President.

Section 9 of the Lever Act provides that "Any person who conspires, combines, agrees or arranges with any person (a) to limit the facilities for transportation, producing, manufacturing, supplying, storing or dealing in any necessities; (b) to restrict the supply of any necessities; (c) to restrict the distribution of any necessities; (d) to prevent, limit or lessen the manufacture or production of any necessities in order to enhance the price thereof, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding \$10,000 or be imprisoned for not more than two years, or both."

This provision was fully tested in the miners' strike, when Judge Anderson, of Indianapolis, proceeding under it, granted the Government's application for an injunction against the officials of the United Mine Workers and was prepared, evidently, to make the injunction perpetual when an agreement between the Government and the miners was reached under which the strike was called off.

The Railroad Control Act is equally stringent in its anti-strike provisions. Section 11 says:

"That every person or corporation, whether carrier or shipper, or any receiver, trustee, lessee, agent or person acting for or employed by a carrier or shipper or other person, who shall knowingly interfere with or impede the possession, use, operation or control of any railroad property, railroad or transportation system hitherto or thereafter taken over by the President, or shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of any order or regulation made in pursuance of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or, if a person, by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both."

This provision, too, has been tested in the courts. During a local strike on the Southern Pacific Railroad in California, the strikers left a train standing upon the main tracks, whereupon the Government asked for an injunction against the strikers upon the ground they had "impeded" the possession, use, &c., of the road. The Court sustained the plea and the strike was ordered abandoned.

However, Attorney General Palmer is of the opinion that neither of these statutes is necessary to prevent a general railroad strike. He believes the common law is entirely effective to protect the country against the terrible results of a tie-up of the transportation system.

"The right of any man to work or to quit work at will is unquestioned," the Attorney General said. "That is fundamental. But there is a limit to all personal rights, and no man's liberty of action extends beyond the point where it clashes with the liberty of the public. I do not believe that any class of men has a legal or moral right to combine or conspire to do that which would result in starving of innocent children, paralyzing the industries of the nation and of inflicting upon the country untold miseries. The nation has full power under the Constitution and the laws to protect itself against all such calamities."

Fortified thus, the Department of Justice was ready for the battle in the public interest, although hoping it would not be obliged to invoke the law to prevent a general strike. No threats were issued against the union, but the officials of the department, acting under instructions from the Attorney General, were prepared for any contingency.

In a statement on Feb. 15, W. G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, made known that he had no intention of calling an independent strike. Mr. Lee, speaking at Detroit, was quoted as follows:

I told the Executive Committee of sixteen and the other five Grand Ledge officers that I had spent a quarter of a century building up the organization and that I would not jeopardize its existence now. Our brotherhood has won the confidence of labor, business and the public by careful and conservative policies, and for the sake of the few militants in the organization we will not sacrifice it all in an impossible attempt.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY EXECUTIVES.

President Wilson on Mar. 1 wrote a letter to Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, requesting him to appoint representatives for the bi-partisan wage board by which it is proposed to settle the pending wage demands of the railroad unions. The President's letter was as follows:

Dear Sir:—On the 25th of last August I publicly announced the conviction that a permanent readjustment in railroad wages ought not to be made upon the basis of the level of the cost of living then prevailing if that cost of living level were to be merely temporary, and I counseled railroad employees to hold their demands in abeyance until the time should arrive when it could reasonably be determined whether that level of the cost of living was temporary or not. I then anticipated, and so stated, that the time for determining whether or not the level of the cost of living was such as to be the basis of a permanent readjustment of wages might not arrive until after the expiration of Federal control, and I gave my assurance to the railroad employees that in that event I would continue to use the influence of the executive to see that justice was done them.

During the month of February 1920, the wage demands, which were thus held in abeyance have been the subject of renewed and careful consideration by me. In a communication to representatives of railroad employees I expressed the opinion that, in view of the lapse of time during which the matter had been held in abeyance, my judgment was that it ought not to be postponed for a further indefinite period, but, on the contrary, ought to be taken up and disposed of on its merits at the earliest practicable time; and I also explained that such a matter must be handled by an agency which could continue to function after March 1, the date of the termination of Federal control, and stated that in the event provision should be made by law for machinery for dealing with railroad wage matters I would promptly use my influence to bring about the earliest practicable organization of the machinery thus provided.

Since the railroad companies have now resumed the operation of their properties, and since the transportation act has become a law, the way is open for the immediate handling of the wage matter in accordance with the procedure contemplated by that law.

I believe all will agree that the matter calls for the earliest disposition and for the most active and earnest co-operation to avoid any delay whatever in bringing it to a conclusion. Section 301 of the Transportation Act contemplates that the carriers and employees may and ought to select repre-



representatives who will in effect constitute a bi-partisan board for the purpose of attempting by conference to agree upon a solution of wage problems subject to other provisions of the law.

employees on all the railroads which have been under Federal control, and in view of the manifest desirability and justice of the earliest possible disposition of the demands, I request that the railroad companies select such number of representatives as may seem appropriate to them to conduct the conference and negotiation contemplated by Section 301, to the end that such representatives may meet in conference with representatives selected by the employees in accordance with the request I am making of them and thus initiate the necessary proceedings.

I shall be obliged if you will advise the Director-General of Railroads as to the representatives selected as he requested. As soon as he receives such advice and advice as to representatives selected by the employees, he will arrange for all such representatives to begin their conferences, and at such conferences questions of procedure can be settled and any question that may be raised as to whether the number of representatives of either the carriers or employees is sufficient can also be dealt with.

I understand that your association represents almost all the principal railroad companies in the country, and I am proceeding on the assumption that whatever is done by the railroad companies included in your association will for practical purposes serve as an effective and adequate dealing with the problem, and that other railroad companies so far as they may be interested, will speedily associate themselves with the companies of your association in carrying the matter forward. I am therefore, not undertaking to address individually all the railroad companies in the country.

I enclose a copy of my letter of this date to the executives of the labor organizations which have been pressing their demands having general relation to the railroad employees on the railroads which have been under Federal control and with which organizations the Director-General and I have been in conference.

Following the completion of the railroad bill by the Congressional conferees, a conference was held on Feb. 19, between Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines and the Standing Committee of the Association of Railway Executives to consider questions pertinent to the labor provisions of the bill. At the conclusion of the conference the following joint statement was issued by the Director-General and the railroad executives:

The Director-General had a conference this morning with a committee of railroad executives. He explained to them the situation as to the wage problems now pending. The executives expressed themselves as fully appreciating the desirability of expediting these matters so as to admit of their earliest practicable disposition. In response to an inquiry from the Director-General they stated that upon request of the President or Director-General they would promptly suggest the names of experts as representatives of the corporations to serve on the committee of experts which the President in his letter of Feb. 13 to the chief executives of the railroad labor organizations indicated it was his purpose to constitute.

The time and method of constituting the committee of experts will be further considered by the Director-General with the chief executives of the labor organizations before making a specific recommendation to the President as to the actual constitution of that committee.

**F. D. UNDERWOOD OPPOSED TO HIGHER RATES.**

F. D. Underwood, President of the Erie Railroad, in a statement made on March 1 with the return of the railroads to private control declared his opposition to class freight rates and to higher passenger fares. He also said:

In fact, I think passenger fares should be reduced to 2 cents a mile throughout the country, except perhaps on certain lines serving a limited territory and upon which there are peculiar conditions. The railroads and the public will in time come to understand that these great enterprises can best prosper and the public best be served and protected by commodity freight rates.

The passenger fare is a direct tax on the people. Commodity freight rates, to the individual, mean almost nothing. For instance, a man doesn't worry particularly if he has paid 6 cents freight on his overcoat, but if he is compelled to pay five or six dollars more than he formerly did for a trip back to his old home, he thinks he is being robbed. Commodity freight rates impose the least tax on the things in greatest use and higher tax on commodities of comparatively limited use.

There is a certain brand of saws manufactured in an Eastern city. On a trip to the Pacific Coast I priced the saws in various cities, and I found them selling for exactly the same price in San Francisco as they did in the city of manufacture. What difference does the freight rate make in that case to the consuming public? However, I think the increased passenger fares to the Pacific Coast made considerable difference.

**JAMES SPEYER ON NEW RAILROAD LEGISLATION.**

James Speyer, of Speyer & Co., is one of those who has expressed it as his belief that the future will prove that the new railroad law "is a constructive measure, and a first step in the right direction." Mr. Speyer points out that the new law embodies a compromise between widely divergent views and recommendations, urged by special interests, and "like all compromises it is not wholly satisfactory to any one." He, nevertheless, states that "the men who framed it, and the legislators who voted for it have, I am sure, tried to put a law on our statute book which would be for the benefit of the country as a whole." He also says:

While attempting to devise means to meet the just demands of the employees, the law tries at the same time to minimize the dangers of interruptions in the country's transportation system through strikes, &c. It also attempts to do justice to the great number of people who are more or less dependent, directly or indirectly, on the value and income of their savings invested in railroad securities. It also endeavors by prescribing a definite return through adequate rates, to re-establish the credit of the companies, so that they may obtain the necessary additional funds for the upkeep of their property, and for the increase in facilities and extensions constantly called for by the growth of the country's business and population.

It is to be hoped that the provisions of Section 6, instructing the Commission to fix the rates high enough, during the next two years, to yield about 5 1/2%, on group valuations, will be effective in restoring the confidence of

investors, taken in conjunction with the protection afforded them through Government supervision of security issues, based on values, and with the other provisions for consolidations and for strengthening the control by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, whose membership is enlarged for this additional work and heavier responsibilities.

In any event, Congress, under the leadership of men like Senator Cummins and Senators Underwood, Robinson, Pomerene and Kellogg, and Congressmen Small, Pou, Crisp and Black, who have courage and a clear vision, has not been subservient to the special pleas of powerful interests on either side, and I consider the new law as the most constructive measure, affecting our railroads, enacted during the last 20 or 25 years.

During the last trying decade of "railroad bailing," I never have lost faith that if the American people once understood and realized the importance of dealing fairly with the investors, large and small, they would ultimately insist on a "square deal" for the "railroads." American common sense has at last begun to assert itself, and the first step on the right road has been taken, but it is only a first step.

The real test of the value of this new law will only come, when it is construed and applied. Experience has shown that even the very best intentions of legislators may be neutralized, and that a law may even be turned into a weapon to defeat the very objects it was intended to serve, foster and protect.

A great deal will depend on the character and qualifications of the three new members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission which the President is about to appoint. He has it in his power to strengthen the constructive element on the Commission, or he can through his appointments strengthen other elements, that have for years, partly through misconception, done such immeasurable damage to railroad credit and thereby also to the best interests of our country.

We can only hope that President Wilson's choice will be a wise one, free from purely political considerations, so that all questions may be judged and decided on their merits, and not with a view to pleasing either "labor" or "capital", or any special class of either. Unless the law is fairly and liberally construed, and is used to rehabilitate the credit of the railroads, and to strengthen the confidence of our people in their railroad investments, it will prove a failure, and such failure might easily lead to Government ownership, to which a very large majority of Americans are to-day opposed.

One thing, however, seems perfectly clear: It is utterly futile to think and talk of the United States assuming and keeping the financial and moral leadership of the world, if we cannot manage our own affairs honestly and fearlessly in such a way as to protect the investments and savings of our own citizens in our own home securities.

**PART PLAYED BY MAIL REVENUES IN SWELLING JANUARY EARNINGS.**

Most of the returns of railroad earnings now coming to hand for the month of January show extraordinary large improvement in gross and net alike as compared with the corresponding month last year. Lest this be misunderstood and be construed as implying a great change for the better in the operation and business of the roads, we deem it important to point out that the increases follow in large part from the fact that in the January returns for 1920 there is included an estimate of the back mail pay for the years 1918 and 1919 accruing to the Railroad Administration in connection with the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission of December 23 1919. The addition in this way to gross and net has been approximately \$53,000,000. To show how individual roads and systems have been affected through the inclusion of this item we have prepared the following. The statement is self explanatory but we may use one road for illustration. Thus it appears by the first two columns of figures that the New York Central gained \$5,375,685 in gross and \$2,440,252 in net, but the last two columns show that this was because mail earnings in 1920 were \$5,119,496 against but \$366,468 in 1919.

Name of Road.	Increase or Decrease		Mail Earnings	
	In Gross.	In Net.	Jan. 1920.	Jan. 1919.
Alabama & Vicksburg..	+55,018	+54,978	49,118	2,583
Ann Arbor.....	+79,774	+40,496	45,940	3,402
Aitch Topeka & Santa Fe..	+7,149,430	+5,871,530	3,693,541	172,045
Gulf Colo & Santa Fe..	+1,151,007	+520,588	322,268	17,484
Panhandle & Santa Fe..	+365,333	+294,949	101,700	5,771
Atlanta & West Point..	+55,511	+28,250	39,831	2,400
Atlanta Birm & Atlantic..	+142,378	+142,278	90,377	6,031
Atlantic City.....	-34,675	-39,332	14,408	1,716
Atlantic Coast Line.....	+932,298	+142,902	770,720	64,018
Baltimore & Ohio.....	+4,011,551	+2,637,594	1,805,761	113,128
B & O Chicago Terminal..	+87,192	+115,367	-----	-----
Bangor & Aroostook.....	+120,690	+92,717	70,695	3,749
Belt Railway of Chicago..	+163,553	+79,279	-----	-----
Bessemer & Lake Erie..	-23,501	-49,745	25,502	2,259
Bingham & Garfield....	+6,014	+14,739	147	-----
Birmingham Southern..	-21,756	-28,687	-----	-----
Boston & Maine.....	+1,332,791	+390,082	384,754	45,456
Buffalo & Susquehanna..	+33,687	+2,726	4,604	431
Buffalo Roch & Pittsb..	-77,570	-49,214	49,500	6,364
Can Pac Lines in Maine	+47,229	+42,786	2,274	1,974
Caro Clinch & Ohio.....	+128,888	+15,732	26,358	976
Central of Georgia.....	+752,537	+532,782	399,420	24,267
Central New England....	+12,272	-115,985	15,602	1,708
Central Vermont.....	+104,204	+27,069	59,278	4,720
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	+388,439	+4,807	506,644	33,969
Chicago & Alton.....	+508,586	+189,725	612,381	15,000
Chicago & East Hills..	+89,201	+808,584	66,709	45,429
Chicago & North West..	+3,297,220	+860,848	1,791,490	140,707
Chicago Buri & Quincy..	+4,823,268	+3,290,768	2,980,033	208,864
Chicago Great Western..	+603,944	+338,126	330,654	18,942
Chicago Ind & Louisv..	+445,482	+100,599	203,659	16,975
Chicago Junction.....	+33,260	+61,899	-----	-----
Chicago Milw & St Paul..	+3,339,722	+2,104,284	2,487,191	145,880
Chic Rock Isl & Pacific..	+4,341,608	+2,763,248	2,080,506	102,970
Chic. Rock Isl & Gulf..	+289,713	+238,313	95,933	4,588
Chic St Paul Minn & Om	+95,377	+387,318	398,988	25,057
Chic Terre Haute & S E..	+89,770	+66,570	17,958	1,000
Cinc Ind & Western.....	+145,012	+76,480	69,033	6,121
Cinc New Ori & Tex Pac	+245,195	+37,677	233,204	13,606
Colorado & Southern....	+133,276	+82,575	151,039	9,659
Et Worth & Deny City..	+327,252	+118,573	109,820	6,280
Trinity & Brazos Val..	+5,801	-4,887	9,822	1,322
Colorado & Wyoming..	-47,407	-16,485	159	155
Delaware & Hudson.....	+108,011	-77,567	15,929	11,262
Delaware Lack & West..	+193,832	-582,072	38,334	24,263

Name of Road	Increase or Decrease		Mail Earnings	
	In 1920	In 1919	Jan. 1920	Jan. 1919
Denver & Rio Grande	+852,376	+667,111	286,329	16,633
Denver & Salt Lake	+108,987	+2,662	9,229	1,702
Detroit & Mackinac	+17,527	+15,832	2,698	2,806
Det & Tol Shore Line	-18,763	-51,162		
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	-11,606	-2,123	2,888	1,599
Duluth & Iron Range	+25,195	+3,244	15,460	595
Duluth Missabe & North	+47,357	+65,642	12,529	1,322
East St Louis Connect'g	-16,789	+11,481		
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	-211,665	-160,236		
El Paso & Southwestern	+270,002	+138,289	145,497	14,444
Eric	+1,229,291	+207,024	537,431	34,073
Chicago & Erie	+175,079	+36,722	100,213	5,859
Florida East Coast	+181,801	+223,833	20,433	15,233
Fonda Johns & Glover	+15,017	+9,007	200	346
Ft Smith & Western	+40,161	-9,283	1,265	1,336
Galveston Wharf	+2,273	-22,010		
Georgia & Florida	+35,286	+40,732	23,332	1,376
Gr Trk Lines in New Eng	+6,395	+144,429	1,753	1,753
Grand Trunk West	+218,545	-252,506	16,790	16,679
Great Northern	+1,277,535	+800,181	2,566,369	151,666
Gulf & Ship Island	+97,253	+42,813	37,369	2,006
Gulf Mobile & Northern	+193,007	+36,437	59,327	2,665
Hocking Valley	+61,349	+38,689	4,746	5,336
Illinois Central	+3,731,945	+2,462,378	1,694,254	101,346
Internat & Great North.	+622,840	+300,176	252,730	16,350
K C Mexico & Orient	+88,784	+45,419	17,791	11,340
K C M & O of Texas	+84,495	+55,747	28,128	1,860
Kansas City Southern	+235,344	+171,174	188,415	7,989
Texark & Fort Smith	+69,663	+61,221	12,091	869
Kansas City Terminal	+19,148	-12,311		
Lehigh & Hudson River	-8,905	+3,615	4,558	350
Lehigh & New England	+61,232	+27,625		
Lehigh Valley	+42,911	-514,711	222,634	13,930
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	+331,114	+135,576	14,284	7,242
Louisiana & Arkansas	+161,859	+115,180	24,025	1,659
Louisville & Nashville	+2,013,502	+703,408	1,332,191	95,228
Louisv Hend & St Louis	+12,654	+16,952	29,515	1,725
Maine Central	+187,920	+164,148	147,912	14,632
Midland Valley	+81,535	+25,314	24,414	1,557
Minneapolis & St Louis	+576,928	+698,702	238,400	14,683
Minn St Paul & S S M	+316,846	-256,385	186,161	16,267
Mississippi Central	+1,108	-36,386	15,171	1,017
Missouri & North Ark	+27,659	+32,947	30,535	2,643
Missouri & Kansas & Texas	+80,600	+69,858	526,332	30,755
Mo Kan & Tex of Texas	+844,543	+55,843	376,029	25,104
Missouri Okla & Gulf	+72,996	-23,526	10,005	1,386
Missouri Pacific	+3,684,595	+2,585,527	1,815,560	126,912
Monongahela Connect'g	+10,814	+99,626		
Montour	-4,147	+11,460	71	71
Nashville Chatt & St L	+640,713	+530,556	385,784	28,456
Nevada Northern	-13,359	-14,100	655	1,209
Newburgh & Sou Shore	-2,405	-1,975		
New OrL & North East	+224,542	+117,074	60,717	2,957
New Orleans Great Nor.	+26,658	-8,014	1,139	1,293
New OrL Tex & Mexico	+76,806	+4,364	28,784	1,005
Beau S L & Western	+21,074	-3,876	7,687	515
St L Browns & Mex.	+207,228	+68,338	86,034	6,275
New York Central	+5,375,685	+2,440,252	5,119,496	366,446
Cincinnati Northern	-8,638	-7,870	34,190	1,800
Clev Cin Chic & St L	+2,029,378	+1,410,405	1,107,010	62,000
Indiana Harbor Belt	+48,649	-181,130		
Kanawha & Michigan	+72,020	+62,586	1,721	963
Lake Erie & Western	+168,929	+166,545	92,408	5,320
Michigan Central	+1,078,731	+61,140	638,974	38,593
Pittsb & West Virginia	+30,659	-175,924	40,178	2,825
Toledo & Ohio Central	+173,023	+3,559	3,685	3,681
N Y Chicago & St Louis	+124,294	+7,614	56,011	2,962
N Y N H & Hartford	+2,926,301	+1,580,273	1,132,244	73,426
N Y Ontario & Western	-58,355	-126,065	10,653	4,820
N Y Susq & Western	-1,887	-117,839	17,759	1,203
Norfolk & Western	+735,181	-33,903	446,959	30,408
Norfolk Southern	+262,188	+205,434	80,500	5,130
Northern Alabama	+37,191	+55,362	10,543	600
Northern Pacific	+1,516,710	+850,957	1,201,556	78,635
Minn & Internat	+20,490	+17,026	1,277	1,276
Northwestern Pacific	+17,365	+18,293	51,085	4,614
Pennsylvania	+37,509	-3,058,187	491,166	285,672
Balt Ches & Atlantic	-28,067	-38,912	11,392	929
Cinc Lebanon & North	-10,116	-24,552	1,656	116
Cumberland Valley	+2,101	+34,295	35,360	2,500
Long Island	+156,980	-24,435	47,502	9,410
Mary'd Del & Virginia	-38,213	-38,418	5,128	876
N Y Phila & Norfolk	-35,317	-168,625	4,095	2,548
Monongahela	-11,391	-81,466	4,590	170
Toledo Peoria & West	+18,858	-2,436	2,099	2,581
W Jersey & N Shore	-31,659	-10,804	10,804	4,332
Pennsylvania Co.	+2,034,105	+1,330,294	1,655,435	106,355
Grand Rapids & Ind.	+320,334	+210,044	137,353	9,929
Pittsb Cin Chic & St L	+3,203,238	+1,638,371	2,753,599	175,961
Peoria & Pekin Union	+42,506	+35,666		
Perre Marquette	+643,378	-8,001	484,703	24,690
Perkiomen	+29,016	+14,248	12,972	410
Philadelphia & Reading	+980,841	+436,981	180,911	15,889
Phila Beth & New Eng.	-32,087	-36,354		
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	+8,023	+21,719	214	108
Pittsb & West Virginia	+40,860	+38,578	6,990	378
Pittsb Shaw & North	+28,355	+18,786	278	349
Port Reading	-33,447	-29,674		
Quincy Omaha & K C	+38,621	+18,713	34,053	2,340
Richm Fred & Potomac	-67,812	-83,304	206,493	10,500
Washington Southern	-71,177	-95,260	126,535	6,000
Rutland	+156,428	+116,857	82,453	5,811
St Joseph & Grand Isl'd	+60,845	+48,919	40,476	3,115
St Louis-San Francisco	+1,219,428	+409,432	99,297	66,418
St Louis Southwest	+570,462	+367,334	122,172	7,969
St L Southw of Texas	+261,857	-48,554	114,225	7,115
St Louis Transit	+46,495			
Seaboard Air Line	+1,454,947	+872,386	701,577	47,413
South Buffalo	-81,196	-42,475		
Southern Pacific	+3,186,452	+1,618,380	1,930,383	119,624
Arizona Eastern	-1,013	-9,073	20,151	1,800
Galv Harris & S Ant.	+309,908	+78,138	180,311	12,499
Hous & Texas Cent.	+392,626	+222,111	142,730	11,552
Hous E & W Texas	+24,201	-35,732	29,534	2,447
Louisiana Western	+142,584	+102,785	36,536	2,759
Morgans La & Texas	+206,585	+280,391	78,764	4,995
Texas & New Orleans	+256,360	+175,084	62,248	4,598
Southern Railway	+3,919,247	+2,069,759	2,406,115	143,381
Alabama Great South	-108,777	+93,173	114,336	7,260
Georgia South & Fla.	+153,011	+77,606	90,018	5,804
Mobile & Ohio	+375,574	+83,061	198,317	11,299
Southern Ry in Miss.	+76,789	+43,402	30,725	1,769
Spokane International	+59,450	+37,673	600	734
Spokane Portl & Seattle	+207,204	+222,309	66,229	8,116
Staten Isl'd Rapid Tran.	-16,331	-28,574	206	206
Tennessee Central	+45,722	+63,562	37,485	2,558
Term RR Assn of St L	+63,795	+93,233		
St L Mer Edge & Term	+7,493	-8,593		
Texas & Pacific	+828,063	+538,243	417,435	25,624
Toledo St Louis & West.	+237,823	+38,867	3,200	5,481
Ulster & Delaware	+35,001	+23,085	17,144	1,678
Union Pacific	+3,131,533	+2,010,137	2,382,236	140,000
Oregon Short Line	+1,222,893	+943,871	578,154	38,990
Ore-Wash RR & Nav.	+866,641	+529,575	416,706	29,001
Union RR of Penn.	-4,701	-134,925		
Vicks Shreve & Pacific	+118,697	+45,052	34,146	2,364
Virginian	+341,577	+332,994	47,210	2,242
Wabash	+65,190	+90,134	48,465	65,560
Western Maryland	+85,880	+21,680	58,960	4,185
Western Pacific	+475,615	+333,017	59,182	3,465
Western Ry of Alabama	+37,791	+58,056	41,595	2,500
Wheeling & Lake Erie	+255,124	+152,976	2,074	1,670
Wichita Falls & N W	+69,421	-51,759	17,754	1,837
Yazoo & Mississippi Val	+744,602	+308,327	250,996	15,607

INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION DECIDES UPON SPACE BASIS FOR CARRYING MAILS.

Under a decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission made public on Jan. 15 compensation for the transportation of the mails is to be computed on the basis of space instead of the basis of weight. The circumstances under which the case came before the Commission are narrated as follows by Commissioner McChord, who wrote the report:

This proceeding was instituted and conducted under provisions of section 5 of the Act of Congress of July 23 1916, 39 Stat., 425. The Act authorizes and directs the Postmaster-General to readjust the compensation to be paid common carriers by railroad from and after the 30th day of June 1916, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the transportation and handling of the mails and furnishing facilities and services in connection therewith, upon conditions and at rates therein provided. It also empowers and directs this Commission, as soon as practicable, to fix and determine from time to time the fair and reasonable rates and compensation for the transportation of mail matter by railroad common carriers, and the service connected therewith, and to prescribe the method or methods, by weight, or space, or both, or otherwise, for ascertaining the rate or compensation. There is a further provision that pending our decision the existing methods and rates of railroad-mail pay shall remain in effect, except on such routes or systems as the Postmaster-General shall select, and to the extent he may find it practicable and necessary to place upon the space system of pay in the manner and at the rates provided, with our consent and approval, in order to properly present the matters referred to in other sections of the Act.

It is also provided that all common carriers by railroad are required to transport such mail matter as may be offered by the Post Office Department, hereinafter called the department, in the manner, under the conditions and with the service prescribed by the Postmaster-General; and that they shall be entitled to receive fair and reasonable compensation for such transportation and for the service connected therewith.

The Postmaster-General is to file with us a statement showing the transportation required of all railway common carriers, including the number, equipment, size and construction of the cars necessary for the transaction of the business; the service, both terminal and en route, which the carriers are to render; and all other information which may be material to the inquiry.

Following the passage of the Act the Postmaster-General made application to us for our consent and approval to place upon the space system of pay, in the manner and at the rates provided in the law, certain routes or systems selected by him as those found practicable and necessary. By order of Aug. 29 1916 we gave consent and approval and the Postmaster-General stated the routes and systems so selected upon the space basis of pay from Nov. 1 1916.

The Postmaster-General thereafter filed his statement containing the matters and things required by the law, and copies were served upon all common carriers by railroad in the country. Subsequently the department and railroads agreed upon a weighing and statistical period, hereinafter called the test period, beginning March 27 and ending April 30 1917, during which there should be procured data with reference to space in passenger trains devoted to the several services performed in and by said trains and the operation of the space, and also data with reference to the revenues and expenditures of the railroads in a manner and form to show the revenues derived from passenger, baggage, express and mail service, and the cost of performing each service.

Accordingly the Postmaster-General directed that the mail be weighed upon all mail routes in the country for the test period. Upon forms and under instructions prepared jointly by the department and a committee selected by the railroads, called the Railway Pay Committee, reports were rendered by the greater part of the mail-carrying railroads showing the distribution of space in cars moving in passenger trains, the revenue derived from the several classes of passenger service, and a division of the cost thereof as between passenger and freight and as between passenger, baggage, mail and express. The reports were checked, reviewed and corrected by correspondence. The basic figures and the totals used by both parties in their calculations were thereby brought into harmony. The points in dispute are narrowed chiefly to the apportionment of space and to a lesser extent the apportionment of expenses.

The study of the statistical data contained in the reports and reduction of them to tabulations and statements required a period of nearly two years of painstaking effort on the part of both the department and the railroads. These efforts have resulted in very complete showing as to space devoted in passenger trains to passenger, baggage, express and mail services, revenues derived from each service, and the cost thereof. Extended hearings were had at which a large number of statistical and other exhibits were filed and explained by their compilers. Numerous witnesses, who submitted evidence respecting all phases of the operation of mail carriage by railroad and the services in connection therewith, were produced by the department and railroads. The case was submitted to us on brief and in argument.

The Commission in its report goes exhaustively into the subject of the controversy between the railroads and the Post Office Department, and says in part:

Determination of a basis upon which the compensation of railroads for transporting the mails of the country should be computed has been a perplexing problem from the beginning. There are many circumstances and conditions in connection with its transportation that do not obtain with respect to any other traffic. The service is varied in character and is rendered under such conditions with regard to speed and care that no system has yet been devised that has met the approval of both the department and the railroads.

In 1876 the President appointed a commission known as the Hubbard Commission to investigate and report on the subject of railway-mail pay. In April 1878 a report was made by it in which it was recommended that a system which recognized space, cost and speed should be established. Other commissions or committees of the Congress or the department made reports to the Congress in 1883, 1901, 1911 and 1914. Without going into details, it is sufficient to state that each one recommended the adoption of some space system, except the Wolcott-Loud Commission in 1901, a member of which, in a separate report, favored the space basis. The commission of 1883 recommended that a system which would take into consideration "weight, space and speed" should be adopted. The report of a committee in 1914 was to the effect that the space basis should be adopted. The latter report resulted in the passage of the Act under which this proceeding was instituted.

During all these years there has been ceaseless controversy between the railroads and the department. The chief contention of the former has been that payments have been unreasonably low for the service rendered. On



the other hand, the department has contended, with equal earnestness, that payments have been greater than the required service warranted. The successive investigations were confronted with the same difficulty of determining the cost of the service on any basis. In the instant proceeding extraordinary efforts have been made to determine the cost to the railroads of transporting the mails of the country. The results obtained are fairly open to criticism in some respects; nevertheless we have before us enough reliable data to enable us to reach an approximation of the cost of the service as a guide to the establishment of rates of compensation to the railroads that shall be fair and reasonable. Having reached this conclusion, we are confronted with the problem of the manner in which the service shall be stated to determine its amount as the basis of payment.

The report also said:

With respect to the weight basis the railroads contend: (1) That payment according to the weight carried is the only basis of payment for transportation of mail matter which properly measures the volume of the traffic handled, makes proper distribution of the pay according to the relative amount of traffic handled, and is in keeping with ordinary principles applied to the assessment of charges for transportation of property; (2) that under the weight basis pay may be, and is, made for each separate class of service adjusted to particular characteristics; (3) the weight basis is founded on correct principles; the weight hauled and the distance of the hauls are the prime factors; it insures direct response to the volume of the traffic, either as a whole or by individual railroads; (4) it is only by the adoption and maintenance of a weight-basis system that a rational scheme of payment can be determined, which will readily respond to an increase in the amount of mail matter transported; (5) that it is easily applied, and reduces to a minimum department rule and regulation.

With respect to the proposed plan of the railroads the department asserts that the rates would yield the railroads annual compensation greatly in excess of that which is fair and reasonable for service performed; that in many respects the rates would result in inequalities of payment between railroads, and that the rates are all unduly high because based on excessive and unreasonable calculations as to space operated.

It is asserted that the proposal of a 3-cent rate for closed-pouch service is an unnecessary complication and unjustified because productive of unreasonable results; that if it was intended by this provision to give to short routes additional pay for the special service of handling closed pouches, the purpose would not be accomplished; that as a matter of fact it would add comparatively little to the pay of short routes; that to the exclusively closed-pouch roads it would add less than \$700,000 per annum and the short lines as a whole would receive less than \$1,000,000 per annum, while the trunk lines would receive nearly \$4,000,000 additional per annum.

It is insisted by the department that the proposal of the railroads is subject to the objections which have been urged against the old system, and to an additional objection that weighings are to be conducted by railroad employees, and that it is wholly impracticable to conduct a weighing of the mails by railroad employees in the manner necessary to produce the results required without substantially duplicating the supervision and cost by the department necessary under a weighing conducted by employees of the Government.

Objections of the department to any weight-basis system are stated as follows:

1. The weight-basis system involves the cost of weighing, the tabulation of weights and the computation of the pound or ton-miles.
2. Under any system weights taken do not represent the actual weights carried, but are subject to arbitrary adjustment.
3. The weight-basis system is not flexible and does not compensate railroads for unusual conditions that may arise after the weighing is completed.
4. All unusual conditions that exist during the weighing period which affect the weight of the mails carried over routes are necessarily reflected in the amount of compensation based thereon.
5. The weight-basis system gives no recognition to frequency of service. In other words, a railroad which carries 5,000 pounds per day on two trains, one each way, receives exactly the same pay on the weight-basis as a road carrying 5,000 pounds in 10 trains per day. It costs the railroad more to haul a car four round trips daily, carrying a total of 5,000 pounds in all trains, than it does to haul the same car one round trip, even though it carries the same aggregate weight. The amount of mail carried in a car does not materially increase the cost, but multiplied operation does increase the cost.
6. Compensation based chiefly upon weight is not an incentive to the department or the railroads to economize cars or space used, nor does it tend to standardization of equipment.

The following are the conclusions of the Commission:

After consideration of all the facts and circumstances of record we are of opinion and find:

1. That the space-basis system inaugurated under authority of the Act of July 28 1916, 39 Stat., 412, 425-431, shall be continued as herein modified and be extended to all mail routes; and that the Postmaster-General shall, on or before March 1 1920, place on the space basis the routes now paid on the weight basis.
2. That the initial and terminal allowances permitted in the Act shall be canceled and abolished, payment in lieu thereof being included in the rates hereinafter prescribed.
3. That the fair and reasonable rates of payment for transportation of mail matter as of Nov. 1 1916 and to Jan. 1 1918 are as follows:

For Each Mile of Service—	Cents.	For Each Mile of Service—	Cents.
By a 60-ft. R.P.O. car	27	By a 7-ft. storage space	4 1/4
By a 30-ft. apartment car	15	By a 3-ft. storage space	2 1/4
By a 15-ft. apartment car	10	By a 15-ft. closed-pouch space	10
By a 60-ft. storage car	28	By a 7-ft. closed-pouch space	5
By a 30-ft. storage space	15	By a 3-ft. closed-pouch space	3
By a 15-ft. storage space	8		

For separately operated railroads not exceeding 100 miles in length, and not less than 50 miles in length, 20% additional to the above rates; and separately operated railroads less than 50 miles in length, 30% additional; *Provided*, That the minimum payment on any mail route, over any part of which mail is transported not less than six days a week, shall be \$50 per mile per annum.

The fair and reasonable rates on and after Jan. 1 1918 are 25% additional to the rates prescribed as of Nov. 1 1916.

The law fixes the rates for railroads which were constructed in whole or in part by a land grant made by Congress at 80% of those herein prescribed.

4. Where authorizations are made for cars or apartments of the standard lengths of 60, 30 and 15 feet, and the railroad company is unable to furnish such cars or apartments of the length authorized, but furnishes cars or apartments of lesser length, but which are accepted by the department to be sufficient for the service, payment shall be made only for the actual space furnished and used, the compensation to be not exceeding pro rata of that provided for the standard length authorized. The Postmaster-

General may accept cars and apartments of greater length than those of the standard requested, but no compensation shall be allowed for such excess lengths, except that where an oversize car is furnished storage units may be authorized therein on the basis of actual measurement.

In computing the car-miles of full and apartment railway-post office cars, the maximum space authorized in either direction of a round-trip car run shall be regarded as the space to be computed in both directions.

In computing the miles of service of a storage car or lesser unit, the maximum space authorized in either direction of a round-trip car run shall be regarded as the space to be computed in both directions unless any part of the car containing such unit be used by the railroad company in the return movement.

5. All regular authorizations for full railway postal cars, apartment railway post office cars and full storage cars may be discontinued, in accordance with the needs of the service, at established railway passenger or freight division points or junctions at which the train is scheduled to stop.

6. All units of emergency space needed to supplement regular authorizations shall be of 3, 7, 15 or 30 feet without duplication or grouping, and such units shall be discontinued, increased or decreased at any point where a fluctuation in the volume of mail carried requires a change from one unit to another.

7. Whenever a regularly authorized unit of storage or closed-pouch space, combined with an emergency unit, necessitates the use of more than 30 feet of linear space in a baggage car, or storage car used exclusively for the mails, a 60-foot car shall be authorized and paid for on the basis of the round trip, provided the car is not used by the railroad company in the opposite direction.

8. Whenever a regular authorization is exceeded on 50% or more of the trips during a period of 30 consecutive days, the next higher unit shall be authorized. This rule will not apply to the month of December.

9. Where the railroad companies are required by the department to perform side, terminal or transfer service, they shall be separately compensated for such service, unless the service is performed in or directly contiguous to railway terminals and depots. The amount to be paid therefor shall be measured by the amount paid by the railroad to contractors plus 3%; and where the service is performed by agents or employees of the railroad companies the payment shall be for the value of the pro rata time of such railway agents or employees while engaged in rendering service, including cost of vehicular service that may be necessary, with the addition of 3%.

Where the railroad companies contract for such service contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder upon advertisement. Readjustment for such service shall be made annually. The railroad companies shall submit certified copies of each contract to the Postmaster-General on or before July 1 of each year showing the rate of payment for the ensuing year, and the amounts specified in such contracts plus 3% shall be accepted as the basis of payment by the Postmaster-General heretofore prescribed. The railroad companies shall also furnish to Postmaster-General each year, on or before July 1, a detailed statement of the daily time consumed in handling the mails by their agents or employees at each point where side, terminal or transfer service is performed, which statement shall be verified by a responsible official of the company conversant with the facts, and such verified statement shall compute the pro rata payment of the agent or employee performing the service, based on the time actually consumed, and the amount named in the statement plus 3% shall constitute the basis of payment for the next ensuing year, unless in special cases, and for good cause, the Postmaster-General may require further statements and verifications from any particular railroad company at other periods of the year.

10. That from time to time, at least once in two years, the Postmaster-General, upon notification to the railroads, and with their presence and assistance, shall conduct tests to determine the number of sacks and outside packages that will fill a foot or 3 feet of space in a car, and the results thereof shall be reflected in changes of rules, where necessary, in the count of sacks and packages as the basis for measurement.

11. That the provisions of the Act of July 28 1916, except as herein modified, shall remain in full force and effect.

12. That payments for transportation of the mails, and the services connected therewith, shall be made each month after the service has been performed.

#### PROTEST BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL AGAINST CHANGES IN RAILWAY MAIL PAY PROPOSED BY SHORT LINE RAILROADS.

A protest was lodged on Feb. 10 by Postmaster-General Burleson against the changes in the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the railway mail pay case proposed by the short line railroads, whereby these roads sought to increase their compensation over that allowed under the decision. As to these proposed changes and the objections voiced by the Postmaster-General, the "Journal of Commerce" under date of Feb. 10 said in Washington advices:

Upon request of the short line railroads that the Commission's finding be amended as to effect mail routes instead of railroads of the length designated it was said by the Postmaster-General that:

"This would defeat the purpose of any differentiation in rates. If an addition to the general rate of compensation is to be allowed for short line railroads, it must be based upon reasons growing out of the differences in the cost of operation. These differences might grow out of the length of the mail route."

This request, it was recommended, should be denied.

The Postmaster-General also recommended that denial be given to the further requests of the short line carriers, performing mail transportation service, that the minimum pay provided shall be applied to space routes from and after Nov. 1 1916, and to weight routes from July 1 1916 to March 1 1920; that a finding and order be made fixing an increase in the rates on all weight routes for the period between July 1 1916 and March 1 1920; that a finding and order be made fixing an increase of pay on all weight routes operated between July 1 1916 and Nov. 1 1916 which were made space routes on Nov. 1 1916; that an order be made stating that the performance of side and terminal messenger service off the right of way is not a legal obligation on the part of the carriers.

The Postmaster-General also recommended that the Commission deny the short lines requests that an order be issued to the Postmaster-General that he include in the readjustment of pay several amounts directly paid out since July 1 1916, for side and messenger service, and also amounts retained as fines for refusal to perform such service; that an order be issued fixing the weight, size, postage and conditions for the transportation of parcel post mails.

"There appears to be a further misunderstanding by respondents," said the Postmaster-General, "to the effect that the jurisdiction which had been given the Postmaster-General had by this new Act been transferred to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Both theories are unfounded. It will be further noted that no question arising under Section 6 of the Postal Act can be considered or passed upon by the Inter-State Commerce Commission until the Postmaster-General shall propose such change and such proposal is presented to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for its approval as provided for that section. The Postmaster-General has not proposed in this proceeding any changes contemplated by Section 6, and therefore no action could be taken by the Inter-State Commerce Commission under that authority in this proceeding."

This fact, it was pointed out, furnished ground for the denial of the short line carriers requests for amendments to the Commission's finding.

#### NORTH DAKOTA SUPREME COURT HOLDS RECENTLY ENACTED LAWS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The Supreme Court of North Dakota, on Jan. 16, by a vote of 4 to 1, declared unconstitutional House bill No. 60, enacted at the recent special session of the North Dakota Legislature—Justice J. E. Robinson cast the dissenting opinion. With regard to the decision the St. Paul "Pioneer Press" of Jan. 17 said:

The decision of the court affects practically one-half of the seventy-two laws adopted at the recent special session of the legislature, being laws urged by the Townley faction, which failed to receive the two-thirds vote to make them emergency acts, effective ten days after passage.

Near the close of the special session House bill 60, which declared all acts of the special session emergency laws, was introduced and passed by a majority vote. Under its provisions Gov. Frazier and the standpat Non-partisans hoped to get immediate action on laws designed, their opponents said, to punish Attorney-General Langer, State Auditor Kostitzky and other insurgent State officials who had, by independent action in several cases, come under the ban of Townley's displeasure.

Immediately after the Legislature adjourned, Attorney-General Langer ruled House bill 60 unconstitutional, and steps to bring the matter before the Supreme Court were inaugurated. Petitions were also filed asking a referendum vote on the measure, but Gov. Frazier has thus far failed to call an election for that purpose. To-day's decision of the Supreme Court will render a vote of the people unnecessary, it is believed.

According to Chief Justice Christianson, the court decision, in effect, declares the law unconstitutional.

Justice Robinson, in his dissenting opinion, says:

"The majority decision will seriously impede and hamper the industrial program of the State. It will largely undo the work of the special session, tie the hands of the lawmakers and the hands of the Governor and leave the State like a ship without a captain. It may induce several amendments to the constitution and a recall of the court power to undo any act of the Legislature."

The acts embraced in the legislation which the Court declares unconstitutional, are said to include the anti-lying law, creating an inquisitorial committee; a law giving the Governor power to confiscate under martial law any private property, and to muster every able-bodied man into military service to hold and operate it; acts tying the hands of insurgent State officials and depriving them of appropriations; a law creating a State constabulary, and a law usurping the prerogatives of the Attorney-General and conferring them on the Governor.

#### U. S. SUPREME COURT DECIDES NEW YORK INCOME TAX LAW INVALID AS TO NON-RESIDENTS—RULING ON OKLAHOMA LAW.

While upholding the right of States to impose income taxes on non-residents, the United States Supreme Court on March 11 declared the New York State income tax law invalid in so far as it denies to non-residents the exemptions granted to its own citizens. The findings of the Court were given in two decisions, one affecting the Oklahoma law and the other the New York law. In the former the Court held that a State unquestionably had authority to levy income taxes against non-residents on incomes derived from property within the State. The distinction between the Oklahoma and New York laws, it appears, was that the Oklahoma law gives non-residents and citizens the same exemptions, while the New York law denies to non-residents exemptions granted its own citizens. In the Oklahoma proceedings Charles B. Shaffer of Chicago sued the State Auditor to enjoin collection of income taxes levied on income derived from Oklahoma oil wells. In the other case Comptroller Travis of New York was enjoined by the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., having a plant in Connecticut, from collecting income taxes from its employees without giving them the exemptions given New York citizens under the New York law. U. S. District Judge John C. Knox last August declared the New York law invalid as to non-residents, and his decision was noted in these columns Aug. 9, page 540. The opinions of the Supreme Court this week were rendered by Justice Pitney, with Justice Reynolds dissenting in the New York case. Reciting that thousands of Connecticut and New Jersey citizens work in New York in competition with New Yorkers, and yet the non-residents were called upon under the New York law to pay taxes on exemptions from which New York residents

are free, Justice Pitney declared the law to be manifestly unfair, saying:

In the concrete the particular incident of the discrimination is upon citizens of Connecticut and New Jersey, neither of which has an income tax law. Whether they (Connecticut and New Jersey non-residents) must pay a tax upon the first \$1,000 or \$2,000 of income, while their (New York) associates do not, makes a substantial difference. We are unable to find ground for the discrimination, and are constrained to hold that it is an unwarranted denial to the citizens of Connecticut and New Jersey of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the citizens of New York.

The suggestion from New York counsel that the adjacent States might levy counter discriminations against New York citizens was dismissed by the court with the declaration that "discrimination cannot be cured by retaliation."

In sustaining the Oklahoma law the Court said:

In our system of Government the States have general dominion, and, saving as restricted by the Federal Constitution, complete dominion over all persons, property and business transactions within their borders. Certainly they are not restricted to property taxation nor to any particular form of excises.

That the State from whose laws property and business and industry protection and security without which production and occupation would be impossible, is debarred from exacting a share of those gains in the form of income taxes for the support of the Government is a proposition so wholly inconsistent with fundamental principles as to be refuted by mere statement.

And we deem it clear upon principles as well as authority that just as a State may impose general income taxes upon its own citizens and residents, whose persons are subject to its control, it may, as a necessary consequence, levy a duty of like character upon incomes accruing to non-residents from their property or business within the State, or their occupations carried on thereat, enforcing payment by an exercise of a just control over persons and property within its borders.

In the case of the New York law non-residents have been denied under the Act the exemption of \$1,000 for single persons, \$2,000 for married persons and \$200 for dependents State Comptroller Travis in a statement issued on March 1 with regard to the Supreme Court's ruling said:

Legislation is now pending before the State Legislature to remedy these defects. In anticipation of a decision as has been rendered to-day, holding these provisions unconstitutional, non-resident taxpayers have been granted thirty days additional from March 15 in which to file returns.

On March 2 the Senate and Assembly Committees on Taxation at Albany reported favorably the bill designed to amend the income tax law so as to give non-residents the same personal exemptions under the law as are granted to residents.

#### EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING RETURNS OF CORPORATIONS, UNDER FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS.

The time limit for filing returns of income by corporations, is extended from Mar. 15 to May 15, in "extraordinary cases and upon proper application to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, setting forth the reasons why the returns cannot be completed." The announcement made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue this week says:

In view of the fact that considerable difficulty is being experienced by corporations and their representatives in the preparation of income tax returns for the year 1919, collectors of internal revenue are hereby authorized to accept tentative corporation returns for the calendar year 1919 on or before Mar. 15 1920. Each return must be accompanied by at least one-fourth of the estimated amount of tax due, together with a statement setting forth the reason why the return cannot be completed within the prescribed time and a formal request for the extension. Any deficiency in the first instalment will bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

An extension of time is hereby granted to corporations, in such cases to file complete returns on or about May 15 1920. The tentative return submitted in accordance with the foregoing should be on form 1120, on which should be written plainly across the face "Tentative return." Only the estimated amount of tax due need be stated.

Tentative returns filed under this authority will be handled in collectors' offices in the manner prescribed for the handling of similar returns last year.

A further extension of time within which to file returns will not be granted except in extraordinary cases and upon proper application to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, setting forth the reasons why the returns cannot be completed.

#### NEW TAXATION MEASURE INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN ACKERMAN.

Several bills widely affecting the revenues of the country were introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Earnest R. Ackerman on Feb. 28. One of them repeals the excess profits tax and imposes in lieu thereof a tax of twenty-five cents on every \$100 worth of sales on all articles of merchandise. The other bills propose a tax of two cents on checks, notes and drafts, and a tax of one cent on each 100 matches sold or given away. A fourth bill would permit the deduction of last year's income and excess profits tax when making the income tax return. Estimates made by the Congressman on figures received from various government agencies and bankers in different sections of the country, show that the twenty-five cents would yield a return considerable in excess of the sum paid into the Treasury through the imposition of the excess profits tax. For 1917, the only year for which figures are available on all individual partnership, and corporation returns, it was one billion nine



hundred million dollars. The excess profits tax has been held by men like Otto H. Kahn and others equally high in the financial world as students of economics, to be one of the greatest drawbacks to business and production and therefore one of the largest contributing factors to the maintenance of the high cost of living. Its repeal has been repeatedly urged, but until some other means of revenue was found the suggestion was not given serious consideration. Mr. Ackerman has suggested the alternative, and one that increases the revenue. The tax on checks is proposed as two cents regardless of the amount of the paper. This source is estimated as good for more than \$20,000,000 to the Government. The match levy represents approximately \$12,000,000 more.

#### NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST.

The formation is announced of the New York Community Trust, the scope of which, according to resolution and declaration creating the trust, is stated to be world-wide, but "primarily in the interests of the inhabitants of the community comprising the City of New York and its vicinity, regardless of race, color or creed," and having for its object the encouragement of gifts, bequests and trusts for the benefit of the community and the application of progressive and flexible methods in their administration. The New York Community Trust is modeled somewhat upon the plan of the Cleveland (Ohio) Foundation, which was established a little more than five years ago and at the present time has received gifts, living trusts and bequests estimated to aggregate over \$100,000,000. In order to insure business management and provide for the safety of the principal of gifts made to the New York Community Trust, the plan provides that the Trust Companies of the city and other banking institutions having trust power, shall act as trustees. The following trust companies, it is announced, have to date adopted the resolution and declaration and are prepared to accept bequests under it:

Equitable Trust Co.  
New York Trust Co.  
Irving Trust Co.  
Metropolitan Trust Co.  
Franklin Trust Co.  
Mercantile Trust Co.  
American Trust Co.  
Hudson Trust Co.

Columbia Trust Co.  
U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co.  
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.  
Manufacturers Trust Co.  
Kings County Trust Co.  
Fidelity Trust Co.  
Hamilton Trust Co.  
Commercial Trust Co.

Alvin W. Kreech, President of the Equitable Trust Co. has been elected Chairman of the Trustees Committee, and Frank J. Parsons, Vice-President of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., Acting Director of the New York Community Trust. The Community Trust Plan, upon careful study, presents many points of interest, but broadly stated its objects may be summarized as follows:

1. The preservation of the principal of charitable gifts.
2. The prevention of obsolescence in charitable gifts by making possible court action, delay or expense, the transfer of the income of a fund from a charity which has outlived its usefulness, to some active public benevolence whose scope shall be as nearly as possible within the original desires of the donor.
3. The creation of a stronger and better community feeling and the attainment of broad community purposes through the use of the unrestricted income from gifts, both large and small.
4. The securing for established charities and for investigation and research of funds which might not otherwise be obtainable.
5. The assurance of the donors, to the charity, and to the public, of the highest degree of care and responsibility in the investment and reinvestment of the principal of charitable gifts through the co-operation of the trust companies, adequately equipped and authorized to act under the law.
6. Opportunity for men of small means with no direct descendants to make contributions to a common community fund.
7. The opportunity for men of large means after having cared for their own, to provide that the residuum of their estates shall remain intact, the income to be used for public purposes.

The plan provides that the income of the Trust shall be distributed by a committee which shall consist of eleven citizens of the United States and residents of the community, selected for knowledge of the educational, charitable or benevolent needs of the inhabitants of the community. In no event shall more than three of the members belong to the same religious sect or denomination. No person holding a public office shall be a member of said Committee, and if any member of said committee shall be appointed or elected to any public office, such member shall thereupon and without further action or proceedings whatever, cease to be a member of the committee. The committee shall be constituted, nominated, appointed and classified as follows:

- Class 1. One member by the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.  
Class 2. One member by the Mayor of the City of New York.  
Class 3. One member by the President of the New York Academy of Medicine.  
Class 4. One member by the President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.  
Class 5. One member by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Class 6. One member by the Senior Circuit Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit.

Class 7. Five members by the Trustees Committee, none of whom shall be executive officers of the trustees.

In illustration and explanation of the uses and purposes to which the income may be applied the following illustrative purposes are cited:

- (a) For assisting public educational, charitable or benevolent institutions, whether supported wholly or in part by private donations or by public taxation.
- (b) For promoting scientific research for the advancement of human knowledge and the alleviation of human suffering or the suffering of animals.
- (c) For the care of the sick, aged and helpless.
- (d) For the care of needy men, women and children.
- (e) For aiding in the reformation of (1) victims of narcotics, drugs and intoxicating liquors, (2) released inmates of penal and reformatory institutions, and (3) wayward or delinquent persons.
- (f) For the improvement of living and working conditions.
- (g) For providing facilities for public recreation.
- (h) For the encouragement of sanitation and measures for the prevention of disease.
- (j) For investigating or promoting the investigation or of research into the causes of ignorance, poverty and vice, preventing the operation of such causes, and remedying or ameliorating the conditions resulting therefrom.

The Community Trust Plan is now operative in the following cities:

Chicago	Providence	Buffalo
Boston	Milwaukee	Winston-Salem
Philadelphia	Minneapolis	Asheville
St. Louis	Lincoln	Salisbury
Cleveland	Louisville	Highpoint
Detroit	Los Angeles	Peoria
Pittsburgh	New Orleans	Newark, N. J.
Attleboro	Seattle	Cincinnati
Houston	Spokane	Tulsa, Okla.
Indianapolis	St. Louis City	Richmond
Worcester	Honolulu, H. T.	Harrisburg

The New York Community Trust, having had in its formation the advantages of the experience which has gone before, seems destined to fill a useful and increasingly important place in the affairs of the community in the years to come. In a number of instances, it is stated, Trust Companies which have adopted the resolution have already been named under wills as trustee for the New York Community Trust. It is added that the amount of these bequests cannot be determined at this time.

#### COMMITTEE OF A. B. A. URGES PLAN FOR PRIVATELY OWNED MERCHANT MARINE.

The American Bankers' Association, through its Committee on Commerce and Marine, presented a statement to the Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate on Feb. 16, urging for the proper maintenance and development of this country's foreign trade, a privately owned and operated merchant marine. The Bankers' Association Committee advocated the working out, at the earliest possible moment, of a plan providing equitably for the disposal of the Government-owned merchant fleet to responsible American concerns at prices fairly corresponding to the value of such vessels in the markets of the world, well-established shipping firms having, in this disposal, their rightful opportunity to expand their business. The Committee, in its statement, expressed the opinion that the Government "should adopt as a definite policy that it will in no manner or form compete with established steamship lines, as is the case to-day. We believe that in this attitude will be found the greatest encouragement and the greatest stimulus for individual initiative." The Committee asserted "that present conditions more than ever demand a speedy determination of shipping policy, and that such policy should, first of all, be based on the fact that private initiative and experience in shipping cannot safely be set aside in favor of experimentation in untried fields." The Committee stated that, if the Government should decide to dispose of its mercantile shipping, after first fixing a reasonable price thereon, the plan probably would call for the payment in cash by the purchasers of a certain percentage, possibly 25% of the agreed price, the balance to be paid in installments, and said that, under such circumstances, it would endeavor to use its best efforts, as a branch of the American Bankers' Association, to cooperate in studying, formulating and recommending a safe and consistent plan of ship financing for the benefit and guidance of all concerned.

The Commerce and Marine Committee, which has as its Chairman John McHugh, Vice-President of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of New York City, is composed of fifteen representative bankers from all sections of the country, and the President of the American Bankers' Association, Richard S. Hawes, Vice-President of the First National Bank in St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., is a member of it. The statement was presented for the Committee by William F. Collins, its secretary.

## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 24 shares and were all made at auction. A sale of Corn Exchange Bank stock was made at 440—129½ points, higher than the price paid at the last previous sale a year ago. Seven shares of stock of the Bank of America were sold at 611, the last previous sale having been made in March 1917 at 570.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
7	Bank of America	611	611	611	Mar. 1917—570
11.9	Corn Exchange Bank	440	440	440	Mar. 1919—310½
BANK—New York.					
6	Mechanics Bank	a88¼	a88¼	a88¼	Oct. 1917 114¼ %

a Dollars per share; par value of shares \$50 each.

Otto H. Kahn, of Kahn, Loeb & Co., sailed on Mar. 2 on the Cunard liner Kaiserin Auguste-Victoria for a trip to Europe during which he will visit Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy. Mr. Kahn, who expects to be away about three months, stated that he will not go to Germany.

Imbrie & Co. in announcing recently that they were prepared to meet the requirements of those desirous of investing in foreign exchange, issued a circular saying in part:

For the first time the general public in America is beginning to realize the effect of foreign exchange upon its commercial and industrial prosperity.

We have had from a great many of our clients inquiries as to a method of investment directly in currencies of European countries.

They are inclined to believe

That the solution of the problem must rest with the general public.

That those who do their share may be directly benefitted.

In response to this growing demand for a simple method of direct investment in pounds and francs, we are prepared to issue interest-bearing receipts representing deposits with our correspondent banks in Paris and London.

These receipts will bear interest in the same way as bank deposits in this country bear interest. They will be callable for withdrawal on 31 days' notice in writing to us and will be payable at that time in New York funds at the ruling rate of exchange on day of withdrawal. At present sterling is about 33% discount and francs are at about a 65% discount.

The New York agency of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at 36 Wall St., this city (Wade Gardner, agent), announces that the dividend for the last half of 1919 of the Corporation was as follows: £2 5s. per share, £3 10s. bonus per share. This is in addition to the £2 5s. per share paid for the first half of 1919, making a total of £8 per share for the year; \$2,000,000 Hongkong currency were added to silver reserve; \$1,000,000 (Hongkong) were written off bank premises; \$3,250,000 (Hongkong) were carried forward to next account.

For the purpose of providing additional needed space the United States Mortgage & Trust Co of this city has just completed extensive alterations and improvements in its main office at 55 Cedar St. The outstanding feature is the construction of a spacious and artistic mezzanine which completely surrounds the main banking room. The motif and finish harmonize with the adjoining construction, thus preserving the architectural style of the main banking room, which is in the Italian Renaissance, and which has long been recognized as one of the most distinctive and attractive examples of bank architecture in the city.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on March 1 opened an office at 268 Grand St., between Christie and Forsyth streets, for the transaction of a general commercial banking business and the maintenance of a complete service for foreign drafts, cable transfers and money orders. The first floor of the building, which was formerly occupied by the Mutual Alliance Trust Co., will be occupied by the general banking department, and the foreign department will be located in the basement. Both floors have been remodeled and fitted with all conveniences for the transaction of business. The new office is being opened in order to provide more quickly and efficiently for the constantly increasing volume of foreign exchange business handled by the company. Special arrangements have been made for sending money, through this office, by cable or mail, to any accessible part of the world, including Poland, Central Europe and the Balkans. Harry Lawton, who has had charge of the overseas service at the main office and who has had a wide experience in international banking, will be manager of the Grand St. office.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has issued a booklet on the Transportation Act of 1920 (the Esch-Cummins Bill) under which the railroads of the United States have been returned to their owners. The text of the law, as reported by the Conference Committee of Senators and Representatives, is printed in full and carefully indexed. There is also

given a summary of the Act for ready reference, and a brief account of the history of Federal regulations pertaining to railroads and other common carriers, beginning with the enactment of the Inter-State Commerce Act in 1887. Copies of the booklet, we are informed, may be had upon request to the company.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas announces the opening at Puerto Cabello of the fourth branch of its Venezuelan affiliate, the Banco Mercantil Americano de Caracas. According to recent figures, 52% of Puerto Cabello's exports go to the United States and 67% of its import trade comes from the United States. The export trade is largely dependent upon the size of the coffee and cacao crops which are the principal exports. The Mercantile Bank of the Americas also announces the opening of a branch at Ciego de Avila, Cuba, of its affiliate, the Banco Mercantil Americano de Cuba.

Frank Stemple was appointed an Assistant Manager of the Foreign Department of the National Bank of Commerce in New York on Mar. 1. He has been connected with the bank since October 1915.

The Columbia Trust Co. of this city has ready for distribution its third edition of "Ownership Certificates, Information at the Source, Withholding at the Source." This digest of these three phases of the Federal Income Tax Law is considered especially useful to banks, trust companies and brokerage houses.

The American Trust Co. and the New York Title & Mortgage Co. have purchased a site at 205-13 Montague Street, Brooklyn, near Court Street, to accommodate the growing business of the two institutions. The building is of an attractive Doric type with pillared front, easily adaptable for banking purposes and with the improvements and present equipment of the bank and Title company will furnish the American Trust Co. and the New York Title & Mortgage Co. one of the best banking sites in the financial centre of Brooklyn. President Harry A. Kahler, at the New York office, Broadway and Cedar Street, announced that immediate possession would be taken of a part of the building and the remainder will be occupied as soon as existing leases expire.

The American National Bank of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is the name of an institution for which a charter is sought. In the application to the Comptroller of the Currency the capital is fixed at \$100,000.

An application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for Peoples National Bank of Elizabeth, N. J., capital \$200,000.

\$500,000 has been added to the capital of the City Bank Trust Co. of Syracuse, N. Y., making the same \$2,000,000 instead of \$1,500,000. The proposal to enlarge the capital was ratified by the stockholders on Feb. 7. The selling price of the new stock (par \$100) is \$200 per share. The new stock is payable 10% on subscription, 15% April 1st 1920 25% each on June 1, Aug. 1 and Oct. 1.

The Peoples National Bank of Malone, N. Y. (capital \$150,000), has been placed in voluntary liquidation, its assets having been taken over by the Peoples Trust Co. of Malone.

George F. Hills, President of the State Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., and of the Hartford Clearing House Association, died on Feb. 20 following an illness of less than two weeks. Mr. Hills was 82 years of age. Mr. Hills had been associated with the State Bank & Trust Co. for 65 years, having entered the institution as a discount clerk on Sept. 18 1854, becoming Cashier in 1865 and President in 1889. He became President of the Clearing House Association in 1910 at the time of the death of H. A. Redfield.

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Union Trust Co. of Providence, R. I., on March 1 George W. Gardner and Dr. John W. Keefe were elected directors of the company.



Group insurance has been provided for the employees of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, according to an announcement made by President Philip Stockton on Feb. 12. The plan adopted by the company requires no medical examination. Each employee is insured for an amount equal to his or her annual salary, if less than \$5,000. It affects about 630 employees. The insurance which is made applicable to all those who have been in the employ of the company for at least a month will continue in force only while the group policy is effective and while the employee is working regularly for the company. The policy provides that (1) in the event of death at any time the insurance will be paid to the designated beneficiary; (2) that in the event of permanent total disability before the age of sixty the insurance will be paid to the employee, and (3) that upon proper application and payment of premiums any employee at the termination of his employment may take out insurance of like amount without physical examination. It is pointed out that while it is hoped that the group policy will be continued from year to year, it now is being tested as an experiment.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., it was voted to recommend to the stockholders that the capital of the bank be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$15,000,000. The stockholders will meet on March 29 to act on the proposal. The new stock will be offered to shareholders of record April 1 at par, viz., \$100 per share. The increased capital is to become effective April 15 1920.

The stockholders of the Exchange Trust Co. of Boston will meet March 9 to take action upon a proposal to authorize the President to petition the Bank Commissioner for approval of an increase of the capital stock of the company. It is planned to increase the capital from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 by an issue of 4,000 additional shares of a par value of \$100 each. It is also proposed to sell the new shares at \$200 per share and to carry the amount received from the sale of said new stock over and above the par value, as surplus.

The Phillipsburg Trust Co. of Phillipsburg, N. J., is advertising for bids for the erection of a new banking house to be located adjoining its present quarters. Bids are advertised to be presented on or before March 15 and the plans and specifications for the building are on file at its office, as well as that of the architect, William M. Michler of the Drake Building, Easton, Pa. The trust company began business on June 4 1917 and is the only trust company in Warren County, New Jersey, at the present writing. The deposits to date are approximately one half million of dollars and the officers are O. D. McConnell, President and Trust Officer; Thomas Newman, Vice-President and W. Sargeant Nixon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Walter H. Lippincott has been elected President of the Logan Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., succeeding Howland Comly, who has been made chairman of the Board. E. Clarence Miller has been elected a Vice-President. Mr. Lippincott and Mr. Miller are both members of the firm of Bioren & Co., of Philadelphia.

The Merchants National Bank of Butler, Pa., has increased its capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

A new institution, namely the Mount Vernon Savings Bank of Washington, D. C., is being organized by R. Golden Donaldson and C. C. Tucker. The bank which is to be located at Ninth and K Streets, is to have an authorized capital of \$200,000, it is planned to begin business as soon as \$100,000 of capital and a surplus of \$25,000 has been subscribed. William R. Baum, who has resigned as cashier of the Security Savings & Commercial Bank of Washington, will be cashier of the bank now being formed.

The election of John H. Lange as Cashier and Secretary of the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank of Columbus, Ohio, to succeed the late Walter English, was announced on Jan. 31 by the President of the bank, R. H. Schryver. Mr. Lange had been connected with the State Banking Department for seven years. The following is the present list of officers of the bank:

R. H. Schryver, President; George W. Bright, Chairman of the Board; O. A. Miller, Vice-President; Carl J. Hoster, Vice-President; J. F. Stone, Vice-President; John H. Lange, Cashier and Secretary; Leo J. Schlaechter, Auditor; John B. Dury, Asst. Cashier; John Blanpied, Asst. Secretary.

A stock affiliation of the National Bank of Elyria and The Lorain County Savings and Trust Company of Elyria, Ohio, has been effected. The two institutions will retain their separate existence, but will be operated under the direction of a joint Finance Committee. The capital of the National Bank of Elyria is \$250,000, and the Lorain County Savings and Trust Company has increased its capital from \$200,000 to \$250,000; combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the two institutions will aggregate approximately \$900,000 total assets \$8,500,000. Property has been purchased and plans have been drawn for a new structure for the use of The National Bank of Elyria immediately adjoining the present 10 story building of The Lorain County Savings and Trust Company. The title of the National Bank of Elyria has been recently changed to the First National Bank in Elyria. Elyria is a city of 30,000 people, growing rapidly.

Edward N. Heinz, Assistant Cashier and Manager of the Foreign Department of the Fort Dearborn National Bank, of Chicago has left for New York, from which city he sails for Europe where he will study economic conditions for the Fort Dearborn Banks in all countries now accessible. He will also come in personal contact with the bank's foreign correspondents. Mr. Heinz will attend the industrial fairs at Leipzig, Germany; Lille, France; and Brussels, Belgium. Before returning home he will visit Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Hungary, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, the Scandinavian countries and England.

W. Frank McClure, Advertising Manager of the Fort Dearborn National Bank and Chairman of the advertising council of the Chicago Association of Commerce, has been appointed by Mayor Thompson, Chairman of the advisory council of the Chicago Boosters' Publicity Club, Inc. The advisory council will handle the \$1,000,000 a year campaign to spread Chicago's fame and advantages to all parts of the world. The other member of the advisory council are: Henry Shott, Montgomery Ward & Co.; S. C. Jones, James S. Kirk Company; R. A. Brown, Marshall, Field & Co.; E. S. LaBart, Wilson & Co.; Dana Howard, Commonwealth Edison Company; Earl Barber, Alfred Decker & Cohn; F. W. Heiskell, International Harvester Co.; S. Edgrin, Sprague, Warner & Co.; L. G. Reynolds, Stewart-Warner Speedometer Company; H. C. Darger, Blue Valley Creamery Company, and H. Greenbaum, Wieboldt's Department Stores.

Four hundred business men in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, attended a banquet on the evening of Jan. 23, in honor of John Fletcher, Vice-President of the Fort Dearborn National Bank, Chicago. The affair was in the nature of a homecoming, as Mr. Fletcher was a former resident of Cedar Rapids, leaving there to come to Chicago fifteen years ago. The banquet was under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and proved a delightful affair. After eleven years in Cedar Rapids, Mr. Fletcher went to Chicago as Assistant Cashier of the Drovers National Bank. In 1910 he became President of the Drovers National Bank. In 1914, he was chosen Vice-President of the Fort Dearborn National Bank.

An increase of \$100,000 in the capital of the Palmer National Bank of Danville, Ill. is announced by the Comptroller of the Currency, the amount being raised from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

The Comptroller of the Currency reports that the National Bank of Decatur at Decatur, Ill., has increased its capital from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Detroit Savings Bank of Detroit, Mich., on Feb. 26, the recommendation of the directors that the present capital of \$750,000 and surplus of like amount be increased to \$1,500,000, was ratified. The stock (par \$100) is to be sold to stockholders of date May 1 1920 at \$200 per share. This increase is brought about through the issuance of 7,500 additional shares. The new capital is to become effective May 1 1920.

The First & Security National Bank of Minneapolis has changed its name to the First National Bank of Minneapolis. Announcement of the proposed change was made in these columns Jan. 31.

The first bonus check given by the State of Minnesota to the men of the State who served the country during the war, was promptly deposited by the recipient Melvin C. Meland, in the Farmers' & Mechanics' Savings Bank of Minneapolis, which points to his action as an admirable example of thrift which others receiving State bonus claims might profitably follow. The bonus check amounted to \$435.

The Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee announces the opening of its Chicago office at 105 South La Salle Street, with W. E. Lewis, resident Vice-President, in charge. The company will assist, it is announced, in all kinds of legitimate financing and will underwrite security issues to develop the resources of this central region. The officers are: Jos. E. Uihlein, President; Albert C. Elser, Robert A. Uihlein, Henry C. Quarles, Erwin C. Uihlein, R. S. Peotter, Gustav Wollaeger Jr., and W. E. Lewis, Vice-Presidents; Russell Jackson, counsel; G. L. Weigle, Secretary and Treasurer; J. B. Angle and R. T. Phillips, Assistant Secretaries; and Walter F. Thomas, Assistant Treasurer.

The City National Bank of Oshkosh, Wis., has increased its capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

According to the weekly bulletin of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Union National Bank of Bartlesville, Okla., has increased its capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

An application for a charter for the American National Bank of Okmulgee, Okla., has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency. The capital is fixed at \$150,000.

The Comptroller of the Currency reports the issuance of a charter for the Globe National Bank of Denver, Colo., with a capital of \$200,000. D. H. Staley is President and August Loehwing, Cashier. The bank succeeds the Commerce State & Savings Bank of Denver. The application for the charter for the national bank was referred to in our issue of Jan. 3.

A consolidation has been arranged of the two oldest financial institutions in Emporia, Kansas, namely the Citizens National Bank and the Emporia National Bank. The resulting institution, which will be known as the Emporia-Citizens National Bank, will have a capital of \$500,000 and resources of more than \$4,000,000. F. C. Newman, President of the Citizens National Bank, will be President of the enlarged institution, and L. Jay Buck, President of the Emporia National Bank, its Vice-President. The merger is expected to become effective in about sixty days. It is planned to erect a new four-story bank building in the near future.

The Kansas National Bank of Wichita, Kans., and the National Bank of Commerce of Wichita, Kans. have been consolidated under the charter of the Kansas National Bank of Wichita and under the corporate title of the First National Bank in Wichita, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The combined capital prior to consolidation was \$400,000.

J. D. Gillespie, lately cashier of the Tension National Bank of Dallas, has been elected Active Vice-President and Cashier of the Central State Bank of Dallas. Mr. Gillespie is manager of the Dallas Clearing House Association, Chairman of the committee on Federal reserve relations of the Texas Bankers Association and a director of the Association of Reserve City Bankers.

The sixty-second annual report of Lloyd's Bank, Ltd. (head office London) for the calendar year 1919, submitted to the shareholders at their ordinary general meeting held at Birmingham, England, on Feb. 3 last, is at hand. It shows net profits for the year, after making provision for rebate, income tax, bad debts, contingencies, &c., of £2,876,303, which with £472,755, the balance brought forward from 1918, made the sum of £3,349,058 available for distribution. Out of this total an interim dividend of 14s. 6d. per share, being at the rate of 18½% per annum, and amounting, less income tax, to £572,377, was paid for the half year ended June 30 last; £200,000 was written off bank premises;

£1,150,000 was set aside as a special contingency account for writing down the bank's investments; £50,000 was allocated to the staff widows and orphans fund and £150,000 was added to reserve fund. From the balance remaining, £1,226,681, the directors recommended that the payment of a dividend at the same rate for the last half year, amounting, less income tax, to £597,616, and a bonus of 3s. per share for the same period, also less income tax, amounting to £123,645, be paid, leaving a balance of £505,420 to be carried forward to the profit and loss account of the current year, as against £472,755 brought forward from 1918. During the year, the report states, the bank took over the West Yorkshire Bank, Ltd., and opened new branches in Old Bond Street, W., at Barnard Castle, Berkhamsted, Carlisle, Croydon, Grantham, Herne Bay, Holyhead, Kendal, Knighton, Lewes, Penrith, Preston, Scarborough, Stourport, Teddington, Wallington, Whitehaven and elsewhere. In addition, a large number of sub-branches have been opened or re-opened. In his statement concerning the assets and liabilities of the institution, Sir Richard V. Vassar-Smith, Bart., chairman of the bank, said in part:

During the year we have, as already stated, acquired further shares in the National Bank of Scotland and the London & River Plate Bank, so that both the amount and the value of our holdings are higher. There has been no further capital placed in our foreign bank. I may mention here that the title of that bank has been altered from "Lloyds Bank (France) & National Provincial Bank (France) Limited" to "Lloyds & National Provincial Foreign Bank Limited." It is shorter, and, as our business has extended outside the borders of France, more appropriate.

At the meeting, also, the following resolutions with regard to the bank's capital and reserve fund were submitted to the shareholders and passed:

(1) That, pursuant to Article 124 of the Articles of Association, this general meeting of the shareholders of Lloyds Bank Limited, on the recommendation of the board, direct that, out of the moneys now standing to the credit of the reserve fund, a sum equivalent of £2 per share on each of the shares of the bank of £50 each issued as at the 20th January, 1920, be capitalized by crediting £2 per share in part payment of the amount unpaid on each such share, making the total amount paid up thereon £10 per share, the whole of which will rank for all dividends and bonuses which may be paid in respect of any period subsequent to the 31st December, 1919.

(2) That the capital of the bank be increased from £80,000,000 to £72,500,000 by the creation of 2,500,000 new shares of £5 each.

(3) That the directors of the bank be authorized to issue 2,355,456 new shares of £5 each (such shares to be provisionally allotted with right of renunciation) to those shareholders who were registered as holders of shares on the 20th of January, 1920, at the rate of two new shares of £5 each for each share of £50 then held by them, upon payment of the sum of £2 2s. 6d. per share, of which £1 is to be a payment in respect of capital and £1 2s. 6d. a payment by way of premium. And that any of such new shares of which the provisional allotment may not have been accepted in the prescribed manner on or before the 10th March, 1920, by shareholders or by the persons in whose favor they may have renounced such allotment, shall be at the disposal of the directors, to be allotted and issued to such persons or companies and upon such terms and conditions as the directors may determine.

(4) That the said new shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the issued share capital of the bank, and shall entitle the holders to rank in respect of the £1 paid up on account of capital for all dividends and bonuses which may be paid in respect of any period subsequent to the 31st December, 1919.

The 138th semi-annual report of the Bank of New South Wales (head office Sydney) for the six months ending Sept. 30 1919, presented to the shareholders at their half-yearly meeting held in Sydney on Nov. 28 last, is at hand. The report shows net profits, after deducting rebate on current bills, interest on deposits, paying income, land and other taxes, reducing valuation of bank premises, providing for bad and doubtful debts, and fluctuations in the value of investment securities, and including recoveries from debts previously written off as bad, of £302,426 and making with £137,313, representing undivided balance from the previous six months, £439,739 available for distribution. Out of this total an interim dividend at the rate of 10% per annum for the quarter ended June 30 last was paid amounting to £99,038. From the balance remaining, £340,700, the directors recommended that £100,000 be appropriated to pay a quarter's dividend to Sept. 30 1919 at the rate of 10% per annum; £330 to take care of interest at 5% per annum to June 30 1919 in capital paid in advance on other than the fixed dates in respect of the new shares on the London Share Register and £100,000 to augment the reserve fund of the bank (making the same £3,200,000), leaving a balance of £140,370 to be carried forward to the current half-year. Total assets are given in the report as £67,036,249. The paid-up capital of the Bank of New South Wales is £4,000,000, with reserve fund of £3,200,000 and reserve liability of proprietors £4,000,000. During the half-year branches were opened at Mathoura (New South Wales) and at Kaikohe (New Zealand) and the branch at Eaglehawk (Victoria) was closed, making the total number of branches and agencies 340. The Hon. Sir C. K. MacKellar is President of the institution and Sir John Russell French, General



Manager. Sir Frederick Green is Chairman at the London office, 29 Threadneedle Street, E. C. 2.

The Chosen Industrial Bank Ltd. of Seoul, Chosen, in its semi-annual statement to June 30 1919, reported that the profits, after deducting expenses, providing for interest on deposits, rebate on bills and for all bad and doubtful debts, amounted to yen 115,381, to which was added the Government subsidy, yen 43,000, making a total of yen 153,381, which it was proposed to appropriate as follows:

	Yen (excluding the shares held by the Government).
Dividend 7% per annum	135,381 40
Reserve fund to provide for loss	9,509 00
Reserve fund to equalize dividend	2,500 00
Bonus and allowances	11,000 00
	Yen 158,381 40

The bank has a capital of yen 10,000,000, a reserve fund of yen 613,770; its total assets on June 30 1919 amounted to yen 49,751,191. The capital is divided into 200,000 shares of 50 yen each, of which yen 4,197,940 is paid up, the full amount being paid up on 6,598 shares held by the Government, and 20 yen on each share other than those held by the Government. With regard to the aims of the bank, its President Tarō Mishima writes us as follows:

The bank was established in Seoul, Chosen (Korea), on October 1st of last year by Government special charter to promote more various economic enterprises in Chosen, and at the same time the bank uniting agricultural and industrial banks, six in number, existed until that time the bank has become the largest bank of the kind in peninsula, still more the bank being authorized to issue debentures the bank raised them recently on home market.

From the report of the bank we take the following:

The total amount of export done by Chosen during the half year under review was 100,830,000 yen, including gold and silver bullion, and the total amount of import done during the same period was 125,430,000 yen, making a grand total of 226,260,000 yen. As compared with the corresponding period of last year, the export shows an increase in value of 39,720,000 yen (65%) and the import 57,640,000 yen.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Feb. 12 1920:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue has again increased substantially, the total—£105,232,560—is £2,953,505 more than that in last week's return.

Gold has continued in good request for several quarters, amongst which figure South Africa, Straits Settlements, South America and the trade. The price fell from the record quotation of 127s. 4d. on the 5th inst. to 123s. 6d., and has remained within 6d. of that figure until to-day, when the firmness of the American exchange caused a fall of 3s.

SILVER.

The market has shown considerable steadiness during the week with an inclination upward, in the course of which a new record price for cash delivery, namely, 89½d., was established yesterday. To-day, however, the strong recovery of the American exchange and a fall in the China exchange have brought about a fall. The imminence of the Chinese New Year, which is due on the 20th inst., doubtless caused the reduction of the Shanghai tea exchange to-day from 9s. 3d. to 8s. 11d.

Cable advices announce that the following shipments of bar silver were made from San Francisco on the 7th inst.: 2,963,000 ounces to Shanghai and 875,000 ounces to Hongkong.

The notice given to Parliament on the 10th inst. that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would introduce a bill to amend the law as to the standard fineness of silver coin in the United Kingdom and other parts of His Majesty's dominions is one more step, and a most important one, in reducing the urgency of the silver demand for coinage, for obviously the intention of the bill will be to reduce the fineness of the metal struck. The countries affected will be Australia, the West African colonies, and other places where sterling coins, of a nominal value similar to those of the United Kingdom, pass current. Recently it has been proposed that the quality of Canadian subsidiary silver coins should be reduced to .800 fine. A reduction in quality of sterling silver coin (.925) to .800 fine would not solve the difficulties on account of which the bill is to be introduced, for the cost of providing the metal would still exceed the nominal value. For instance, the value of the silver in an ounce of metal .800 fine would be, at to-day's price, 76.75d., whilst the coins struck therefrom would, unless the present legal gross weight of the coins be altered, only pass current for 66d. Even .700 quality would cost 67.15d. In other words, if the silver coinage is to be brought below its melting value, the weight of the coins and (or) the fineness must be reduced to an adequate extent.

The announcement that the embargo upon private imports of silver into India and the import duty have been removed, is of considerable interest. The prohibition on export will still remain. The natives of India will enjoy a privilege not possessed in the United Kingdom, for, in India, the prohibition of using gold and silver coins otherwise than as currency has been canceled.

At to-day's price here, and 111 rupees per 100 tolas fine (the proable quotation in India), the par is 2s. 8½d., in which is included 1½% for the cost of transmission, interest, &c.

The consumption of silver by the Indian Bazaars in the old days use to be about 35,000,000 ounces per annum. We have now to do with a people enriched by the war and rationed as to gold. In these circumstances, even a larger annual absorption is possible. The restoration of a free market will be very welcome to the Indian Bazaars, to whom silver speculation possessed keen attraction, linked as the demand for the metal has always been to the prospects of harvest. Forced for a while to transfer the exercise of their sporting instincts to the tendering for gold offered by the Government, they will turn with renewed zest to the opportunity of a much larger margin of profits afforded by operations in silver, now phenomenally high in price, and liable to wide fluctuations from causes remarkably diverse in

character. It is fairly safe to assume that a free market for silver in India will, in the long run, result in doing away with the need for coining more silver rupees for some time to come. The embargo upon the private importation of silver into India not only caused the melting of rupees but also increased hoarding, owing to a fear of a greater scarcity of this metal in the future. When the bazaars are supplied freely with silver, and the price of silver in India falls in consequence below the melting value of the rupee it is reasonable to expect that coins will be resurrected from the soil, and wherever else they may have been secreted, and that there will be an abundance of hoarded silver rupees brought into circulation. The huge coinage of India in recent years encourages this idea.

It is worthy of notice that, as the Indian Bazaars are not likely to buy above the melting value of the rupee in India, the price they can pay, as well as the currency pound value of the rupee, will both largely be measured by the premium on gold in this country.

Indian Currency Returns.

(In Lacs of rupees)—	Jan. 22.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 7.
Notes in circulation	18495	18515	18329
Silver coin and bullion in India	4099	4033	3947
Silver coin and bullion out of India	3385	3510	3534
Gold coin and bullion in India	1200	1162	1028
Gold coin and bullion out of India	1560	1560	1560
Securities (Indian Government)	8250	8250	8250
Securities (British Government)	8250	8250	8250

The coinage during the week ending 7th inst. amounted to 67 lacs of rupees.

The stock in Shanghai on the 31st ult. consisted of about 26,150,000 ounces in sycee, 11,000,000 dollars, and 40 lacs of silver bars and U. S. dollars, as compared with about 24,650,000 ounces in sycee 11,000,000 dollars and 80 lacs of silver bars and U. S. dollars on the 24th ult.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

	Cash.	2 Mos.		Cash.	2 Mos.
Feb. 6.	88d.	86½d.	Feb. 12.	88½d.	85½d.
" 7.	89d.	87¾d.	Average	88.75d.	86.833d.
" 9.	88½d.	86½d.	Bank rate		6%
" 10.	88¾d.	87¾d.	Bar gold per oz. fine		120 s.
" 11.	89½d.	87½d.			

The quotations to-day for cash and for forward delivery are, respectively 1½d. above and ¾d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

	London.	Feb. 28.	Mar. 1.	Mar. 2.	Mar. 3.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 5.
Week ending Mar. 5.		Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.	83¾	84	83½	83¾	84	84	77½
Gold per fine ounce	122s. 4d.	121s. 5d.	119s. 6d.	120s.	119s.	118s. 6d.	118s. 6d.
Consols, 2½ per cents.	Holiday	49½	49	49½	49½	49½	49½
British, 5 per cents.	Holiday	87½	87½	87½	88	88½	88½
British, 4½ per cents.	Holiday	80½	80	79½	79½	80	80
French Rentee (in Paris), fr.	57.85	57.90	57.52	57.90	58.20	57.90	57.90
French War Loan (in Paris), fr.							

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz.—cts. 130 131½ 132 131¾ 131¼ 129½

Clearings by Telegraph—Sales of Stocks, Bonds, &c.—The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current week, usually appears on the first page of each issue, but on account of the length of the other tables is crowded out once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph.	1920	1919	Per Cent.
Week ending March 6.			
New York	84,093,365,050	83,183,860,302	+28.6
Chicago	675,029,525	476,047,261	+48.1
Philadelphia	410,451,939	319,166,826	+28.6
Boston	306,073,433	237,992,596	+28.6
Kansas City	243,338,069	177,746,275	+36.9
St. Louis	160,500,245	128,591,303	+24.8
San Francisco	146,555,731	98,741,885	+48.4
Pittsburgh	141,913,820	108,000,295	+31.4
Detroit	100,320,499	68,215,377	+32.4
Baltimore	82,061,312	67,247,888	+22.1
New Orleans	67,817,024	48,402,232	+40.1
Eleven cities, 5 days	\$6,427,356,068	\$4,913,481,940	+30.8
Other cities, 5 days	1,239,486,793	901,278,817	+37.1
Total all cities, 5 days	87,666,945,461	85,817,760,757	+31.8
All cities, 1 day	1,455,926,718	1,024,272,745	+42.1
Total all cities for week	\$9,122,870,179	\$6,812,033,502	+33.3

\* Partly estimated.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the two months of 1920 and 1919 are given below:

Description.	Two Months 1920.			Two Months 1919.		
	Par Value or Quantity.	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.	Par Value or Quantity.	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.
Stock (Shs.)	41,743,469	3,207,873,889	88.9	24,069,206	\$2,075,703,722	91.1
RR. bonds	\$3,710,470,000	84,318,344	83.0	\$2,278,036,705	63,030,623	89.9
U. S. Gov't bonds	99,215,000	489,371,139	93.4	70,104,000	329,253,647	95.4
State, &c. bonds	524,120,200	48,649,093	94.8	346,177,500	98,530,244	99.7
Bank stocks	51,317,000	28,700		28,700	59,652,207.8	207.8
Total	\$4,385,123,200	\$3,920,212,465	89.4	\$2,794,087,905	\$2,566,683,892	91.8

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 in 1920 and 1919 is indicated in the following:

SALES OF STOCKS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Mth.	1920.			1919.		
	Number of Shares.	Values.		Number of Shares.	Values.	
		Par.	Actual.		Par.	Actual.
Jan.	19,880,166	\$1,781,060,200	\$1,611,927,486	11,858,465	\$1,126,755,709	\$1,037,426,808
Feb.	21,865,303	\$1,929,469,800	\$1,685,946,403	12,210,741	\$1,152,181,000	\$1,038,276,918

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1920 and 1919:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Month, Clearings, Total All., Clearings Outside New York. Rows include January and February 1920 and 1919.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of February and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table with columns: City, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Lists major cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, etc.

Other Western and Southern clearings brought forward from first page.

Clearings at—

Table with columns: City, Month of February, Two Months. Lists cities like Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, etc.

Table with columns: City, 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec. Lists cities like St. Louis, New Orleans, Houston, etc.

Clearings at—

Table with columns: City, 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1918, 1917. Lists cities like Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, etc.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings of the Canadian banks for the month of February 1920 show an increase over the same month of 1919 of 39.9%, and for the two months since Jan. 1, the gain reaches 38.2%.

Clearings at—

Table with columns: City, February, Two Months. Lists cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.

The clearings for the week ending Feb. 26, in comparison with the same week of 1919, show an increase in the aggregate of 50.4%.

Clearings at—

Table with columns: City, 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1918, 1917. Lists cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.



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STOCK OF MONEY IN THE COUNTRY.—The following table shows the general stock of money in the country, as well as the holdings by the Treasury and the amount in circulation on the dates given:

Table with columns for Gold coin (including bullion in Treasury), Gold certificates, Standard silver dollars, Silver certificates, Subsidiary coins, Treasury notes of 1890, United States notes, Federal Reserve notes, Federal Reserve bank notes, National bank notes, Total, and Population of continental United States.

This statement of money held in the Treasury as assets of the Government does not include deposits of public money in Federal Reserve banks and in national banks and special depositories to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States amounting to \$520,249,889.32.

Includes \$446,807,008.10 Federal Reserve Gold Settlement Fund deposited with Treasurer of the United States.

Includes own Federal Reserve notes held by Federal Reserve banks.

Revised figures.

On Feb. 1 1920 Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents held against Federal Reserve notes \$796,438,360 gold coin and bullion, \$231,748,280 gold certificates and \$245,353,675 Federal Reserve notes, a total of \$1,273,540,315, against \$1,395,536,055 on Feb. 1 1919.

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

Table listing auction sales for Shares and Stocks, including items like 20 Phillips-Dodge Corp., 5 Natl. Sugar Mfg. of N. J., 7 Bank of America, 35 U. S. Natural Gas, 100 Golden King Mfg., 18 Welden King Mfg., 20 Southern Malleable Iron, 15 U. S. Shipbuilding, 15 U. S. Shipbuilding, 10 Empire Port, Cement, etc.

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

Table listing auction sales for Shares and Stocks, including items like 12 rights 4th-Atlantic Nat. Bk., 15 National Shawmut Bank, 1 Dwlght Mfg., 11 West Point Mfg., 65 rights Great Falls Mfg., 15 Lyman Mills, 10 Merrimack Mfg., 1,500 New England Power, 17 Springfield F. & M. Ins.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing auction sales for Shares and Stocks, including items like 1,500 New England Power, 5 Massachusetts Co. on Mills, 10 Nashua Mfg., 5 U. S. Worsted, 3 U. S. Worsted, 5 Sullivan Machinery, 7 Walter Baker, Ltd., 26 rights Edis. El. of Brock.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing auction sales for Shares and Stocks, including items like 1 Fourth Street National Bank, 65 Peoples Trust, 144 rights to subscribe Ins. Co. of North America, 20 Quaker City National Bank, 10 Northern Trust, 10 Commercial Trust, 5 Penn. Col. for Ins. & Guar. Mgmt., 12 Aldine Trust, 12 Logan Trust, 2 Commonwealth T. I. & T., 3 Fire Assn. of Phila.

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

Table titled 'APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER' with columns for organization of national banks, conversion of state banks, and total capital of \$640,000.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing original organizations and conversion of state banks, including The City National Bank of Amarillo, Tex., The Citizens National Bank of Eastland, Tex., The First National Bank of Bingham Canyon, Utah, etc.

INCREASES OF CAPITAL.

Table listing increases of capital for various banks, including The First National Bank of Wytheville, Va., The First National Bank of Fairfax, S. C., The First National Bank of Atmore, Ala., etc.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

Table listing voluntary liquidations, including The First National Bank of White Plains, N. Y., The San Miguel National Bank of Las Vegas, N. Mex., The Merchants National Bank of the City of New York, etc.

CHARTERS RE-EXTENDED.

The City National Bank of Clinton, Iowa. Charter re-extended until close of business on March 5 1940.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Table listing dividends for various companies, including Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, and other corporations, with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
<b>Banks.</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued)</b>			
Commerces, National Bank of (quar.)	2 1/2	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Dominion Iron & Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	April 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
<b>Trust Companies.</b>				Dominion Oil (monthly)	*100	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Guaranty (quar.)	5	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 19	Dominion Steel Corp. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Mercantile (quar.) (No. 1)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Dominion Textile Corp. (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				Draper Corporation (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Advance-Rumely, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	April 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	duPont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Alex Rubber (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Debutens stook (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Apr. 10
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31	duPont (E. I.) de Nem. Pow., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Amalgamated Leather Cos., Inc., com. (qu.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Durham Hosiery Mills, com A & B (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
American Bank Note, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Common A & B (extra)	5	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
American Beet Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Eastern Steamship, pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	*18	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Amer. Bosh Magneto (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Eastern Steel, com. (qu.) (In L. L. bonds)	42 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 1
American Can, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 17	First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Amer. Car & Foundry, com. (quar.)	3	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Common (extra)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	7 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
American Chiclo, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
American Cigar, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Electric Storage Battery, com. & pref. (qu.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
American Express (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Elk Horn Coal Corp., preferred (quar.)	75c	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Amer. Fork & Hoe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5	Eric Lighting, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Amer. Hide & Leather, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Fabrics, ks, Morse & Co., new com. (No. 1)	*\$1.25	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Amer. International Corp. com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Famous Players-Lasky Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
American Locomotive, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 12	Fastwell Drill & Tool Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Mar. 1	Feb. 28 to Feb. 29
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Federal Mfg. & Smelting, pref. (quar.)	3 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 24
Amer. Manufacturing, common (quar.)	*5 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Fisk Rubber, common (quar.)	*75c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Common (extra)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	General Chemical, old and new (quar.)	*2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	General Clear, debenture pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Amer. Public Service, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	General Electric (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
American Radiator, common (quar.)	3	Mar. 31	Mar. 22 to Mar. 31	General Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Common (extra)	4	Mar. 31	Mar. 22 to Mar. 31	General Tires & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Amer. Smelters Securities, pref. A (qu.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Mar. 13 to Mar. 21	Globe Soap, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Mar. 2 to Mar. 15
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Mar. 13 to Mar. 21	Common (extra)	3	Mar. 15	Mar. 2 to Mar. 15
American Smelting & Refg., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Feb. 28 to Mar. 7	First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Mar. 2 to Mar. 15
American Snuff, com. (quar.)	1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 12	Special preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Mar. 2 to Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 12	Special preferred (extra)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Mar. 2 to Mar. 15
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	*75c	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 1	Goodrich (B. F.) Co., common (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Amer. Stores, 1st & 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Mar. 21 to Apr. 1	Grassell Chemical, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
American Sugar, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Common (extra)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Common (extra)	3	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Great Northern Paper	*1 1/2	Mar. 3	Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Amer. Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	2	Apr. 15	Mar. 20 to Apr. 30	Extra	*3	Mar. 3	Holders of rec. Feb. 21
American Tobacco, preferred (quar.)	80	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 5	Gulf States Steel, first preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
American Wholesale Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
American Woolen, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Mar. 19 to Apr. 1	Harrison-Walker Refec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Apr. 10
A. T. Securities (quar.)	*\$1.25	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5	Hart, Schaffner & Marx, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Arizona Silver (monthly)	3c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Haskell & Barker Car (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Armour & Co., preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Helm (Geo. H.) Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Associated Oil (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 26	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 25	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Atlas Gulf & W. I. S. S. Lines, pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Herules Powder, common (quar.)	2	Mar. 25	Mar. 16 to Mar. 25
Atlantic Refining, common (quar.)	5	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 21	Common (extra)	2	Mar. 25	Mar. 16 to Mar. 25
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	3	Mar. 10	Feb. 29 to Mar. 9	Hilbert Collieries, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Autolux Corporation, pref. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
American Tobacco, preferred (quar.)	*\$2.50	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 31	Hupp Motor Car, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Barnard Oil, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Independent Brewing, Pittsb., com. (qu.)	*50c	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 27
Barrett Company, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Indian Refining, common (quar.)	*3	Mar. 17	*Holders of rec. Mar. 9
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 17	*Holders of rec. Mar. 9
Beaver Board Cos., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Interlake Steamship (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Internat. Motor Truck, 1st & 2d pref.	3 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Belding Paul Corticelli, Ltd., pref.	3 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Internat. Salt (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Bethlehem Steel, com. A & B (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Internat. Sulph. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 21
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Jordan Motor, common (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Booth Fisheries, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Kelly-Springfield Tire, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Borden Company, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of coup. No. 77	Kennecott Copper Corp. (quar.)	25c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
British-American Tob., ord. (interm.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Capital distribution	25c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 1
Brunswick-Balke-Colle det. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 21	Keystone Fire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	3	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Kresge (S. S.) Co., preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Buffalo Gen. Elec. (quar.)	2c	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
California Oil & Gas	2c	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Laekawanna Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
California Packing Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25	Lehigh Valley Coal Sales (quar.)	\$2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Calumet & Arizona Mining (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 22	Holders of rec. Mar. 5	Liberty Motors, common	2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Cambrils Iron	*\$1	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Canada Steel (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 25	Liggett & Myers Tobacco, prof. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Canada Steamship Lines, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Lindsay Light, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Love Star Gas, new stock (No. 1)	*50c	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Canadian Car & Foundry, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 26	Lordard (P. C.), common (quar.)	3	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Canadian General Electric (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Bonus	*\$3 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Maryland Companies, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 6
Preferred	*\$3 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Manati Sugar, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Canadian Locomotive, common (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	May Department Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Mercantile Linotype (quar.)	2 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 3
Carbo Hydrogen Co. of Amer., pref. (qu.)	\$4.50	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Mexican Petroleum, common (quar.)	*2 1/2	Apr. 10	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Carbon Steel, first preferred	8 1/2	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 25	Preferred (quar.)	*2	Apr. 10	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Second preferred	6	July 30	Holders of rec. July 25	Middle States Oil (monthly)	10c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Case (J. I.) Thrash Mach., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Mil Factors Corp., Class A (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Case (J. I.) Plow Works, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 16	Montana Power, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Central Leather, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 13
Central Petroleum, preferred	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Montreal Cottons, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 29
Central States Klee, Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10	National Aniline & Chemical, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 29
Central Texas Sugar, preferred (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	National Biscuit, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Chandler Motor Car (quar.)	*2 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	National Breweries (Canada) (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Chesbrough Mfg. Co., common (quar.)	*3	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10	National Candy, common	4	Mar. 10	Feb. 15 to Feb. 24
Common (extra)	*60c	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10	Common (extra)	5	Mar. 10	Feb. 18 to Feb. 24
Preferred (quar.) (No. 1)	*1 1/2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10	First and second preferred	3 1/2	Mar. 10	Feb. 18 to Feb. 24
Chicago Telephone (quar.)	*2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 30	National Casket (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 30	*Feb. 16 to Feb. 10
Childs Company, common	1 1/2	Mar. 10	Feb. 28 to Mar. 10	Extra	*1	Mar. 30	*Feb. 6 to Feb. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 10	Feb. 28 to Mar. 10	Extra (payable in stock)	*65	Mar. 30	*Feb. 6 to Feb. 10
Cairo Copper Co. (quar.)	37 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 12	Nat. Enamelling & Stamping, com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Cities Service				Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 11
Common and preferred (monthly)	*5	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	National Grocers, common (quar.)	*2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Common (payable in common stock)	*7 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	National Lead, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Preferred B (monthly)	*5	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	National Lead, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Cities Service, Bankers' Shares (monthly)	50.25c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	National Sugar (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 2	Holders of rec. Mar. 8
Claitor, Peabody & Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	National Transit (extra)	*50c	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Coca-Cola Co. (No. 1)	*\$1	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 13	Nevada Consolidated Copper Co. (quar.)	25c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Columbo Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	New York Air Brake (quar.)	2 1/2	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Mar. 2
Columbia Graphophone, com. (quar.)	25c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	New York Transit (quar.)	4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 22
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Nightingale Power, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 3
Columbia Sugar (quar.)	*3	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Computing-Tabulating-Recording (qu.)	1	Apr. 10	Holders of rec. Mar. 25	North American Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 18
Connecticut Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Ohio Cites Gas, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Consolidated Gas Etc. L. & P. H. L. (qu.)	*2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Ohio Oil (quar.)	*\$1.25	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Feb. 28</



Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Feb. 28. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given:

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS. (Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [0,000] omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for State Banks, Trust Companies, and various bank names like Federal Reserve Bank, N.Y. City Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Pennsylvania Water & Power, Philadelphia Electric, etc., with their respective percentages and payment dates.

\* From unofficial sources. † Declared subject to the approval of Director-Generals of Railroads. ‡ The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. § Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ¶ Less British income tax. \*\* Correction. †† Payable in scrip. ‡‡ On account of accumulated dividends. ††† Payable in Liberty Loan bonds. †††† Payable to holders of record Jan. 31. ††††† Payable in quarterly installments on March 30, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 30 to holders of record on March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively. †††††† Declared 6% payable in quarterly installments on March 20, May 31, Aug. 31 and Nov. 30 to holders of record on Feb. 28, May 11, Aug. 11 and Nov. 10, respectively. ††††††† Declared 7% payable in quarterly installments on March 31, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 to holders of record on March 11, June 10, Sept. 10 and Dec. 11. †††††††† Declared 7% payable in quarterly installments. ††††††††† Declared 5% payable in quarterly installments. †††††††††† Transfer received in order in London on or before March 10 will be in time to be passed for payment of dividend to transferee. ††††††††††† Also declared one-twentieth of a share in common stock. †††††††††††† Declared 8% payable 4% as above and 4% Sept. 30 to holders of rec. Sept. 25. ††††††††††††† Payable March 1 1920. †††††††††††††† At rate of 8% per annum from date of issue, Oct. 6 1919.

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

Table with columns: Feb. 28 1920, Changes from previous week, Feb. 21 1920, Feb. 14 1920. Rows include Circulation, Loans, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Cash in bank & in F. R. Bank, Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

\* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footings, as follows: National City Bank, \$135,903,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$75,059,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$22,988,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve or such deposits were: National City Bank, \$36,708,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$7,539,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$4,757,000. † Deposits in foreign branches not included. ‡ U. S. deposits deducted, \$23,593,000. § U. S. deposits deducted, \$18,029,000. || Bills payable, redemptions, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,142,710,000. ¶ As of Jan. 21 1920. †† As of Jan. 1 1920. ††† As of Feb. 14 1920.

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

Table with columns: Members Federal Reserve Banks, Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Banks, State banks, Trust companies, and totals for Feb. 28, Feb. 21, Feb. 14, and Feb. 7.

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

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	b Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve Banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	10,808,000	5,562,000	16,370,000	15,656,760	713,240
Trust companies*	1,869,000	7,762,000	7,631,000	7,592,250	68,750
Total Feb. 28.....	12,677,000	562,950,000	575,627,000	540,434,340	35,192,660
Total Feb. 21.....	12,625,000	534,933,000	547,558,000	539,486,580	8,071,420
Total Feb. 14.....	12,321,000	558,263,000	570,584,000	547,421,840	23,162,160
Total Feb. 7.....	12,227,000	569,456,000	581,683,000	554,751,620	26,931,380

\* 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 banks includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Feb. 28, \$6,426,420; Feb. 21, \$6,505,710; Feb. 14, \$6,516,120; Feb. 7, \$6,585,000.  
 b 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. 28, \$6,414,390; Feb. 21, \$6,453,120; Feb. 14, \$6,492,420; Feb. 7, \$6,613,590.

**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.)

	Feb. 28.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and Investments.....	\$776,121,300	Dec. 11,622,900
Specie.....	8,184,000	Inc. 203,500
Currency and bank notes.....	17,015,800	Inc. 221,700
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York.....	73,205,500	Inc. 2,411,700
Total deposits.....	\$26,356,300	Dec. 2,817,000
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits.....	\$780,286,300	Dec. 5,787,300
Reserve on deposits.....	137,070,900	Inc. 3,071,300
Percentage of reserve, 19.7%.		

	State Banks	Trust Companies
Cash in vaults.....	\$25,117,400 15.31%	\$74,187,900 14.04%
Deposits in banks and trust cos.....	9,961,700 0.38%	27,803,900 5.26%
Total.....	\$35,079,100 21.34%	\$101,991,800 19.30%

**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.**

Week Ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories.
Oct. 25.....	\$ 5,157,850,600	\$ 5,011,330,800	\$ 136,751,700	\$ 698,812,600
Nov. 1.....	5,152,354,000	5,097,701,600	136,421,700	687,726,600
Nov. 8.....	5,196,334,100	5,056,029,200	134,385,200	719,908,100
Nov. 15.....	5,106,291,800	5,032,629,900	141,456,700	708,102,100
Nov. 22.....	5,033,287,000	4,998,912,400	139,286,400	696,738,600
Nov. 29.....	5,965,254,400	4,957,903,600	139,471,300	698,932,400
Dec. 6.....	5,905,254,400	4,957,903,600	142,610,300	698,288,400
Dec. 13.....	5,911,523,100	4,893,718,700	146,126,200	673,370,700
Dec. 20.....	5,977,547,400	4,977,633,400	144,328,500	700,844,200
Dec. 27.....	6,002,477,800	4,874,397,000	152,867,900	656,641,800
Jan. 3.....	6,085,367,900	4,978,325,000	147,113,100	729,999,100
Jan. 10.....	6,190,394,500	4,997,475,100	150,119,400	664,736,800
Jan. 17.....	6,148,908,100	4,946,748,500	139,692,500	703,777,800
Jan. 24.....	6,091,136,800	4,979,339,100	135,734,500	671,113,200
Jan. 31.....	6,027,329,800	4,930,832,900	130,482,600	675,721,600
Feb. 7.....	6,009,316,400	4,959,253,200	134,336,100	682,179,300
Feb. 14.....	5,932,509,000	4,922,639,900	138,651,200	667,361,800
Feb. 21.....	5,887,639,200	4,883,820,600	135,817,600	642,654,000
Feb. 28.....	5,871,844,300	4,837,387,300	136,837,300	673,921,100

\* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

**New York City State Banks and Trust Companies.**—In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House," furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the City of New York.

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 98, p. 1661.

The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions as amended May 22 1917 were published in the "Chronicle" May 19 1917 (V. 104, p. 1975). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 4 1914 (V. 98, p. 1045).

**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.

Further reductions in Government and other demand deposits accompanied by moderate liquidation of loans and investments are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement of condition on Feb. 20 of 805 member banks in leading cities.

Holdings of Government securities declined 16.2 millions. Treasury certificates being 14.8 millions less than the week before, while Liberty bonds and Victory notes show but nominal changes. War paper, exclusive of rediscunts, fell off 6.7 millions and slightly more at the New York City banks. Considerably larger liquidation is indicated for loans secured by stocks and bonds, which show a decrease for the week of 64.5 millions for all reporting banks, and of 32.3 millions for the member banks in New York City. Other loans and investments (exclusive of rediscunts) went up 72.8 millions, of which 39.4 millions represents the share of the New York City banks. As the result of the above changes, total loans and investments of all reporting banks (less rediscunts) show a decrease of 14.6 millions, and those of New York City banks a decrease of 1.5 millions.

Rediscunts of customers' paper with the Federal Reserve banks increased

**STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY.**

Week ended Feb. 28 1920.	State Banks.		Trust Companies.	
	Feb. 28 1920.	Differences from previous week.	Feb. 28 1920.	Differences from previous week.
Capital as of Nov. 12.....	\$ 27,400,000	-----	\$ 104,700,000	-----
Surplus as of Nov. 12.....	50,520,000	-----	179,330,000	-----
Loans & Investments.....	702,958,000	Dec. 1,908,000	2,051,539,400	Dec. 17,248,700
Specie.....	8,254,300	Dec. 359,000	11,164,200	Inc. 9,600
Currency & bk. notes.....	33,828,500	Inc. 406,200	20,302,100	Dec. 124,200
Deposits with the F. R. Bank of N. Y.....	69,499,400	Dec. 3,144,600	217,758,200	Inc. 1,693,600
Deposits.....	838,650,700	Dec. 13,405,300	2,085,143,700	Dec. 11,001,000
Reserve on deposits.....	128,209,600	Dec. 1,616,000	294,987,100	Inc. 2,603,500
P. C. reserve to dep.....	20.5%	Inc. 0.5%	17%	Inc. 0.1%

**Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.**—Following is the report made to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions which are not included in the "Clearing House Return" on the following page:

**RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.**

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers (000 omitted).)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Capital	Net Profits	Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Nat'l Bank Circulation.
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank, Battery Park Nat'l	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,516	17,729	222	3,129	12,912	\$ 83	195
Mutual Bank	200	630	12,671	302	1,762	12,404	434	---
New Netherland	600	663	10,835	234	1,350	8,663	135	---
W. B. Grace & Co's	500	1,038	8,859	19	1,139	6,072	2,924	---
Yorkville Bank	200	723	12,855	353	1,225	7,354	6,070	---
First Nat'l, Jer City	400	1,332	8,937	620	755	7,044	---	393
Total.....	3,400	5,905	71,886	1,756	8,360	54,449	9,649	588
State Banks Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Bank of Wash Hts.	100	440	3,239	406	206	3,332	---	---
Colonial Bank	600	1,217	14,718	1,490	1,236	15,606	---	---
International Bank	500	289	6,991	756	554	9,922	---	---
North Side, Bklyn	200	267	6,577	708	372	5,924	1,369	---
Total.....	1,400	2,214	31,525	3,330	2,362	31,764	1,535	---
Trust Companies Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Hamilton Tr, Bklyn	500	1,048	9,012	600	360	7,211	1,032	---
Mech Tr, Bayonne	200	465	8,288	326	211	3,524	4,744	---
Total.....	700	1,513	17,300	926	571	10,735	5,776	---
Grand aggregate—Comparison previo	5,500	9,633	120,711	6,012	11,293	96,948	16,960	588
us week	-----	-----	+353	-74	-177	+789	+43	+13
Gr'd agr. Feb. 21	5,500	9,633	120,358	6,086	11,116	96,159	16,917	375
Gr'd agr. Feb. 14	5,500	9,633	120,369	6,046	10,960	96,071	16,860	562
Gr'd agr. Feb. 7	5,500	9,836	120,579	5,743	10,717	94,638	16,974	600
Gr'd agr. Jan. 31	5,500	9,836	118,407	5,794	10,537	94,596	16,568	600

\* U. S. deposits deducted, \$388,000.  
 Bills payable, rediscunts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$9,607,000.  
 Excess reserve, \$83,950 decrease.

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Feb. 28 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve system the reserve required is 15% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositories" and "Cash in vaults."

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Wk. ending Feb. 28 1920.			Feb. 21 1920.	Feb. 14 1920.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Cos	Total.		
Capital.....	\$32,875.0	\$4,000.0	\$36,875.0	\$36,875.0	\$36,875.0
Surplus and profits.....	86,313.0	11,004.0	97,317.0	97,032.0	97,044.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	769,757.0	34,877.0	804,634.0	804,199.0	804,350.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	28,176.0	472.0	28,648.0	27,951.0	28,080.0
Due from banks.....	119,755.0	42.0	119,797.0	125,179.0	121,691.0
Bank deposits.....	136,882.0	231.0	137,113.0	139,203.0	136,762.0
Individual deposits.....	502,163.0	19,976.0	522,139.0	526,893.0	527,931.0
Time deposits.....	6,628.0	1,679.0	8,307.0	8,417.0	8,235.0
Total deposits.....	645,673.0	21,886.0	667,559.0	674,513.0	672,931.0
U.S. deposits (not included)	-----	-----	1,105.0	1,455.0	3,524.0
Res'v with Fed. Res. Bank	50,731.0	-----	50,731.0	52,656.0	50,121.0
Res'v with legal depository	-----	2,476.0	2,476.0	2,417.0	2,458.0
Cash in vaults.....	13,311.0	930.0	14,241.0	14,501.0	13,879.0
Total reserve & cash held.....	64,042.0	3,406.0	67,448.0	69,574.0	66,458.0
Reserve required.....	49,309.0	3,041.0	52,350.0	52,580.0	52,783.0
Excess res. & cash in vault.....	14,733.0	365.0	15,098.0	16,994.0	13,675.0

\* Cash in vault is not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve bank members.

during the week by 3.4 millions, and bills payable by 66.1 millions. War paper held under discount for all reporting banks went up from 1,243 to 1,301.3 millions, the latter figure constituting over 85% of the total amount of war paper held by the Reserve banks. Other paper held under discount by the Reserve banks for reporting banks totaled 756.1 millions, or over 90% of the total of this class of paper held by the Federal Reserve banks. The New York Reserve Bank reports an increase from 508.3 to 529.7 millions in war paper and a reduction from 235.1 to 226.6 millions in other paper held under discount for its city members.

Government deposits show a further decline of 97.5 millions for the week (42.5 millions in New York City), while other demand deposits (net) fell off about 189 millions at all reporting banks and 93.9 millions at the New York City banks. Time deposits show an increase for the week of 6.5 millions. Reserve balances carried by all reporting banks with the Federal Reserve banks declined 5.3 millions. For the New York City banks the reduction under this head amounts to 18.9 millions. Cash in vault fell off 14.4 millions, the decrease affecting more or less uniformly all classes of reporting institutions.





	Feb. 27 1920.	Feb. 20 1920.	Feb. 13 1920.	Feb. 6 1920.	Jan. 30 1919.	Jan. 23 1920.	Jan. 16 1920.	Jan. 9 1920.	Feb. 28 1919.
Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	40.1%	41.3%	41.0%	42.8%	43.2%	43.5%	43.8%	45.4%	49.7%
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	42.5%	42.7%	43.2%	44.1%	44.5%	44.8%	45.1%	45.4%	51.3%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities.....	47.1%	47.4%	48.2%	49.7%	50.5%	51.0%	51.5%	51.5%	63.1%
<b>Distribution by Maturities--</b>									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	\$ 135,779,000	\$ 139,153,000	\$ 137,611,000	\$ 123,716,000	\$ 115,267,000	\$ 122,411,000	\$ 115,446,000	\$ 103,555,000	\$ 82,255,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	1,570,405,000	1,511,016,000	1,457,971,000	1,432,954,000	1,385,117,000	1,328,917,000	1,386,991,000	1,433,979,000	1,511,355,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	8,381,000	5,772,000	24,053,000	14,472,000	13,061,000	11,293,000	52,457,000	39,880,000	18,714,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	113,915,000	117,033,000	127,339,000	136,153,000	127,069,000	116,004,000	101,103,000	103,643,000	76,479,000
15-30 days bills bought in open market.....	295,442,000	219,431,000	223,711,000	172,123,000	206,267,000	217,142,000	172,077,000	160,000,000	57,883,000
15-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	7,598,000	11,570,000	6,000,000	4,500,000	4,586,000	5,136,000	2,574,000	3,151,000	---
15-30 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	197,400,000	197,357,000	207,592,000	222,738,000	249,208,000	229,157,000	237,365,000	237,387,000	1,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	433,705,000	425,383,000	357,350,000	320,861,000	309,576,000	298,901,000	323,307,000	312,265,000	93,348,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	6,500,000	19,337,000	10,853,000	11,179,000	29,534,000	10,865,000	11,850,000	7,797,000	292,040,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	84,273,000	78,150,000	70,058,000	72,090,000	69,169,000	108,217,000	121,701,000	130,157,000	25,067,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	228,496,000	188,067,000	239,289,000	261,197,000	255,093,000	288,043,000	196,111,000	160,942,000	86,221,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	4,000,000	4,000,000	5,500,000	6,000,000	46,182,000	6,100,000	6,000,000	8,326,000	350,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	15,403,000	14,037,000	15,074,000	16,404,000	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	240,562,000	227,931,000	243,911,000	239,913,000	184,098,000	203,455,000	215,879,000	222,554,000	22,321,000
Over 90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Federal Reserve Notes--</b>									
Outstanding.....	3,254,806,000	3,221,789,000	3,187,974,000	3,139,652,000	3,130,783,000	3,146,156,000	3,177,290,000	3,244,314,000	1,678,606,000
Hold by banks.....	234,822,000	244,065,000	228,887,000	347,877,000	279,839,000	301,929,000	317,729,000	329,946,000	296,299,000
In actual circulation.....	3,019,984,000	2,977,724,000	2,959,087,000	2,891,775,000	2,850,944,000	2,844,227,000	2,859,561,000	2,914,368,000	1,472,307,000
<b>Received from the Comptroller</b>									
Fed. Res. Notes (Agents Accounts).....	6,399,320,000	6,373,900,000	6,300,000,000	6,222,280,000	6,187,120,000	6,172,260,000	6,163,780,000	6,152,300,000	1,056,760,000
Returned to the Comptroller.....	2,814,520,000	2,791,937,000	2,766,147,000	2,732,255,000	2,689,869,000	2,645,496,000	2,596,262,000	2,549,140,000	946,247,000
<b>Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent</b>									
Issued to Federal Reserve banks.....	3,254,806,000	3,221,789,000	3,187,974,000	3,139,652,000	3,130,783,000	3,146,156,000	3,177,290,000	3,244,314,000	1,678,606,000
Not secured.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
By gold coin and certificates.....	246,148,000	241,148,000	244,148,000	240,148,000	240,148,000	246,148,000	242,148,000	248,148,000	229,147,000
By lawful money.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
By eligible paper.....	2,109,327,000	2,070,991,000	2,056,217,000	2,023,225,000	2,011,357,000	2,019,895,000	2,040,984,000	2,034,906,000	1,490,846,000
Gold redemption fund.....	97,804,000	102,899,000	97,579,000	102,742,000	93,167,000	91,979,000	94,105,000	105,786,000	87,438,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	801,527,000	806,760,000	780,030,000	737,537,000	786,111,000	788,134,000	798,073,000	855,574,000	871,175,000
Total.....	3,254,806,000	3,221,789,000	3,187,974,000	3,139,652,000	3,130,783,000	3,146,156,000	3,177,290,000	3,244,314,000	1,678,606,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.....	2,930,573,000	2,834,138,000	2,761,176,000	2,690,261,000	2,647,947,000	2,667,810,000	2,614,659,000	2,590,549,000	2,099,999,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 27 1920.

	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													
Gold coin and certificates.....	\$ 9,892,000	\$ 118,312,000	\$ 918,000	\$ 13,064,000	\$ 2,331,000	\$ 8,544,000	\$ 24,268,000	\$ 3,773,000	\$ 7,218,000	\$ 364,000	\$ 7,018,000	\$ 11,185,000	\$ 206,877,000
Gold Settlement Fund, F. R. B'd.....	60,019,000	23,501,000	30,490,000	38,767,000	32,826,000	14,616,000	67,808,000	14,255,000	18,751,000	40,796,000	14,019,000	29,746,000	385,594,000
Gold with Foreign Agencies.....	8,236,000	41,406,000	9,026,000	9,251,000	5,528,000	4,062,000	13,426,000	5,303,000	3,046,000	5,415,000	2,933,000	5,190,000	112,822,000
Total gold held by banks.....	78,147,000	183,219,000	40,434,000	61,082,000	40,685,000	27,222,000	105,502,000	23,331,000	29,015,000	46,565,000	23,970,000	46,121,000	705,293,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	89,259,000	308,402,000	86,210,000	124,045,000	32,135,000	54,541,000	204,693,000	62,617,000	33,581,000	38,017,000	32,182,000	89,797,000	1,445,479,000
Gold redemption fund.....	15,460,000	25,000,000	12,869,000	1,905,000	10,747,000	5,928,000	19,690,000	6,379,000	21,017,000	4,708,000	2,470,000	10,608,000	116,064,000
Total gold reserves.....	182,866,000	516,621,000	139,513,000	187,032,000	83,567,000	87,691,000	329,885,000	82,327,000	62,806,000	89,290,000	58,522,000	146,616,000	1,996,836,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	5,851,000	99,718,000	398,000	821,000	337,000	1,768,000	2,246,000	3,503,000	62,000	632,000	831,000	222,000	116,379,000
Total reserves.....	188,717,000	616,339,000	139,911,000	187,853,000	83,904,000	89,449,000	332,131,000	85,830,000	62,868,000	89,922,000	59,453,000	146,838,000	2,083,215,000
Bills discounted; Secured by Government war obligations (a).....	104,470,000	630,281,000	165,026,000	125,830,000	79,783,000	62,838,000	177,199,000	51,153,000	28,252,000	37,762,000	53,904,000	56,482,000	1,572,980,000
All other bills discounted.....	75,954,000	222,685,000	46,442,000	50,154,000	24,669,000	39,705,000	195,633,000	54,543,000	40,504,000	60,877,000	17,944,000	51,102,000	880,531,000
Bills bought in open market (b).....	16,079,000	231,257,000	6,752,000	70,119,000	10,427,000	16,741,000	69,513,000	10,524,000	4,110,000	6,837,000	1,750,000	87,253,000	531,367,000
Total bills on hand.....	196,603,000	1,084,223,000	218,220,000	246,103,000	114,879,000	119,374,000	442,350,000	116,519,000	72,866,000	105,406,000	73,598,000	194,337,000	3,084,878,000
U. S. Government bonds.....	539,000	1,487,000	1,355,000	533,000	1,235,000	114,000	4,477,000	1,153,000	116,000	8,868,000	3,966,000	2,632,000	26,775,000
U. S. Government Victory bonds.....	6,000	50,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	21,595,000	62,326,000	31,020,000	23,436,000	12,200,000	15,665,000	39,770,000	17,491,000	8,450,000	15,987,000	8,300,000	11,181,000	267,511,000
Total earning assets.....	218,642,000	1,148,056,000	250,625,000	270,382,000	128,374,000	135,156,000	486,297,000	135,163,000	81,462,000	130,261,000	85,804,000	208,650,000	3,279,332,000
Bank premises.....	1,135,000	3,094,000	500,000	641,000	663,000	506,000	2,116,000	866,000	515,000	463,000	697,000	231,000	11,235,000
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	79,560,000	225,266,000	87,085,000	91,638,000	69,202,000	41,995,000	141,084,000	75,274,000	24,138,000	84,694,000	57,522,000	49,158,000	1,026,726,000
5% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes.....	1,072,000	2,007,000	1,300,000	1,101,000	591,000	815,000	1,807,000	467,000	318,000	971,000	562,000	655,000	12,276,000
All other resources.....	294,000	847,000	212,000	261,000	343,000	176,000	615,000	287,000	72,000	247,000	114,000	213,000	3,681,000
Total resources.....	489,420,000	1,996,209,000	479,633,000	551,926,000	283,037,000	268,097,000	964,350,000	297,887,000	169,373,000	306,557,000	204,112,000	405,755,000	6,416,356,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>													
Capital paid in.....	7,210,000	23,845,000	8,194,000	9,919,000	4,546,000	3,526,000	12,638,000	4,123,000	3,137,000	4,097,000	3,483,000	5,984,000	90,702,000
Surplus.....	8,359,000	45,082,000	8,805,000	9,089,000	8,520,000	4,895,000	14,202,000	4,148,000	3,569,000	8,116,000	3,030,000	7,539,000	120,120,000
Government deposits.....	4,892,000	91,635,000	4,812,000	3,221,000	2,081,000	3,090,000	4,040,000	3,724,000	3,802,000	3,681,000	3,030,000	7,009,000	133,913,000
Due to members, reserve account.....	121,248,000	735,151,000	99,450,000	140,318,000	63,217,000	56,755,000	266,124,000	67,133,000	51,543,000	94,877,000	64,232,000	111,583,000	1,871,961,000
Deferred availability items.....	61,828,000	167,325,000	81,032,000	77,131,000	61,512,000	35,881,000	106,088,000	60,832,000	17,112,000	71,553,000	39,830,000	20,920,000	810,402,000
All other deposits.....	5,562,000	41,915,000	6,968,000	5,998,000	3,674,000	2,750,000	9,700,000	3,901,000	2,194,000	3,657,000	2,167,000	6,450,000	95,026,000
Total gross deposits.....	193,530,000	1,056,226,000	192,										



# Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, March 5 1920.

**Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.**—Throughout the week the security markets have been dominated by a very firm money market and by rapidly advancing foreign exchange rates. Call loans have been quoted from day to day at or near 10% and sterling exchange advanced from about \$3 40 on Monday to over \$3 69 to-day. The effect has been a limited volume of business in stocks and an irregular movement of prices. For example, Balt. & Ohio closes 3 points lower than it sold on Monday, while Can. Pac. is 2 3/8 points higher. At the same time New Haven has declined 3 1/2 points, Texas & Pac. 2 and Atchison and Northern Pac. 1 1/2. On the other hand, St. Paul declined 3 points and recovered half the loss, while So. Pac. advanced 3 points and has lost half the gain.

As noted above, miscellaneous stocks have all moved to a higher level. General Motors shows a gain of 18 3/4 points and Mexican Pet. 15 3/4. Atlantic Gulf & W. I. has covered a range of 11 points, Cruc. Steel 8 3/4, Am. Sumatra S, several others from 5 to 7 and all close at or near the highest.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week ending March 5.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.		
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.	
American Express.....100	700	99 1/2	Mar 3 102	Mar 5 95	Feb 102	Mar
Am. La France F. S.....10	200	12 1/4	Mar 5 13	Mar 2 12 1/4	Feb 14 1/4	Jan
Ann Arbor.....100	400	15 1/4	Mar 3 16 1/4	Mar 1 7	Jan 17	Feb
Preferred.....100	200	25	Feb 28 26 1/4	Mar 1 23	Feb 27 1/4	Feb
Atlantic Refining.....100	100	135 1/2	Mar 3 137 1/2	Mar 4 135 1/2	Mar 137 1/2	Mar
Preferred.....100	222	123 1/2	Mar 4 113	Mar 4 112 1/2	Feb 114	Feb
Baldwin Locom. pref. 100	100	99 1/4	Mar 2 100	Mar 4 98 1/2	Feb 102 1/2	Jan
Barnet Leather, no par. 100	42	62 1/4	Mar 4 62 1/4	Mar 4 65	Feb 93	Jan
Brantwick Terminal.....100	200	6 1/2	Mar 3 6 1/2	Mar 2 5 1/4	Feb 8	Jan
Burns Bros, pref.....100	200	104 1/2	Mar 3 105	Mar 2 98	Feb 103	Mar
Chicago & Alton.....100	300	8 1/2	Mar 5 10	Mar 1 6	Feb 11 1/2	Feb
C & E III pref etds dep.....100	300	8	Mar 2 9	Feb 25 4 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Jan
Chemt. Peabody, pf. 100	300	101	Mar 2 101	Mar 2 101	Feb 104	Jan
Continental Insur.....22	150	75	Feb 28 75	Feb 28 71 1/4	Feb 82	Jan
Duluth S & A.....100	200	5	Mar 4 5	Mar 4 3 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Feb
Preferred.....100	300	3 1/2	Mar 2 3 1/2	Mar 2 3 1/2	Jan 11	Feb
Durham Hosiery, pf. 100	100	99 1/4	Mar 2 99 1/4	Mar 2 99 1/4	Mar 102 1/4	Jan
Fam. Play-Lasky, pf. 100	4,000	83 1/2	Mar 2 89 1/2	Mar 2 85	Feb 90 1/4	Feb
Gen. Cigar, deb. pref. 100	800	85	Mar 4 85 1/2	Mar 3 85	Feb 94 1/2	Jan
Gen Motor 7% deb. 100	800	84 1/4	Mar 2 87	Mar 1 84	Feb 90	Feb
Gen Mot tem etds, no par 100	30,100	24 1/2	Mar 5 25 1/2	Mar 5 24 1/2	Mar 25 1/2	Mar
Hendrix Mfg.....100	2,000	30	Mar 2 33 1/2	Feb 28 30	Mar 38 1/2	Feb
Hupp Motor.....100	2,400	13 1/2	Mar 1 14	Mar 5 13	Feb 16	Jan
Int Mot Tek, 1st pf. 100	400	72	Mar 4 75 1/2	Mar 1 72	Mar 84	Jan
2d preferred.....100	300	61 1/4	Mar 3 61 1/4	Mar 1 60	Feb 69 1/4	Jan
Int Nickel, pref. 100	300	83 1/2	Mar 3 85	Mar 1 83 1/2	Mar 88	Feb
Lizcett & Myers rights.....100	1,725	15 1/2	Mar 6 16 1/2	Feb 28 14 1/2	Jan 18	Jan
Loews, Inc. no par 100	7,000	25 1/2	Mar 1 31	Mar 5 23 1/2	Feb 32	Jan
Loews-Wills, 1st pref. 100	100	100	Mar 3 100	Mar 2 98	Feb 100	Jan
Matheson Alkali.....50	100	29	Mar 4 29	Mar 4 29	Mar 31 1/4	Jan
Maxwell Motor etds dep. 100	100	27	Mar 5 27	Mar 5 18	Feb 35 1/2	Jan
2d pref etds of dep.....100	200	20	Mar 2 21 1/2	Mar 5 20	Feb 30 1/2	Jan
M. S. P. & S. M. leased. 100	100	50	Feb 28 50	Feb 28 50	Feb 60	Jan
Montana Power, pref. 100	400	99	Mar 2 99	Mar 2 99	Feb 100 1/4	Jan
N. Y. C. & St. L. 1st pf. 100	100	61	Feb 24 61	Feb 28 55	Feb 61	Feb
Norfolk Southern.....100	300	13	Mar 1 14	Mar 1 10	Feb 14 1/2	Feb
Penney (J. C.), pref. 100	100	90	Feb 28 90	Feb 28 90	Feb 91	Jan
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. 100	200	59	Mar 4 59	Mar 3 58 1/2	Feb 94 1/2	Jan
Sears, Roebuck, pref. 100	300	116	Mar 4 116	Mar 3 116	Jan 117 1/2	Jan
So Porto Rico Sugar. 100	100	207	Mar 1 207	Mar 1 200	Feb 247	Jan
Texas Co. 20% 30% paid 100	500	168	Mar 2 177	Mar 5 156 1/2	Feb 193 1/4	Jan
Westingh Elec 1st pref. 50	100	65	Mar 1 65	Mar 2 64	Feb 65 1/2	Jan

## TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

Week ending March 5 1920	Stocks.		Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday.....	447,900	\$39,253,500	\$1,444,500	\$533,500	\$6,291,000
Monday.....	720,025	63,119,500	1,981,000	1,498,500	11,009,000
Tuesday.....	521,850	47,684,500	1,860,000	1,882,500	10,820,000
Wednesday.....	480,910	42,124,000	2,540,000	2,220,500	9,026,000
Thursday.....	919,892	80,669,200	1,547,000	1,662,000	8,910,000
Friday.....	876,850	77,612,500	1,819,500	1,968,000	9,061,000
Total.....	3,958,427	\$350,523,200	\$11,192,000	\$9,765,000	\$55,117,000

## Sales at New York Stock Exchange.

	Week ending March 6.		Jan. 1 to March 6.	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Stocks—No. shares.....	3,958,427	4,474,832	45,256,196	24,544,038
Par value.....	\$350,523,200	\$413,342,700	\$4,021,739,700	\$2,692,279,405
Bank shares, par.....				\$28,700
Government bonds.....	\$55,117,000	\$47,155,500	\$572,946,200	\$393,333,000
State, mun., &c., bonds.....	9,765,000	3,836,500	110,548,500	102,077,500
R.R. and misc. bonds.....	11,192,000	7,764,000	108,963,500	77,865,000
Total bonds.....	\$76,074,000	\$58,756,000	\$792,458,200	\$573,878,500

## DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending March 5 1920.	Boston		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares	Bond Sales	Shares	Bond Sales	Shares	Bond Sales
Saturday.....	6,946	\$180,150	3,680	\$33,297	651	\$10,000
Monday.....	12,529	152,550	8,859	27,700	1,688	33,500
Tuesday.....	10,210	53,650	8,896	42,660	2,884	35,500
Wednesday.....	12,038	73,250	4,868	62,200	6,423	16,000
Thursday.....	17,892	69,750	5,689	27,750	4,342	20,500
Friday.....	16,091	10,000	12,303	40,930	2,521	28,000
Total.....	76,712	\$535,350	43,795	\$233,547	18,499	\$143,500

**State and Railroad Bonds.**—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week. The market for railway and industrial bonds has been increasingly

active and generally strong in tone as the week draws to a close. Of a list of 22 notably active issues, 14 have advanced and 4 are unchanged, leaving only 4 to show a fractional decline.

The Inter. Mer. Marines are conspicuous for an advance of nearly 3 points and the local tractions, including Hudson & Manhattan, have been unusually strong. U. S. Steels have been strong, in sympathy with the shares, while U. S. Rubber 5s and Am. Tel. & Tel. 6s have shown a tendency to weakness. The week's operations have included a larger number of issues than usual.

**United States Bonds.**—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$1,000 2s coup. at 101 and the various Liberty Loan issues. To-day's prices are given below. For weekly and yearly range see fourth page following.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices.	Feb. 28.	Mar. 1.	Mar. 2.	Mar. 3.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 5.
First Liberty Loan	High 94.50	95.00	95.70	95.70	95.60	95.66
3 1/2%, 15-30 year, 1932-47	Low 94.34	94.40	94.90	95.40	95.40	95.50
	Close 94.34	95.00	95.50	95.60	95.60	95.64
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	211	729	571	593	452	468
Second Liberty Loan	High 89.60	89.66	90.00	89.94	89.90	89.84
4s, 10-25 year conv, 1942	Low 89.40	89.20	89.30	89.70	89.70	89.50
	Close 89.42	89.50	89.94	89.70	89.70	89.40
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	162	184	419	125	152	159
Second Liberty Loan	High 90.20	90.20	90.40	90.60	90.38	90.30
4s, convertible, 1932-47	Low 89.90	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.10	90.20
	Close 90.20	90.20	90.40	90.60	90.38	90.22
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	125	28	35	22	34	41
Third Liberty Loan	High 92.30	92.30	92.28	92.42	92.42	92.44
4 1/2% of 1928	Low 92.20	92.10	92.20	92.30	92.32	92.34
	Close 92.30	92.28	92.30	92.36	92.40	92.40
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	918	1,525	2,266	1,606	1,568	1,442
Third Liberty Loan	High 91.10	91.10	91.30	91.34	91.34	91.60
4 1/2% of 1st L.L. conv., '32-47	Low 90.40	90.90	90.90	91.00	91.00	91.26
	Close 90.90	90.90	91.30	91.26	91.26	91.26
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	60	156	57	122	76	165
Third Liberty Loan	High 90.04	90.08	90.34	90.20	90.00	90.96
4 1/2% of 2d L.L. conv., '27-42	Low 89.84	89.84	89.40	89.40	89.74	89.50
	Close 90.04	89.98	90.02	90.08	89.90	89.90
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	767	1,654	1,550	1,629	1,794	1,692
Fourth Liberty Loan	High 90.10	90.00	90.00	90.14	90.02	90.06
4 1/2% of 1933-38	Low 90.20	90.06	90.10	90.28	90.12	90.10
	Close 90.20	90.06	90.10	90.28	90.12	90.10
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1,334	3,379	2,477	2,138	2,782	2,561
Fourth Liberty Loan	High 97.50	97.50	---	---	97.50	---
4 1/2% 1st L.L. 2d conv., '32-47	Low 97.50	97.50	---	---	97.50	---
	Close 97.50	97.50	---	---	97.50	---
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1	1	---	---	25	---
Victory Liberty Loan	High 97.44	97.44	97.50	97.44	97.44	97.48
4 1/2% conv gold notes, '22-23	Low 97.32	97.24	97.16	97.28	97.34	97.38
	Close 97.38	97.32	97.32	97.38	97.44	97.42
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1,530	1,512	1,714	1,213	1,234	1,952
Victory Liberty Loan	High 97.40	97.44	97.44	97.40	97.46	97.46
3 1/2% conv gold notes, '22-23	Low 97.30	97.24	97.16	97.32	97.34	97.36
	Close 97.36	97.26	97.40	97.32	97.40	97.48
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1,293	1,948	1,585	1,072	990	611

**Foreign Exchange.**—Sterling ruled strong practically throughout and toward the close of the week advanced sensationally, registering gains of more than 38 cents for the week. Trading was intermittently active. Continental and neutral exchange shared in the upward movement, although to a lesser extent, with francs and lire leaders in the firmness.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 58 1/4 @ 3 65 1/4 for sixty days, 3 62 1/4 @ 3 69 1/4 for cheques and 3 62 @ 3 70 for cables. Commercial on banks eight 3 60 1/4 @ 3 67 1/4, sixty days 3 65 1/4 @ 3 62 1/4, ninety days 3 52 1/4 @ 3 59 1/4, and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 55 1/4 @ 3 62 1/4. Cotton for payment 3 60 1/4 @ 3 67 1/4, and grain for payment 3 60 1/4 @ 3 67 1/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 13.70 @ 13.87 for long and 13.71 @ 13.80 for short. Germany bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 37 1-16 @ 36 15-16 for long and 37 7-16 @ 37 5-16 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 49.90 fr.; week's range, 48.53 fr. high and 49.90 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

	Sterling Actual—	Sixty Days.	Cheques.	Cables.
High for the week.....	3 65 1/4	3 69 1/4	3 70	3 70
Low for the week.....	3 34 1/2	3 38 1/2	3 39 1/4	3 39 1/4
Paris Bankers' Francs—				
High for the week.....	13.70	13.68	13.66	13.66
Low for the week.....	14.35	14.24	14.22	14.22
Germany Bankers' Marks—				
High for the week.....	1.05	1.07	1.07	1.07
Low for the week.....	0.99	0.99	1.01	1.01
Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—				
High for the week.....	37 1-16	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4
Low for the week.....	36 3-16	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4

**Domestic Exchange.**—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$112 50 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

**Outside Market.**—"Curb" trading proceeded in listless fashion this week, price movements being without definite trend, an upward movement being usually followed by realizing, in which most of the improvement was

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

HIGH AND LOW BATH PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest).

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. \*\* Full paid



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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT., STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1., PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1910. Rows list various stocks like American Smelt. Co., Am Steel Foundry, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ 80% paid. \* Full paid. † Old stock. ‡ Ex-dividend

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices-Per Share, Not Per Cent., and Sales for the Week. It lists various stocks such as Mackay Companies, Manhattan Street, and National Lead, along with their share prices and sales volumes.

\* Did not 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		Interest		Prices		Week's		Range		Range	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Period		Friday		Range		Since		Since	
Week ending March 5		March 5		March 5		Last Sale		Jan. 1.		Jan. 1.	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High
<b>U. S. Government.</b>											
First Liberty Loan											
3 1/2%	1st 16-30 year	1932-47	J D	95.64	Sale	94.40	95.70	3031	94.00	109.40	
Second Liberty Loan											
4 1/2%	1st L.L. conv.	1932-47	J D	90.22	Sale	90.00	90.80	245	90.00	93.48	
4 1/2%	2nd L.L.	1927-42	M N	89.40	Sale	89.20	90.00	1201	89.20	92.90	
Third Liberty Loan											
4 1/2%	1st L.L. conv.	1932-47	J D	91.50	Sale	90.00	91.60	630	90.80	94.00	
4 1/2%	2nd L.L. conv.	1927-42	M N	89.80	Sale	89.40	90.34	977	89.40	92.36	
4 1/2%	3rd L.L.	1922	M N	92.40	Sale	92.10	92.63	3115	92.10	95.00	
Fourth Liberty Loan											
4 1/2%	1st L.L. 2nd conv	1932-47	J D	90.00		97.50	97.50	27	97.50	101.10	
4 1/2%	4th L.L.	1933-38	A O	93.10	Sale	90.00	93.40	1471	89.72	93.00	
Victory Liberty Loan											
4 1/2%	conv g notes	1922-23	J D	97.42	Sale	97.15	97.50	8815	97.10	99.40	
3 1/2%	conv g notes	1922-23	J D	97.48	Sale	97.15	97.45	7553	97.10	99.40	
3%	consol registered	41930	J			101	Feb '20		101	101	
3%	consol coupon	41930	J			101	Feb '20		101	101	
4%	consol	1925	J	105 1/2	100	105 1/2	Feb '20		105 1/2	105 1/2	
4%	coupon	1925	J	105 1/2	100 1/2						
4%	Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s	1933	J			95 1/2	Mar '19		95 1/2	95 1/2	
4%	Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2 1/2 reg.	1933	J			99	July '18				
4%	Panama Canal 3s g	1961	J			85	Dec '19				
4%	Registered	1961	J			85	Oct '19				
4%	Philippine Island 4s	1914-34	J			100	Feb '15				
<b>Foreign Government.</b>											
Anglo-French 5-yr 6s Exter loan.											
A	O	58	Sale	95 1/2	98 3/4	5225	93 1/2	98 3/4			
Argentine Internal 5s of 1909.											
M	N	73 1/2	Sale	73	73 1/2	17	70	74			
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s-1934											
M	N	89 1/2	90 1/2	43 1/2	44	23	42	50			
Chinese (Hankow Ry) 5s of 1911											
J	D	4 3/4	Sale	7 3/4	80	10	7 3/4	80 1/2			
Copenhagen 25-yr 4 1/2s											
J	D	90	Sale	90	91	8	90	92 1/2			
Cuba—External debt 5s of 1904.											
M	N	80 1/2	90 1/2	75	Feb '20		80	86			
Cuba—Ext 10-yr 1914 ser A.											
A	O	80 1/2	Sale	75	Feb '20		74 1/2	76			
Dominion of Canada 4 1/2s											
A	O	97 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	97 1/2	25	93 1/2	98 1/2			
Do do											
A	O	92 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	92 1/2	25	92	96			
Do do											
A	O	91 1/2	Sale	91 1/2	91 1/2	30	91	92 1/2			
2-yr 5 1/2s gold notes Aug 1921											
J	D	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	30	97 1/2	98 1/2			
10-year 5 1/2s											
J	D	93 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	93 1/2	113	93 1/2	97 1/2			
Japanese Gov't loan 4 1/2s 1925											
F	A	7 1/2	Sale	7 1/2	7 1/2	116 1/4	69	82			
Second series 4 1/2s											
J	D	7 1/2	Sale	7 1/2	Jan '20		7 1/2	7 1/2			
do do "German stamp"											
J	D	60	Sale	57 1/2	60	500	55 1/2	71			
Sterling loan 4s											
M	N	89 1/2	93 1/2	89	90 1/4	143	89	92 1/2			
Lyons (City of) 15-yr 6s											
M	N	89 1/2	90 1/2	89	90 1/4	149	89	92 1/2			
Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6s											
J	D	30	33	30	Feb '20		30	33			
Mexico—Exter loan 2 5/8 of 1899											
J	D	9 1/2	Sale	9 1/2	Jan '20		9 1/2	9 1/2			
Gold debt 5s of 1904											
J	D	30	35	Jan '20			32	37			
Paris (City of) 5-year 6s											
A	O	91	Sale	90 1/4	91	235	89 1/2	93			
Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912											
M	N	55 1/2	58	55	59	94	54	61			
U K of Gr Brit & Ireland											
M	N	95 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	96 1/2	423	92 1/2	97 1/2			
5-year 5 1/4 notes											
F	A	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	80 1/2	20	80 1/2	80 1/2			
20-year gold bond 5 1/4s											
F	A	91 1/2	Sale	89 1/2	91 1/2	153	89 1/2	92 1/2			
10-year conv 5 1/4s											
F	A	91 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	94	297	90 1/2	94			
5-year conv 5 1/4s											
F	A	91 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	94	297	90 1/2	94			
* Prices are prices on the basis of \$100											
<b>State and City Securities.</b>											
N Y City—4 1/2s Corp stock											
M	N	90	91	90	90 1/2	3	90	95 1/2			
4 1/2s Corporate stock											
M	N	90	91	92	Feb '20		92	95 1/2			
4 1/2s Corporate stock											
A	O	90 1/2	91	89 1/2	90	10	89 1/2	93			
4 1/2s Corporate stock July 1907											
J	D	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	12	90	100 1/2			
4 1/2s Corporate stock											
M	N	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	91 1/2	14	90 1/2	93 1/2			
4 1/2s Corporate stock											
M	N	86	87 1/2	86	86	2	86	90 1/2			
4% Corporate stock											
M	N	86	87 1/2	86	Feb '20		86	91			
4% Corporate stock											
M	N	87	87 1/2	87	87 1/2	0	86 1/2	90			
4% Corporate stock											
M	N	85 1/2	87	85	Jan '20		85	89			
4% Corporate stock reg.											
M	N	98 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	98 1/2	20	95 1/2	100 1/2			
New 4 1/2s											
M	N	95 1/2	97	96	96 1/2	35	95 1/2	100 1/2			
4 1/2% Corporate stock											
M	N	77 1/2	79	79 1/2	Jan '20		79 1/2	81			
3 1/2% Corporate stock											
M	N	65	65	65	Aug '19		65	65			
N Y State—4s											
M	N	95	95	95	Aug '19		95	95			
Canal Improvement 4s											
J	D	95	95	95	Aug '19		95	95			
Canal Improvement 4s											
J	D	95	95	95	Aug '19		95	95			
Canal Improvement 4 1/2s											
J	D	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '20		107 1/2	108			
Canal Improvement 4 1/2s											
M	N	107	107 1/2	107 1/2	Jan '20		107 1/2	107 1/2			
Highway Improv't 4 1/2s											
M	N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	Jan '20		100 1/2	100 1/2			
Highway Improv't 4 1/2s											
M	N	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	Dec '18		78 1/2	78 1/2			
Virginia funded debt 2-3/4s											
J	D	50	55	55	Jan '20		55	55			
5s deferred Brown Bros etc.											
J	D	50	55	55	Jan '20		55	55			
<b>Railroad.</b>											
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s											
M	N	56 1/2	57 1/2	54 1/2	Feb '20		49 1/2	54 1/2			
Atchafalpa Topeka & Santa Fe											
A	O	77	Sale	75 1/2	77	115	74 1/2	82 1/2			
Gen g 4s											
A	O	77	Sale	75 1/2	75 1/2	6	70 1/2	79			
Registered											
M	N	66 1/2	69 1/2	67	68	3	66	71 1/2			
Adjustment gold 4s											
M	N	67	73 1/2	June 18			67 1/2	71 1/2			
Registered											
M	N	68 1/2	Sale	68	68 1/2	7	67 1/2	71 1/2			
Conv gold 4s											
J	D	65	65	65	7	64 1/2	69 1/2				
Conv 4s issue of 1910											
J	D	80	85	83 1/2	85	17	83 1/2	89 1/2			
East Okla Div 1st g 4s											
M	N	85	88	80 1/2	Nov '18		80 1/2	85 1/2			
Rocky Mtn Div 1st g 4s											
J	D	84 1/2	86	82 1/2	Feb '20		82 1/2	86 1/2			
Trans Con Short L 1st g 4s											
M	N	71 1/2	73 1/2	71 1/2	73 1/2	81	71 1/2	73 1/2			
Cal-Aris 1st g 4 1/2s											
M	N	80	85	81	Jan '20		81	81			
S Fe Pres & Pn 1st g 4s											
M	N	72 1/2	78	75	Jan '20		74	78			
All Coast L 1st g 4s											
M	N	74	74	74	74	11	72 1/2	78			
Gen unfin'd 4 1/2s											
M	N	92 1/2	96	95	Jan '20		92 1/2	96			
Ala Mid 1st g 4s											
M	N	77 1/2	83	78	Jan '20		78	78			
Brns & W 1st g 4s											
M	N	72 1/2	78	75	Jan '20		75	78			
Charles & Bay 1st g 7 1/2s											
J	D	67 1/2	Sale	67 1/2	67 1/2	2	67	72 1/2			
L & N coll gold 4s											
A	O	106	Sale	106	Aug '19		106	106			
Sav F & W 1st g 4s											
A	O	93	Sale	93	July '18		93	93 1/2			
1st g 4s											
A	O	83	Sale	81 1/2	83	71	78 1/2	84 1/2			
Halt & Ohio prior 3 1/2s											
A	O	63 1/2	Sale	63	Feb '19		60	70			
Registered											
A	O	63 1/2	Sale	63	Feb '19		60	70			
1st 60-year gold 4s											
A	O	60	Sale	60	Feb '20		60	60			

BONDS		Prices		'06's		Bonds Sold	Range	
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Friday		Range or Last Sale			Since Jan. 1.	
Week ending March 5		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High
Delaware Lack & West—Concl.								
Warren 1st ref gu 3 3/4s. 2000	F A	65	---	102 1/2	Feb '08	---	---	---
Delaware & Hudson—								
1st lien coup 4 1/4s. 1922	J	96 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2	Feb '20	---	96 1/2	96 3/4
1st ref 4 1/4s. 1943	N	77	---	75 1/2	78 1/2	0	75 1/2	81
30-year conv 5 1/2s. 1935	A O	80 1/2	85	81 1/2	81 1/2	8	81 1/2	85 1/2
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2s. 1946	A O	---	72 1/2	72 1/2	Jan '20	---	72 1/2	72 1/2
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7s. 1921	N	100	104	102 1/2	Apr '19	---	---	---
Denver & Rio Grande—								
1st cons g 4s. 1936	J	62 1/2	Sale	61 1/2	63 1/2	52	60	67 1/2
Consol gold 4 1/2s. 1936	J	65	Sale	65	65	3	62 1/2	73 1/2
Improvement gold 5s. 1928	J D	61	67	67	Feb '20	---	63	70 1/2
1st & refunding 5s. 1955	F A	41	Sale	40 1/2	42	136	38	46
Trust Co certs of deposit.								
Rio Gr Jun 1st gu 5s. 1939	J D	---	---	39	Feb '20	---	39	43 1/2
Rio Gr 1st gu 7s. 1940	J	---	---	75	Jan '20	---	75	75
Guaranteed. 1940	J	---	---	61 1/4	Apr '11	---	---	---
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4s. 1939	J	65	---	64	July '17	---	---	---
Mtge & coal trust 4s. 1949	A O	48 1/2	49	48 1/2	49 1/2	22	48	52
Del & Mack—1st lien g 4s. 1955	J D	---	---	78	Dec '16	---	---	---
Gold 4s. 1955	J D	---	---	75 1/2	July '16	---	---	---
Del Riv Tun Ter Tun 4 1/2s. 1911	M N	74 1/4	Sale	74	75 1/2	5	74	80
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 6s. 1941	J	95	---	96 1/2	June '18	---	---	---
Dul & Iron Range 1st 6s. 1937	A O	89 1/2	---	89 1/2	89 1/2	1	89 1/2	90 1/2
Registered. 1937	A O	---	---	105 1/2	Mar '08	---	---	---
Dul/Sou Shore & Atl g 5s. 1937	J	83	---	83	June '19	---	---	---
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s. 1941	M N	85 1/2	90	89 1/2	Sept '19	---	---	---
Eric 1st consol gold 7s. 1947	M N	85	---	87	Feb '20	---	95	98
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s. 1947	M N	88	---	88	Jan '20	---	80	80
3rd ext gold 4 1/4s. 1923	M N	88	---	88	Jan '20	---	92	92
4th ext gold 5s. 1920	A O	95 1/2	---	97 1/2	Dec '19	---	---	---
5th ext gold 4s. 1928	J D	---	---	94 1/2	Nov '15	---	---	---
N Y L & W 1st g 7 1/2s. 1920	M S	100	---	95 1/2	Aug '19	---	---	---
Eric 1st cons g 4s 1st 7s. 1956	J	53	Sale	52 1/2	54 1/2	53	49 1/2	56
Registered. 1956	J	---	---	84	Dec '16	---	---	---
1st consol gen lien g 4s. 1996	J	45	Sale	44	45	84	39	45
Registered. 1996	J	---	---	73	June '10	---	---	---
Penn coal trust gold 4s. 1951	F A	---	---	79 1/2	79 1/2	7	79	79 1/2
50-year conv 4s Ser A. 1953	A O	30 1/2	Sale	37 1/2	39 1/2	44	33 1/2	41 1/2
do Series B. 1953	A O	35 1/2	---	36	39 1/2	37	30	41
Gen conv 4s Series D. 1953	A O	42	Sale	42	43	46	36	44
Ohio & Erie 1st gold 6s. 1952	M N	---	---	70 1/2	70 1/2	1	70 1/2	70 1/2
Clev & Mahon Vall g 5s. 1938	J	90	---	106 1/2	Jan '17	---	79 1/2	83
Eric & Jersey 1st s f 6s. 1955	J	90	---	90	Feb '20	---	90	90
Genesee River 1st s f 6s. 1955	J	94 1/2	---	94 1/2	Dec '19	---	---	---
Long Dock consol g 6s. 1935	A O	100	---	108 1/2	Sept '19	---	---	---
Coal & Imp 1st cur gu 6s. 1923	M N	93	100	103	Jan '18	---	---	---
N Y & Green L gu g 5s. 1946	M N	81	85	85	Jan '18	---	91	91
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5s. 1937	J	64	---	65	Nov '19	---	---	---
2d gold 4 1/4s. 1940	F A	---	---	100 1/4	Dec '08	---	---	---
General gold 5s. 1940	F A	---	---	80	June '18	---	---	---
Terminal 1st gold 6s. 1943	M N	72	---	97	Dec '18	---	---	---
Mid of N J 1st ext g 5s. 1940	A O	72	---	72	Nov '19	---	---	---
Wilk & East 1st gu g 5s. 1943	J D	54	---	53	Feb '20	---	63	55
Ev & Ind 1st cons gu g 5s. 1926	J	95	---	23 1/2	Jan '17	---	---	---
Evansy & T H 1st cons 6s. 1921	J	95	---	95 1/4	Aug '19	---	---	---
1st general gold 5s. 1942	A O	60	---	63	Dec '19	---	---	---
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s. 1923	A O	---	---	108	Nov '11	---	---	---
Sull Co Branch 1st g 5s. 1930	A O	76	---	95	June '12	---	---	---
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2s. 1953	J	76	---	76	76	3	76	80
Fort St U D Co 1st r. 1941	J	---	---	52	Aug '10	---	---	---
Pt Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s. 1928	J	56 1/2	---	56	66	7	56	56 1/2
Galv Hous & Hen 1st 6s. 1932	A O	80	---	76	Dec '19	---	83	83
Great Nor C B & Q 4s. 1921	J	94 1/2	Sale	93 1/2	94 1/2	384	93	94
Registered. 1921	J	---	---	94 1/2	Jan '20	---	94 1/2	95 1/2
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series A. 1961	J	81	87 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1	81 1/2	85 1/2
Registered. 1961	J	---	---	95	June '16	---	---	---
St Paul M & Man 4s. 1933	J	84	86	83 1/2	Feb '20	---	83 1/2	85 1/2
1st consol g 6s. 1933	J	104	108	103 1/2	Feb '20	---	103 1/2	105 1/2
Registered. 1933	J	---	---	118	Apr '17	---	---	---
Reduced to gold 4 1/4s. 1933	F A	89	Sale	102 1/2	May '16	---	88	92
Registered. 1933	F A	---	---	79 1/2	Feb '20	---	79 1/2	83 1/2
Mont ext 1st gold 4s. 1937	J D	79 1/2	---	80	Sept '19	---	---	---
Registered. 1937	J D	---	---	82	Nov '19	---	---	---
Pacific ext guar 4s 2. 1940	J	82	---	78	Feb '20	---	78	78
E Minn Nor Div 1st g 4s. 1948	A O	78	---	97	Feb '20	---	97	99
Minn Union 1st g 6s. 1922	J	97	---	103 1/2	103 1/2	1	101 1/2	106 1/2
Mont O 1st gu g 6s. 1937	J	103	108	103 1/2	103 1/2	1	101 1/2	106 1/2
Registered. 1937	J	---	---	120 1/2	May '06	---	---	---
1st guar gold 6s. 1937	J	92	96	94	Jan '20	---	94	94
Wib & S F 1st gold 5s. 1938	J	91 1/4	95 1/4	93	Dec '19	---	---	---
Green Bay & W dep 6 1/2s "A". 1938	Feb	51 1/2	55 1/2	51 1/2	Feb '20	---	55 1/2	55 1/2
Debtenture 6 1/2s "B". 1938	Feb	8 1/2	10 1/2	10	Feb '20	---	7 1/2	10 1/2
Gulf & S I 1st ref & t g 6s. 1952	J	86	---	58 1/2	Feb '20	---	58 1/2	58 1/2
Hooking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2s. 1999	J	70	70 1/2	70	70 1/2	19	69 1/2	73 1/2
Registered. 1999	J	---	---	73 1/2	June '18	---	---	---
Col & H V 1st ext g 4s. 1948	A O	---	---	73 1/2	Oct '18	---	---	---
Col & Tol 1st ext 4s. 1955	F A	65 1/4	---	70 1/4	Apr '19	---	---	---
Houston Bond & Term 1st 6s. 1947	J	78	---	82	Nov '19	---	82 1/2	83
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s. 1951	J	83	Sale	82 1/2	83	6	82 1/2	83
Registered. 1951	J	---	---	72	Sept '17	---	72	72
1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	J	72	Sale	72	72	2	72	72
Registered. 1951	J	---	---	65 1/2	Nov '16	---	---	---
Extended 1st gold 3 1/2s. 1951	A O	---	---	72	Nov '19	---	---	---
Registered. 1951	A O	---	---	80	July '09	---	---	---
1st gold 3s sterling. 1951	M S	---	---	69	69	3	68	74 1/2
Registered. 1951	M S	---	---	69 1/2	Sept '12	---	---	---
Collateral trust gold 4s. 1952	A O	69	Sale	69	69	3	67 1/2	74 1/2
Registered. 1952	A O	---	---	72	Sale	71 1/2	67 1/2	74 1/2
1st refunding 4s. 1952	M	63 1/2	---	63 1/2	63 1/2	8	63 1/2	63 1/2
Purchase Ind 3 1/2s A. 1952	M	67 1/2	---	66 1/2	67 1/2	27	64 1/2	72 1/2
L N O & Texas gold 6s. 1952	M	67 1/2	---	66 1/2	67 1/2	27	64 1/2	72 1/2
Registered. 1952	M	---	---	60	Aug '19	---	---	---
15-year secured 5 1/2s. 1953	J	90	Sale	90	90	5	90	93 1/2
Calro Bridge gold 4s. 1950	J	73	---	70 1/2	70 1/2	2	70 1/2	80
Litchfield Div 1st gold 3s. 1951	J	52	60	50	Dec '19	---	---	---
Louisville Div & Term g 3 1/2s. 1953	J	66 1/2	67 1/2	69	Jan '20	---	69	69
Middle Div reg 5s. 1921	F A	92 1/2	---	102	June '16	---	---	---
Omaha Div 1st 5s. 1951	F A	51	---	51 1/2	Sept '18	---	---	---
St Louis Div & Term g 8s. 1951	F A	62	63	63	Jan '20	---	63	63
Gold 3 1/2s. 1951	F A	62 1/2	67	61 1/2	61 1/2	1	61 1/2	61 1/2
Registered. 1951	F A	---	---	74	80 1/2	Nov '16	---	---
Spruigt Div 1st g 3 1/2s. 1951	J	71 1/2	---	70 1/2	May '19	---	---	---
Western Lines 1st g 4s. 1951	F A	71 1/2	---	70 1/2	Nov '10	---	---	---
Registered. 1951	F A	---	---	95	90	117 1/2	73	Mar '19
Bellev & Car 1st 6s. 1923	M D	95	90	117 1/2	Mar '19	---	93	Jan '20
Carb & Bhow 1st gold 4s. 1932	M D	89 1/2	91 1/2	95 1/2	Jan '20	---	93	93
Ohio St L & N O gold 5s. 1951	J D	62 1/2	68 1/2	66 1/2	July '18	---	---	---
Registered. 1951	J D	---	---	79	80 1/2	2	79	83 1/2
Joint 1st ref 5s Ser A. 1953	J	61 1/2	68	69 1/2	Feb '20	---	69 1/2	69 1/2
Registered. 1953	J	---	---	85	Nov '17	---	---	---
Memph Div 1st g 4s. 1951	J	70	80 1/2	79	80 1/2	2	79	83 1/2
Registered. 1951	J	---	---	61 1/2	68 1/2	1	61 1/2	61 1/2
St Louis Sou 1st gu g 4s. 1931	M S	---	---	77 1/2	Aug '19	---	---	---
nd Ill & Iowa 1st g 4s. 1950	J	72 1/2	---	70 1/2	Dec '19	---	---	---
1st & Great Nor 1st g 6s. 1919	M N	91	95	93	Nov '19	---	---	---
James Frank & Clear 1st 4s. 1959	J D	73	80	78	Jan '20	---	73	78
Kansas City Sou 1st gold 3s. 1950	A O	56	56 1/2	56	56	7	54 1/2	59
Registered. 1950	A O	---	---	69 1/2	69 1/2	70	67 1/2	70 1/2
Ref & Imp 5s. 1950	J	71	Sale	70 1/2	71	43	67 1/2	70 1/2
Kansas City Term								



BONDS										BONDS													
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE													
Week ending March 5										Week ending March 5													
Interest Period	Index	Bid	Ask	Price		Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Low	High	Interest Period	Index	Bid	Ask	Price		Week's Range or Last Sale	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Low	High		
				Friday	March 5										Friday	March 5							
N Y Cent & H R RR (Conv)	A	93 7/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	P. O. C. & St. L. (Conv)	J	D	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	91	91	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
N Y & Northern 1st 4 1/2 1923	A	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Series G 4 1/2 guar	M	F	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
N Y & Pu 1st cons gu 4 1/2 1923	A	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Series G 4 1/2 guar	M	F	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Pine Creek reg guar 6 1/2 1922	A	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Series I cons gu 4 1/2 1923	M	F	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
R W & O con lat gu 6 1/2 1922	A	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	C St L & P 1st cons gu 5 1/2 1922	A	Q	F	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Rutland 1st con gu 4 1/2 1921	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Peoria & Pekin Un 1st 6 1/2 1921	A	Q	F	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Og & L Chem 1st gu 4 1/2 1923	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	2d gold 4 1/2 1921	M	N	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Rut-Canada 1st gu 4 1/2 1923	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Perce Marquette 1st Ser A 5 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
St Lawr & Adir 1st gu 6 1/2 1926	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1st Series B 4 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
3d gold 6 1/2 1926	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Philippine Ry 1st 30-yr 4 1/2 1937	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Utica & Bk Riv gu 4 1/2 1922	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Pitts Sh & L B 1st 5 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2 1923	J	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1st consol gold 5 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Debuture gold 4 1/2 1928	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Reading Co gen gold 4 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
25-year gold 4 1/2 1931	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Jersey Central coll & 4 1/2 1927	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Atlantic City guar 4 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	St Jos & Grand Isl 1st 4 1/2 1947	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	St Louis & San Fran (reorg Co)	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Prior lien Ser A 4 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Prior lien Ser B 5 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Prior lien Ser C 6 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Cum adjust Ser A 6 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Income Series A 6 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	St Louis & San Fran gen 6 1/2 1937	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	General gold 5 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	St L & S F RR cons 4 1/2 1926	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	South Div 1st 5 1/2 1927	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	K C Ft B & M cons 6 1/2 1928	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	K C Ft B & M Ry ref 4 1/2 1926	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	K C & M R B & P 1st 6 1/2 1929	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	St L S W 1st 4 1/2 bond 6 1/2 1929	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	2d 4 1/2 income bond 6 1/2 1929	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Consol gold 4 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	lat terminal & unifying 6 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Gray's Pt Ter 1st gu 6 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	S A & A Pass lat gu 4 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Seaboard A L Line 4 1/2 1927	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Gold 4 1/2 stamped 1926	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Adjustment 5 1/2 1926	F	A	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Refunding 4 1/2 1926	A	O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Atl Brm 30-yr 1st 4 1/2 1923	M	S	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Caro Cent lat con 4 1/2 1949	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	Via Cent & Pen 1st ext 6 1/2 1923	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93 1/8	94 1/8	92 1/2	93 1/2	Jan '20	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	lat land grant ext 6 1/2 1930	J	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	
Registered	M	93																					

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N Y STOCK EXCHANGE		Week ending March 5		Interest		Price		Week's		Range		Since	
Week ending March 5		Week ending March 5		Period		Friday		Range		Since		Jan. 1.	
Bid		Ask		Low		High		No.		Low		High	
Virginian 1st 5s series A	1962 M N	82 3/4	83 1/4	82	82 1/2	13	82	85 1/4					
Wabash 1st gold 5s	1939 M N	87	87	87	88	45	87	91					
2d gold 5s	1939 F A	80 1/2	81	80 1/2	81	2	80	83					
Debuture series B	1939 J J			90	Aug '19								
1st lien equip & rd g 5s	1921 M S	98 1/4		97 1/2	July '19								
1st lien 50-yr g term 4s	1954 J J		70 1/4	70 1/4	Nov '19								
Det & Ch Ext lat g 5s	1941 J J	88 1/4		87 1/2	Aug '12								
Des Moines Div lat g 5s	1941 M S		70 1/2	70 1/2	Oct '19								
Om Div lat g 3 1/2s	1941 A O		67 1/2	67 1/2	Aug '12								
Tol & Ch Div g 4s	1941 M S		74 1/2	74 1/2	Oct '19								
Waah Term lat g 3 1/2s	1945 F A	67 1/2	74	70	Jan '20		70	72					
1st 40-yr guar 4s	1945 F A	75 1/4		82	Aug '18								
West Maryland 1st g 4s	1952 A O	52 1/4	54	52	52 1/2	55	49	52 1/2					
West N Y & Pa lat g 5s	1937 J J	88 1/4	90 1/2	92	Jan '21		92	92					
Gen gold 4s	1943 A O	60	65	63	Jan '20		63	63					
Income 5s	1943 N O V			35	Oct '17								
Western Pac lat ser A 5s	1946 M S	82 1/2	84	80 1/2	82 1/2	8	80 1/2	88					
Wheeling & L E 5s	1926 A O	90	93	91 1/2	Jan '20		91 1/2	92 1/2					
Wheel Div lat ser 4s	1928 J J	92	95	93	Feb '17								
Ext'n & Imp't gold 5s	1928 J J			100 1/2	Mar '17								
Refunding 4 1/2 series A	1966 M S			67	Feb '20								
RR lat con 4s	1940 M S	53	54	53	55	3	53	53					
Winston Salem S B 1st 4s	1960 J J	60 1/4	70	67 1/2	Nov '19		67 1/2	71					
Wla Cent 50-yr lat con 4s	1949 J J	69 1/2	70	69 1/2	69 1/2	41	67	71					
Sup & Dul Div & term lat 4s	1936 M N	63 1/2	70	63 1/2	63 1/2	1	63 1/2	70					

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Week ending March 5		Week ending March 5		Period		Friday		Range		Since		Jan. 1.	
Bid		Ask		Low		High		No.		Low		High	
<b>Gas &amp; Electric Lt—(Cont.)</b>													
Utah Power & Lt 1st 5s	1944 F A	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	7	79 1/2	85 1/2					
Utica Elec L & P 1st g 5s	1950 J J	95	95	95	95	5	95	95					
Utica Gas & Elec ref 5s	1957 J J		88 1/2	87	Nov '19								
Westchester Ltd gold 5s	1950 J D	65	90	85	Oct '19								
<b>Miscellaneous</b>													
Adams Ex coll tr g 4s	1948 M S	55	57	56	56	9	55 1/2	58 1/2					
Alaska M deb 6s A	1925 M S	11 1/2	15 1/2	20	Feb '20								
Conv deb 6s series B	1926 M S		12 1/2	13	Feb '20								
Armour & Co Va 1st 5s	1920 M N	97 1/2	102	97 1/2	97 1/2	3	97 1/2	102					
Armour & Co Va 1st 5s	1920 M N	97 1/2	102	97 1/2	97 1/2	3	97 1/2	102					
Booth Fisheries deb a f 6s	1926 J A D	83	84	83 1/2	83	56	82 1/2	84 1/2					
Bradford Cop M coll tr a f 6s	1926 J A D	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	3	90 1/2	91					
Bush Terminal lat 4s	1952 A O	92 1/2	94	92 1/2	93	3	91	93					
Conal 5s	1955 J J	73 1/2	78	77	Feb '20		77	79 1/2					
Buildings 5s guar tax ex	1960 A O	70 1/2	75 1/2	75	Feb '20		75	82					
Chie C & Conn Ry a f 5s	1927 A O	40 1/2	42	40 1/2	41	2	38	42 1/2					
Chie N Sta lat 1st g 4 1/2s A	1963 J J	77 1/2	77 1/2	78	79	6	78	82 1/2					
Chile Copper 10-yr conv 7s	1923 M N	101 1/2	102	100	102	15	99 1/2	108 1/2					
Coal tr & conv 6s ser A	1932 A O	70	74	70 1/2	70 1/2	15	70 1/2	86					
Computing-Tab-Rec a f 6s	1941 J J	82	84	82	82	24	81 1/2	88					
Grand Con MS&P con 6s A	1928 M N	91 1/2	95	93	Jan '20		90	93					
Stamped	1928 M N	91 1/2	95	93	Jan '20		90	93					
Great Falls Power 1st 5s	1940 M N	88 1/2	90	88 1/2	88 1/2	1	87 1/2	95 1/2					
Int Mercan Marine f 6s	1941 A O	93	94	93	93	1	92	95 1/2					
Montana Power lat 5s A	1941 A O	85	86	84	85	32	81 1/2	86 1/2					
Morris & Co lat a f 4 1/2s	1939 J J			82	Jan '20								
Mtge Bonds (N Y) 4s ser 2	1960 A O			62	62	6	62	62 1/2					
10-20-year 6s series 3	1932 J J			64	June '16								
N Y Doc 50-yr 1st g 4s	1951 F A	60	62	62	62	6	62	62 1/2					
Niagara Falls Power lat 5s	1932 J J	91	91 1/2	91 1/2	Jan '20		91 1/2	95					
Ref & gen 6s	1932 A O			98 1/2	Oct '19								
Nag Log & O Pow lat 5s	1954 M N	88	89	88	Jan '20		88	88					
North States Power 25-yr 5s A	1941 A O	81	82	81	Feb '20		81	85					
Ontario Power N F 1st 5s	1943 F A	85	85	82 1/2	82 1/2	1	82 1/2	85					
Pan-Am Pet & Tr lat conv 6s	1945 M N	68	72	72	Jan '20		72	75					
Pub Serv Corp N J gen 5s	1950 A O	62	64	63 1/2	May '19		63 1/2	66					
Tennessee Cop lat conv 6s	1925 M N	95 1/2	95 1/2	93	Feb '20		93 1/2	96					
Wash Water Power lat 5s	1939 J J	91	91 1/2	90 1/2	July '19		90 1/2	94 1/2					
Wilson & Co lat 25-yr a f 6s	1941 A O	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	18	90 1/2	98 1/2					
10-yr conv a f 6s	1928 J D	91 1/2	94	91 1/2	92	75	90	96 1/2					
<b>Manufacturing &amp; Industrial</b>													
Am Agric Chem lat 6s	1928 A O		93 1/2	93 1/2	97	5	95	100					
Conv deben 5s	1924 F A	95	96	94	95	7	93	99 1/2					
Am Cot Oil debenture f 6s	1931 A O	85	85 1/2	85 1/2	Feb '20		85	89 1/2					
Am Sm & R lat 40-yr 5s ser A	1941 A O	82 1/2	84	81 1/2	83 1/2	31	81 1/2	86 1/2					
Am Tobacco 40-year g 6s	1944 A O	119			Feb '20								
Gold 4s	1951 F A			78	Sept '19								
Am Writ Paper a f 7 1/2s	1939 J J	78	73 1/2	82	Feb '20		80	83 1/2					
Baldw Loco Wor a 1st 5s	1940 M N		93 1/2	95	95	3	92	97					
Cent Foundry lat a f 6s	1931 F A	73	81	80 1/2	Jan '20		80	84					
Cent Leather 20-year g 5s	1925 A O	95	94	94 1/2	95	4	94	97 1/2					
Consol Tobacco g 4s	1951 F A		73 1/2	73 1/2	Dec '18								
Consol Telg a f g 5s	1931 M N	98	101 1/2	100	Jan '20		100 1/2	100 1/2					
1st 25-year g 6s	1934 M N	98	100	99	99	1	99	100 1/2					
Distill Sec Cor conv lat g 5s	1927 A O		70 1/2	70 1/2	Feb '20								
E I du Pont Powder 4 1/2s	1930 J J	91 1/2	91	91 1/2	Sept '19		91 1/2	93 1/2					
General Baking lat 25-yr 6s	1930 J D	89	91	91	Feb '20		91	91					
Gen Electric deb g 3 1/2s	1942 F A		71	71	71	22	68	70 1/2					
Debuture 5s	1952 M S	85 1/2	84	85	85	6	85	97					
Ingersoll-Rand lat 5s	1935 J J		85 1/2	85	Nov '18								
Int Agric Corp lat 20-yr 5s	1932 M N	78	79	78	78	6	78	84 1/2					
Int Paper conv a f g 5s	1935 J J	100 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	Jan '20		99 1/2	100 1/2					
Lat & ref a f conv ser A	1947 F A	83	86	86	Feb '20		84	86 1/2					
Liggett & Myers Tobac 7s	1944 A O	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	108	6	106	111					
Lorillard Co (F) 7s	1944 A O	108 1/2	109 1/2	110	110	3	107 1/2	110					
5s	1941 F A		87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	1	85 1/2	88					
Nat Edam & Stamp lat 5s	1929 J D	94	95	94 1/2	94 1/2	1	93 1/2	97 1/2					
Nat Starch 20 year deb 5s	1930 J J	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	1	93 1/2	97 1/2					
National Tube lat 5s	1942 M N		89 1/2	91	Aug '18								
N Y Air Bra a lat conv 6s	1938 M N	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	98	6	95	99 1/2					
Pierce Oil 5-year conv 6s	1920 J D		100 1/2	100 1/2	Nov '19								
10-year conv deb 6s	1924 J J		104 1/2	104 1/2	Jan '20								





Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Feb. 28 to Mar. 5, both inclusive.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2, 1st Lib Loan 4 1/2, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Feb. 28 to Mar. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Albert Pick & Co., American Radiator, etc.

(\*) No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Feb. 28 to Mar. 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Rolling Mill com, Amer Vitriol Prod com, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Carbo Hydrogen com, Carnegie Lead & Zinc, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Feb. 28 to March 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co., Arundel Corporation, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Feb. 28 to March 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Ry, etc.



Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1. Includes various stock listings such as Northern Central, Pennsylvania Salt Mfg., and others.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Feb. 28 to March 5, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon. On the "Curb" there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions. The possibility that fictitious transactions may creep in, or even that dealings in spurious securities may be included, should, hence, always be kept in mind, particularly as regards mining shares. In the circumstances, it is out of the question for anyone to vouch for the absolute trustworthiness of this record of "Curb" transactions, and we give it for what it may be worth.

Table with multiple columns: Week ending March 5, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Range since Jan. 1., Stocks, Par., Price, Low, High, Shares, Low, High. Includes various stock listings such as Acme Coal, Aetna Explosives, and others.





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 give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various railroads like Alabama & Vicksburg, Ann Arbor, Atchafalaya, etc., with their respective earnings data.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Includes rows for Mileage, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

\*We no longer include Mexican roads in any of our totals.

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of February. The table covers 13 roads and shows 3.16% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year:

Third Week of February.	1920.	1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	273,056	293,583	-----	20,527
Canadian National Rys.	1,552,908	1,572,152	-----	19,244
Colorado & Southern.	2,901,000	2,729,000	172,000	-----
Duluth South Shore & Atl.	490,384	489,011	1,373	-----
Grand Trunk of Canada.	57,768	64,901	-----	7,133
Grand Trunk Western.				
Detroit Grand Haven & Mil.	928,693	974,220	-----	45,527
Canada Atlantic.				
Mineral Range.	11,598	18,542	-----	6,944
Nevada-California-Oregon.	3,238	2,761	477	-----
Tennessee Alabama & Georgia.	3,397	2,303	1,094	-----
Texas & Pacific.	727,211	589,843	137,368	-----
<b>Total (13 roads)</b>	<b>6,949,253</b>	<b>6,736,316</b>	<b>312,937</b>	<b>99,375</b>
<b>Net increase (3.16%)</b>			<b>212,937</b>	

**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:

Roads.	Gross Earnings Current Year.	Previous Year.	Net Earnings Current Year.	Previous Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ala & Vicksburg b.	296,302	241,284	84,138	39,160
Ann Arbor b.	455,984	376,209	96,264	55,767
Atch Top & Santa Fe b.	20,177,970	13,028,539	8,162,441	2,290,910
Gulf Colo & Santa Fe b.	2,591,019	1,440,012	805,702	285,114
Panhandle & S Fe b.	768,770	403,437	158,760	def136,189
Atlanta & West Point b.	277,527	222,015	80,341	52,090
Atlanta Birm & Atl b.	523,803	381,525	41,529	def128,842
Atlantic Coast Line b.	6,820,139	5,887,841	1,665,688	1,522,786
Baltimore & Ohio b.	17,343,667	13,332,116	1,464,579	def1,173,015
B & O Chicago Term b.	214,879	127,686	def11,760	def127,127
Bangor & Aroostook b.	591,175	470,484	145,882	53,165
Belt Ry of Chicago b.	419,786	256,233	46,093	def33,185
Bessemer & Lake Erie b.	639,349	662,851	def92,424	def42,678
Bingham & Garfield b.	152,151	146,136	33,026	18,286
Birmingham South b.	35,147	56,903	def4,596	24,090
Boston & Maine b.	6,778,276	5,445,484	409,697	19,614
Buffalo & Susq b.	226,498	192,810	def12,815	def15,542
Buff Roch & Pitts b.	1,322,703	1,400,274	def102,315	def53,101
Canadian Pacific a.	13,914,570	13,028,328	585,941	1,553,512
Can Pac Lines in Me b.	357,394	310,165	def10,608	def53,395
Caro Clinch & Ohio b.	619,785	487,897	129,823	114,000
Central of Georgia b.	2,411,342	1,658,805	603,140	70,357
Central New England b.	536,710	519,438	def130,197	def14,211
Central Vermont b.	536,501	432,207	def48,172	def75,242
Chesapeake & Ohio b.	6,420,510	6,032,070	1,083,547	1,087,740
Chicago & Alton b.	2,541,179	2,032,652	363,640	173,914
Chicago & North West b.	13,093,062	9,795,841	1,416,286	557,347
Chic & East Illinois b.	2,932,417	2,093,216	821,976	13,391
Chicago Great West b.	2,257,561	1,653,617	437,346	99,218
Chic Ind & Louisv b.	1,312,817	867,334	285,323	94,724
Chicago Junction b.	348,064	314,804	def43,096	def104,996
Chic Milw & St P b.	14,533,590	11,193,868	2,092,207	def12,076
Chic R I & Pacific b.	12,344,566	8,022,957	2,809,307	46,509
Chic R I & Gulf b.	661,042	371,329	232,997	def5,316
Chic St P M & Om b.	2,910,424	2,314,847	856,346	469,028
Chic Terre Haute & S E b.	437,160	347,389	41,071	def25,498
Cin Ind & Western b.	376,155	233,143	11,034	def65,446
Cin New OrL & Tex Pac b.	1,756,312	1,511,116	477,617	439,940
Colorado & Southern b.	1,222,633	1,089,357	346,518	263,942
Ft Worth & Den City b.	1,101,037	773,785	281,653	163,800
Trinity & Braz Val b.	174,012	116,211	def40,467	def35,580
Colorado & Wyoming b.	48,876	96,283	323	16,808
Delaware Lack & West b.	5,892,885	5,699,053	616,706	1,198,778
Denver & Rio Grande b.	3,420,841	2,568,465	1,182,416	515,305
Denver & Salt Lake b.	245,670	138,684	def114,251	def116,913
Detroit & Mackinac b.	118,312	100,785	def35,460	def51,292
Det & Tol Shore Line b.	186,360	205,123	63,690	114,852
Det Tol & Ironton b.	351,380	362,987	def45,000	def42,878
Dul Messabe & North b.	144,691	192,049	def334,485	def268,842
East St Louis Conn b.	115,385	98,596	def39,570	def28,089
Elgin Joliet & East b.	1,740,539	1,952,204	386,987	547,224
Erie b.	8,193,917	6,954,625	def279,838	def479,802
Chicago & Erie b.	998,352	823,272	139,699	102,977
Florida East Coast b.	1,189,953	1,008,152	421,125	197,292
Fonda Johns & Glovers b.	108,521	93,504	39,178	30,171
Ft Smith & Western b.	154,495	114,334	1,679	10,962
Galveston Wharf b.	88,287	86,013	1,303	23,314
Georgia & Florida.	114,132	78,845	def56,784	def16,051
Gd Trunk Lines in N E b.	343,165	336,770	6,337	def138,090
Grand Trunk West b.	1,842,009	1,623,464	def110,533	141,972
Great Northern b.	10,151,935	8,874,400	2,247,971	1,447,789
Gulf & Ship Island b.	273,119	175,865	36,800	def6,012
Gulf Mobile & North b.	327,688	194,666	30,434	def6,053
Hocking Valley b.	1,121,113	509,763	158,901	def229,787
Illinois Central b.	12,255,892	8,503,956	2,748,030	286,252
Internat & Great Nor. b.	1,728,575	1,105,735	323,158	22,981
K C Mex & Orient b.	149,575	90,791	def40,475	def85,895
K C Mex & O of Tex b.	159,499	75,003	def24,123	def79,871
Kansas City South b.	1,498,995	1,263,651	374,224	203,490
Texark & Ft Sm b.	157,771	98,108	65,158	3,937
Kansas City Term b.	126,818	107,670	def11,988	322
Lehigh & Hudson River b.	197,499	206,405	9,148	5,533
Lehigh & New Eng b.	368,360	307,127	103,257	75,731
Lehigh Valley b.	5,487,476	5,062,564	def238,162	276,549
Los Angeles & Salt L. b.	1,631,856	1,300,741	485,375	349,799
Louisville & Nashville b.	10,269,714	8,256,212	1,456,807	753,399
Louisv Head & St L. b.	251,341	238,687	67,732	50,780
Maine Central b.	1,604,345	1,416,415	55,188	def108,950

Roads.	Gross Earnings Current Year.	Previous Year.	Net Earnings Current Year.	Previous Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Midland Valley b.	385,987	304,452	59,436	34,122
Minneapolis & St L. b.	1,502,750	925,821	321,512	def177,189
Missouri Pacific b.	3,492,201	3,175,355	300,260	565,645
Mississippi Central b.	75,814	74,705	def49,947	def13,561
Mo & Nor Ark. b.	167,544	139,884	def18,845	def51,793
Mo Kan & Texas b.	3,473,857	2,623,357	695,299	55,940
Mo Kan & Tex of Tex. b.	2,584,668	1,740,154	def186,188	def110,345
Mo Okla & Gulf b.	174,084	101,088	def87,343	def63,816
Missouri Pacific b.	10,495,227	6,810,631	2,507,140	def78,380
Monongahela Connect. b.	224,328	213,514	61,059	def38,567
Montour b.	80,010	84,158	def19,127	def30,587
Nash Chatt & St L. b.	2,154,691	1,513,977	415,387	def124,169
Nevada Northern b.	169,476	182,836	68,340	82,448
Newburgh & So Sh. b.	127,260	129,074	7,168	9,144
New OrL & Gt Nor. b.	202,872	176,213	15,664	23,678
New OrL & Nor East b.	730,236	505,693	193,997	76,223
New OrL Tex & Mex. b.	172,446	96,693	8,753	def36,610
Beau Sour Lake & W b.	142,936	121,862	17,592	21,469
St L Browns & Mex. b.	607,936	400,708	172,507	104,169
New York Central b.	30,197,291	24,821,605	6,725,687	4,285,434
Cincinnati North b.	224,917	233,566	32,037	39,907
Cleve Cin Chic & St Lb.	7,377,250	5,347,881	2,149,916	739,511
Ind Harbor Belt b.	654,495	605,845	def139,438	41,691
Kanawha & Mich. b.	339,985	267,964	def28,459	def91,046
Lake Erie & West. b.	933,496	764,567	126,880	def40,156
Michigan Central b.	6,979,258	5,000,536	1,365,553	1,304,413
Pitts & Lake Erie b.	2,784,240	2,792,840	267,355	743,280
Tol & Ohio Central b.	774,010	600,981	def33,321	def14,781
N Y Chic & St L. b.	2,193,667	2,069,363	413,521	405,902
N Y N H & Hartford b.	10,313,075	7,336,773	1,267,679	def312,593
New York Ont & West. b.	735,167	793,522	def170,396	def44,331
N Y Susq & West. b.	331,178	333,066	def78,971	38,868
Norfolk & Western b.	6,835,195	6,100,013	818,340	852,234
Norfolk Southern b.	743,611	481,422	184,071	def21,362
Northern Alabama b.	148,846	111,655	43,699	def11,933
Northern Pacific b.	9,451,662	7,934,352	2,820,210	1,969,252
Minn & Internat. b.	97,327	76,836	14,726	def2,300
Northwestern Pacific b.	580,690	383,404	105,567	def2,666
Pennsylvania b.	30,039,972	30,477,482	df2,491,032	567,155
Balt Ches & Atl. b.	60,009	88,076	def38,777	135
Cumberland Valley b.	483,149	481,047	117,358	83,063
Long Island b.	1,656,572	1,499,582	def122,635	def98,200
Mary Del & West. b.	45,255	83,468	def38,653	def234
Monongahela b.	293,970	305,361	def6,252	75,213
N Y Phila & Norfolk b.	580,492	615,810	def38,433	130,092
Tol Peoria & West. b.	180,591	161,732	18,816	29,143
West Jer & Sea Shore b.	704,232	735,887	def299,981	def190,176
Pennsylvania Co. b.	9,506,991	7,472,886	999,728	def330,566
Grand Rap & Ind. b.	835,112	514,778	139,055	def70,988
Pitts Cin Chi & St L. b.	10,580,612	7,377,273	1,889,437	251,055
Peoria & Pekin Union b.	147,228	104,721	def7,602	def43,269
Peru Marquette b.	3,116,812	2,473,433	320,400	328,402
Perkdomen b.	108,520	79,503	42,745	28,497
Philadelpia & Read. b.	6,931,822	5,950,980	527,492	90,511
Phila Beth & New Eng. b.	83,196	115,283	def12,963	23,391
Pitts & Shawmut. b.	128,570	120,546	21,333	def386
Pitts Shaw & North b.	128,857	100,592	def20,243	def19,456
Pitts & West Virg. b.	163,115	122,254	def17,550	def56,128
Port Reading b.	190,989	224,436	53,763	24,079
Quincy Om & K C. b.	123,104	84,483	681	def18,032
Rich Fred & Pot. b.	692,558	760,370	311,087	394,391
Washington South. b.	375,627	446,805	152,152	247,413
Rutland b.	483,992	327,564	77,005	def39,851
St Joseph & Gr Is. b.	291,407	230,562	46,119	def2,799
St Louis San Fran. b.	7,023,169	5,803,741	975,768	566,336
St Louis Southwest. b.	1,569,739	999,276	548,324	180,989
St L Southw of Tex. b.	762,378	500,521	def190,861	def142,307
St Louis Transfer b.	146,068	99,622	21,370	20,871
Seaboard Air Line b.	4,795,244	3,340,297	1,155,296	322,909
South Buffalo b.	86,546	167,743	11,216	53,691
Southern Pacific b.	16,110,253			



ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
		Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Adirondack El Pow Co	January	192,516	148,772	192,516
Alabama Power Co.	January	304,224	269,141	304,224
Atlantic Shore Ry.	December	15,951	13,371	184,109
Bangor Ry & Electric	December	112,769	82,935	1,094,675
Baton Rouge Elec Co	January	39,069	31,272	39,069
Blackstone V G & El.	January	287,066	235,183	287,066
Brazilian Trac. L & P	December	1973,000	1853,000	11,130,400
Cape Breton Elec Co.	January	49,082	52,190	49,082
Cent Miss V El Prop.	December	41,923	30,700	62,190
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	December	188,865	177,162	1,915,817
Cities Service Co.	January	1905,732	1853,598	1,905,732
Cleveland & East	November	91,485	109,350	908,280
Colorado Power Co.	January	1402,312	1188,807	1,402,312
Columbia Gas & Elec	January	141,805	121,785	141,805
Com'w'th P. Ry & Lt	January	2598,960	2149,553	2,598,960
Connecticut Pow Co.	January	125,057	110,682	125,057
Consum Pow (Mich.)	January	848,934	682,731	848,934
Cumb Co (Me) P & L	December	262,658	286,401	2,768,600
Dayton Pow & Light	January	329,419	271,626	329,419
Detroit Edison	January	1354,982	1470,679	1,354,982
Detroit United Lines	November	2203,587	1806,536	22,422,746
Duluth-Superior Trac	January	167,432	148,669	167,432
East St Louis & Sub.	December	423,985	406,855	4,258,919
Eastern Texas	January	130,648	110,965	130,648
Edison El Brocton	January	122,424	93,120	122,424
Elc Light & Pow Co	January	30,978	26,842	30,978
El Paso Electric Co.	January	151,975	127,963	151,975
Fall River Gas Works	January	74,983	63,035	74,983
Federal Light & Trac	December	396,947	337,559	3,897,518
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	November	160,130	120,677	1,325,474
Gal-Hous Elec Co.	January	273,782	242,487	2,737,782
Great West Pow Sys	January	496,421	441,425	496,421
Harrisburg Railways	December	153,169	135,264	1,603,339
Havana El Ry, L & P	November	879,741	690,704	8,476,209
Haverhill Gas & Lt Co.	December	39,571	31,007	386,632
Honolulu R T & Land	December	87,159	61,915	754,620
Houghton Co El L Co	January	52,016	44,713	52,016
Houghton Co Trac Co	January	30,625	24,455	30,625
Hudson & Manhattan	July	470,293	385,024	3,484,836
Illinois Trac.	November	1343,655	1243,066	13,446,064
Interboro Rap Tran	January	444,137	383,648	4,444,137
Kansas Gas & Elec Co	November	266,849	202,974	2,374,961
Keokuk Electric Co.	December	22,136	19,589	22,136
Key West Electric Co	January	218,796	178,819	2,381,308
Lake Shore Elc Ry.	November	27,960	26,602	141,140
Long Island Electric	December	332,207	333,899	3,537,234
Lowell Electric Corp.	January	112,499	95,954	112,499
Manhat Bdge & S Line	July	12,843	12,301	90,091
Milw El Ry & Lt Co	January	1526,627	1233,918	1,526,627
Mississippi Riv P Co.	January	205,677	181,139	2,056,677
Nashville Ry & Light	December	301,562	277,227	3,294,384
New England Power	December	498,941	374,743	4,218,968
New N H Ry, G & E.	November	226,471	230,308	2,510,793
New York Dock Co.	January	449,058	440,457	449,058
N Y & Long Island.	July	56,066	54,255	324,217
N Y & North Shore	July	14,431	15,838	88,619
N Y & Queens County	July	101,787	91,641	622,443
New York Railways	July	1077,896	905,830	8,342,663
Northern Ohio Elec.	January	882,013	696,194	882,013
North Texas Electric	January	310,002	244,490	310,002
Ocean Electric (L D)	July	39,429	30,336	112,196
Pacific Power & Light	November	205,449	163,128	1,978,080
Pensacola Electric Co	December	41,828	50,756	543,592
Phila & Western	August	22,130	59,268	476,825
Phila Rapid Trans Co	August	3055,953	2717,881	32,216,937
Portland Gas & Coke	November	190,146	164,245	1,961,128
Port (Or) Ry, L & P Co	November	739,971	636,639	7,841,700
Pugot St Tr, Lt & P.	December	890,474	770,066	9,770,066
Public Ry & Lt Co	November	675,153	436,978	5,593,126
Richmond L & RR.	July	53,951	47,903	310,487
St L Rocky Mt & Pac	October	392,828	449,085	3,406,343
Santiago El Lt & Tr.	October	66,508	57,100	567,494
Second Avenue (Rec)	July	899,745	811,874	10,569,565
Southern Cal Edison	December	42,028	31,539	200,023
Staten Island Mid'd.	January	132,398	104,648	132,398
Tampa Electric Co.	December	186,534	243,532	2,166,888
Tennesse Power	December	592,980	607,241	6,380,126
Texas Power & Lt Co	November	353,755	294,603	3,110,261
Third Avenue System	January	941,063	800,552	941,063
Twin City Rap Tran.	January	1057,084	874,584	1,057,084
Virginia Ry & Power	January	883,433	725,451	883,433
Wash Balt & Annap.	December	135,871	249,654	2,168,120
Youngtown & Ohio.	December	41,492	37,468	486,748

Commonwealth Power, Ry & Lt Co	Jan '20	Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
	Jan '20	2,598,960	1,046,416	693,705	352,711
	'19	2,149,554	906,213	669,289	236,924
	12 mos	26,414,305	10,768,571	8,233,557	2,534,914
	'19	22,367,145	8,898,424	7,624,285	1,274,139

After allowing for other income received.

Name of Road or Company.	Gross Earnings.		Net after Taxes.		Surp. after Chgs.	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Baton Rouge Elec Co	January	39,069	31,272	15,862	14,114	12,332
	12 mos	379,065	277,551	141,443	124,859	100,095
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec Co	January	287,066	235,183	99,633	61,716	74,153
	12 mos	2,698,941	2,493,221	760,151	687,897	471,691
Cape Breton Elec Co, Ltd	January	49,082	52,190	4,967	15,233	de596
	12 mos	579,915	523,767	117,724	127,037	53,242
Columbia (Ga) Elc Co	January	141,805	121,785	55,511	62,778	24,906
	12 mos	1,329,301	1,194,230	604,788	609,505	238,290
Connecticut Power Co	January	125,057	110,682	41,397	40,709	20,733
	12 mos	1,274,397	1,057,020	298,840	417,519	267,249
Eastern Texas Elec Co	January	130,648	110,965	54,438	43,046	41,062
	12 mos	1,410,633	1,188,258	548,085	475,940	395,419
Edison Elc Hlum Co of Brocton	January	122,424	93,120	43,016	33,972	38,076
	12 mos	1,126,255	853,908	386,912	256,928	309,181
Elc Light & Pow Co of Abington & Rockland	January	30,978	26,842	7,322	6,440	6,721
	12 mos	298,532	239,229	54,138	50,856	46,980
El Paso Electric Co	January	154,975	127,963	52,596	37,636	44,532
	12 mos	1,601,688	1,271,236	467,473	385,280	375,054
Fall River Gas Works Co	January	74,983	63,035	21,463	5,839	20,944
	12 mos	772,560	727,404	181,407	157,308	178,070
Galveston-Houston Elc Corp	January	273,782	242,487	62,452	60,969	27,300
	12 mos	3,126,446	2,739,636	820,499	840,782	400,865
Houghton County Elc Light Co	January	52,016	44,713	21,014	10,000	17,035
	12 mos	460,405	427,334	141,085	142,164	95,236
Houghton County Trac Co	January	30,625	24,455	7,203	5,322	1,144
	12 mos	303,321	315,100	70,923	101,033	def1,799
Key West Elc Co	January	22,136	19,589	9,414	6,170	7,195
	12 mos	229,807	208,687	82,755	85,703	57,714
Lowell Electric Corp	January	112,499	95,954	43,592	28,936	41,852
	12 mos	1,012,498	920,531	302,504	216,461	278,375
Mississippi River Power Co	January	205,677	181,139	158,173	135,147	56,478
	12 mos	2,346,492	2,232,869	1,822,350	1,783,679	593,574
Northern Texas Electric Co	January	310,002	244,490	118,157	92,300	93,292
	12 mos	3,453,367	2,923,938	1,378,794	1,142,824	1,079,539
Paducah Electric Co	January	43,837	38,954	15,521	9,033	-----
	12 mos	159,996	142,031	54,931	32,212	-----
Puget Sound Trac. Lt & Pow Co	December	890,474	770,066	389,153	349,921	-----
	12 mos	9,770,666	8,328,964	3,285,964	1,349,797	-----
Sierra Pacific Elc Co	January	67,684	55,526	33,364	23,696	27,465
	12 mos	693,050	708,658	311,807	351,715	239,360
Tampa Electric Co	January	132,398	104,648	61,057	44,841	56,439
	12 mos	1,296,997	1,080,746	523,700	452,871	468,668

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	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Beaver Val Trac Co & Pittsb	54,166	50,207	12,523	11,064
Beaver St Ry Co. a. - Jan	2,965	2,853	de230</	

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Commonwealth Edison Co.	766	Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.	559
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Consolidated Gas, El. L. & Pow. Co.	564	Nevada Air Brake Co.	576
Consumers Co.	763	New Jersey Zinc Co.	567
Continental Can Co.	657	New York Dock Co.	469
Continental Motors Corp.	468	New York Transit Co.	471
Converse Rubber Shoe Co.	662	Niles-Bement-Pond Co.	557
Crecent Pipe Line Co.	662, 767	North American Co.	576
Cumberland Pipe Line Co.	662	Northern Pipe Line Co.	567
Davison Chemical Corp.	767	Northern Securities Co.	567
Detroit Pressed Steel Co.	564	Oklahoma Producing & Refining Co.	654
Downey Shipbuilding Corp.	564	Pacific Lighting Corp.	577
East Bay Water Co.	565	Pacific Mills	770
Eastern Steamship Co.	565	Palmolive Co.	770
Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	767	Pennsylvania Utilities System	465
Edmunds & Jones Corp.	767	Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.	557
Electrical Securities Corp.	767	People's Gas Light & Coke Co.	654
Emerson-Brantingham Co.	767	Perrinbone Mulliken Co.	665
Empire Steel & Iron Co.	574	Phez Co.	770
Endicott-Johnson Corp.	869	(Fayette R.) Plumb, Inc.	574
Eureka Pine Line Co.	767	Pitman-Moore Co.	770
Escondido Sugar Co.	574	Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co.	770
Essex Playars-Laaky Corp.	469	Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	665
Federal Motor Truck Co.	874	Pittsburgh Steel Co.	567
Foster, Merrill & Co.	662	Portage Rubber Co.	472
Freight Texas Co.	767	Pressed Steel Car Co.	761
General Baking Co.	879	Public Service Co. of Northern Ill.	771
General Chemical Co.	557	Reo Motor Car Co.	565
General Clear Co., Inc.	663, 764	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	567
General Electric Co.	663	Royal Dutch Co.	559
General Gas & Electric Co.	663	St. Joseph Lead Co.	771
General Motors Corp.	470, 565	Savage Arms Corp.	665
Giant Portland Cement Co.	663	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	472, 558
Gillette Safety Razor Co.	663, 767	Seneca-Solvay Co.	771
G. F. Goodrich Co.	762	Shawinigan Water & Power Co.	867
Grubbs Const. Mtn. Sm. & Pow. Co.	875	Shaw-Williams Co.	473, 567
Gulf Oil Corp.	675	Southern California Edison Co.	771
Hackensack Water Co.	875	Southern Pipe Line Co.	666
Hartman Corp.	663	South West Penn. Pipe Lines	666
Hart, Schaffner & Marx.	559	Standard Gas & Elec. Co.	473
Hendee Mfg. Co.	470	Standard Oil Co. (Kansas)	567
Heronite Powder Co.	763	Standard Oil Co.	763
Hettrick Mfg. Co.	664	Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.	877
Hupp Motor Car Corp.	470	Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corp.	772
Imperial Tobacco Co.	875	Sullivan Machinery Co.	762
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	768	Thomas Iron Co.	772
Inland Steel Co.	568	Towar Cotton Mills	773
International Coal Co.	568	Trans & Williams Steel P'g Co.	473, 559
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International Tire Co.	876	Underwood Typewriter Co.	666
Lackawanna Steel Co.	876	Union Oil Co. of Cal.	763
Laclede Gas Light Co.	769	Union Tank Car Co.	877
Larabee Flour Mills Corp.	471	United Drug Co.	877
Laurentide Power Co.	560	United Fruit Co.	655
Lawyers Mortgage Co.	876	United Gas & Electric Corp.	473
Lohish Coal & Navigation Co.	769	United States Envelope Co.	877
Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.	868	United States Rubber Co.	666
Lindsay Light Co.	664	United States Steel Corp.	463
Lorain-Wita Biscuit Co.	870	United Verde Extension Mining Co.	772
Maechy Co.	870, 769	Utah Copper Co.	877
Manufacturers Light & Heat Co.	769	Vanadium Corp.	474
Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.	769	Wahl Co.	474
Middle States Oil Corp.	869	Wayland Oil & Gas Co.	772
Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.	666	Western Grocer Co.	568
Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc.	566, 665	Weyman-Bruton Co.	871
Morris & Co.	463	(William) Whitman Co., Inc.	474
Nash Motors Co.	656	Winchester Co.	772
National Casket Co.	869	(F. W.) Woolworth Co.	656
National Cloak & Suit Co.	656	Zellerbach Paper Co.	475
National Enameling & Stamping Co.	770		
National Grocer Co.	566		

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1919.)

President Samuel Rea, Philadelphia, March 1, wrote in substance:

Operating Results.—In 1919 the operating revenues under Federal operation were \$487,885,014; operating expenses and taxes, \$469,486,659, and net railway operating income, \$18,321,701. In 1918 the total operating revenues were \$488,113,646; operating expenses and taxes, \$437,209,403, and net railway operating income, \$24,337,004.

In 1919 your lines earned 20.6% of the standard compensation fixed by the Federal control contract with your company, and in 1918 they earned 36.3% of that compensation. The final operating and maintenance results and statistics for 1919 are not yet available, but they will be obtained and published later.

Mileage.—The acquisition of the Cumberland Valley R.R. Co. and the assumption of its lease of the Southern Pennsylvania Ry. & Mining Co. by your company explain the increase [of 150 miles] in the mileage of the owned and leased lines.

Income Statement.—The standard compensation payable by the Director-General for the use of your lines and property, together with the other corporate income enabled your company to pay its fixed charges, taxes and other expenses, the regular dividends of 6% upon its capital stock, and leave a surplus available for other corporate purposes. As the principles for final settlements with the Government have not been finally determined, several of the items in the income statement and general balance sheet are necessarily estimated.

The increase [of \$1,133,723] in the compensation is due to the acquisition of the Cumberland Valley R.R., Baltimore & Sparrow's Point R.R. and Susquehanna, Hagerstown & Berwick R.R. companies, and the lease of the Union R.R. of Baltimore.

The decrease [of \$1,212,825] in the dividend income is due in part to the direct ownership instead of stock control of the aforesaid roads, but principally to the sale of [\$7,900,000 of the \$15,631,800] Southern Pacific Co. stock, owned by your company, as well as similar holdings owned by the Northern Central Ry. and Philadelphia Baltimore & Washington R.R. companies, which are leased to, and the income from whose investments are paid to, your company, under the terms of their respective leases (V. 108, p. 974).

The increase [of \$320,980] in income from funded securities is due chiefly to the interest on larger amounts of U. S. bonds subscribed for by your company. The increase [of \$1,597,185] in income from unfunded securities and accounts arises chiefly from interest on unpaid compensation and unpaid open accounts due by U. S. R.R. Administration and on funds derived from the sale of General Mortgage bonds.

Miscellaneous income was augmented by the inclusion of unsettled items of income prior to Jan. 1 1918 and included in this account in accordance with the instructions of the I.-S. C. Commission. The increase [of \$1,562,543] in miscellaneous income charges, under deductions from gross income, which are items accruing prior to Jan. 1 1918 and since settled.

Fixed Charges, etc.—New Stock, etc.—Issued by Leased Lines.—The increase [of \$590,386] in "rent for leased roads" is due chiefly to the heavier rental accrued upon additional stock of the Pittsburgh Fort Wayne & Chicago R.R. and the Cleveland & Pittsburgh R.R. companies, and bonds of the Pittsburgh Youngstown & Ashtabula Ry. and Erie & Pittsburgh R.R. companies, issued by those leased companies to discharge their capital indebtedness incurred in previous years for additions and betterments.

The decrease [\$1,003,704] in war taxes is due principally to the decrease in the rate of Federal income taxes from 12% to 10%.

The increase [of \$2,209,117] in interest on funded debt is due chiefly to the issuance [late in 1918 of \$50,000,000 of] additional General Mortgage 5% bonds (V. 107, p. 2376). The increase [\$27,870] in interest on unfunded debt is due chiefly to interest on various notes covering loans used to pay for U. S. Government Liberty and Victory Loan bonds, and meet other obligations.

After the payment of dividends aggregating 6% per annum and making the usual appropriations to the sinking and other funds, \$10,500,717 was carried to the credit of profit and loss, against which was charged the discount on General Mortgage bonds issued during the year and sundry net

debts aggregating \$2,016,167, so that the net credit to profit and loss account for the year was \$8,484,550. Compared with the total investment employed to earn that surplus it is very moderate, and is requisite, not only for strengthening your company's credit, but also to enable it to assist the weaker lines which are traffic feeders of your system.

Road & Equipment.—Pending the appropriation by Congress of funds required for the continued operation of the transportation lines early in 1919, your directors authorized a temporary loan of \$22,000,000 and delivered the proceeds to the R.R. Administration. Later we received credit for the amount, which the Government applied to reduce the charge against the company for additions and betterments. This loan was paid off out of Federal compensation.

The road and equipment expenditures were confined to those necessary to meet immediate traffic requirements and essential for safety, notably: Terminal improvements and track elevation in South Philadelphia; terminal facilities at Pittsburgh; engine house, freight station and tracks at Harrisburg; extension of Turtle Creek Branch from Burnt Cabin Summit to Saltsburg; increased power plant facilities, building extensions and track changes at Altoona shops; additional enginehouse facilities; reconstruction of bridges at Parkers Landing and Red Bank, Pa.; additional main track and yard.

The net expenditures for new equipment and for additions and betterments to existing equipment, after deducting salvage and other retirement credits amounted to \$7,980,508. The equipment completed during the year consisted of 81 locomotives, 3,115 freight cars, 1 baggage-express car and 1 test weight car.

The net increase in investment in road and equipment on lines owned and certain roads operated under long term leases, and included in your general balance sheet, amounted to \$21,114,851, viz.: Investment in road, \$9,336,320; investment in equipment, \$7,980,509.

Acquisition of property of Cumberland Valley R.R. Co. 3,597,951  
Improvements on leased railway property 200,071  
Allocated Equipment.—In addition to the foregoing equipment your company and other companies in its system have agreed to accept from the Government 16,150 freight cars and 165 locomotives allocated to them, at an estimated cost of \$62,000,000.

The equipment has been financed through an equipment trust [see "Current Events" on a preceding page] and has been leased to your company. The certificates issued by the Equipment Trust will be accepted at par by the Government in payment for the equipment. Such certificates will run for a period of 15 years, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, one-fifteenth of which will mature in each year. The business of your company required the foregoing equipment to properly accommodate its traffic. As the allocated equipment has not been fully delivered nor the negotiation therefor concluded with the Government during 1919, these Equipment Trust Obligations do not appear on your general balance sheet.

Other Liabilities.—The general balance sheet shows the increases in the funded debt from the sale of \$50,000,000 General Mortgage bonds, the reduction in funded and other debt by the retirement at their maturity on Sept. 1, 1919, of \$4,983,000 Consol. Mtge. 5% bonds, and other retirements of securities through the sinking and other funds. During the year \$1,971,725 of Equipment Trust Obligations were retired and paid off. The decreases in loans and bills payable and in miscellaneous accounts payable resulted largely from the payment of outstanding short term notes and of money temporarily held for subsidiary lines and funds.

Affiliated Companies.—Road & Equipment.—The net road and equipment expenditures charged to branch lines operated by your company under lease or contract amounted to \$10,361,409 and will be embraced in the general balance sheets of the respective companies.

Stockholders.—On Dec. 31 1919 there were 117,725 stockholders of your company, an increase of 10.15% compared with 1918, with an average holding of 84.82 shares. Over 48% of the total stockholders were women. Almost 40% of the total stock is held in Pennsylvania, and over 47% of the stockholders are residents of that State. The holders of the company's stock continued to increase and now exceed 120,000 in number. Over 85% of them own less than \$5,000 each. This fact emphasizes the importance of the great trust imposed on your management and the necessity for equitable laws to fully protect these citizens and their savings.

Federal Valuation.—The field work in connection with the valuation of the properties in your system, in accordance with the Federal Statute of 1913, is about 90% completed, and should be finished during the present year.

Termination of Federal Control and New Railroad Legislation.—Your directors are confident that the Inter-State Commerce Commission, recognizing the dependence of general prosperity upon railroad prosperity, will wisely exercise its discretion under the new railroad law not only as to rates, but also as to all the other important matters entrusted to it by the legislation of Congress. In the performance of their duties they will have the full sympathy and co-operation of the management of the Pennsylvania system.

On March 1 1920, as a result of war conditions, your property is returned to its own management, with its roadbed and equipment below its usual standard, and the earning capacity of the system materially reduced. Nevertheless, we rely upon the officers and employees to restore the old standards at the earliest possible date, so that owners may be assured of a continued fair return upon their investment. [Compare V. 110, p. 955.]

Capital Expenditures West of Pittsburgh.—The addition and betterment work upon the various properties west of Pittsburgh under the control of the Government was handled by the U. S. R.R. Administration which has reported the following expenditures, aggregating \$35,444,527, for construction, equipment and real estate upon lines west of Pittsburgh, notably Pittsburgh Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry., \$10,053,864; Cleveland & Pittsburgh R.R., \$4,603,379; Erie & Pittsburgh R.R., \$1,099,575; Pittsburgh Youngstown & Ashtabula Ry., \$1,614,876; Toledo Columbus & Ohio River R.R., \$939,182; Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis R.R., \$14,120,351; and Ohio Connecting Ry., \$1,149,146.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

(The figures for 1918 and 1919 include the Penna. R.R. Co. Western lines.)

Miles of line operated Dec. 31	1919.	1918.	1917.
Compensation net accrued under Federal control for possession, use and control of property of this co. and its leased and operated lines E. & W. of Pittsburgh.	7,322.75	7,115.85	4,541.19
Other corporate income	\$67,126,464	\$65,902,740	See text
Miscellaneous rent income	\$1,412,424	\$1,331,256	\$770,645
Income from lease of road	36,357	37,337	25,527
Miscell. non-oper. physical prop'ty	165,176	131,364	107,144
Dividend income	13,846,458	15,059,282	15,310,533
Income from funded securities	1,298,674	968,694	633,317
Inc. from unfund. secur. & acct's.	5,127,654	3,430,469	1,766,614
Inc. from stk. & other res'v' funds	1,632,311	1,505,073	1,447,113
Release of premiums on funded dt.	3,921	3,918	3,918
Miscellaneous income	1,710,931	34,153	43,012
Total other corporate income	\$25,233,906	\$22,601,747	\$20,107,723
Gross income	\$92,360,370	\$88,504,487	\$62,148,953
Deductions from gross income			
Rent for leased roads	\$21,872,405	\$21,282,019	\$7,365,606
Rent for Penna. Co. equipment	1,113,405	1,113,405	
Miscellaneous rents	115,920	629,252	684,050
Miscellaneous tax accruals	126,326	154,431	44,890
War taxes	2,823,945	3,827,649	1,166,795
Separately oper. properties—loss		10,805	
Interest on funded debt	15,718,880	13,509,569	12,707,729
Interest on unfunded debt	3,675,912	2,848,042	555,774
Maintenance of investm't organiz.	1,006,851	371,640	
Miscellaneous income charges	2,339,321	776,777	322,525
Total deductions from gross inc.	\$49,492,371	\$44,523,588	\$22,867,368
Net income	\$42,868,099	\$44,070,899	\$39,281,585
Disposition of net income			
Sink. and other reserve funds	\$2,416,678	\$2,313,202	\$2,187,028
Dividend (6%)	29,950,704	29,950,704	29,951,098
Miscell. appropriations of income			7,143,459
Balance transferred to credit of P. & L.	\$32,367,382	\$32,263,906	\$39,281,585
Adding to profit and loss account of Dec. 31 1918 the balance of income for the year, \$10,500,717, and deducting \$1,812,200 discount on Gen. M. bonds and \$263,966 sundry net debts, makes the amount to credit of profit and loss Dec. 31 1919, \$48,159,902.			



BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918, and rows for Assets (Road & equip., Leased property, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, etc.).

Total 1,500,405,147 1,469,545,651. See Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. and Pennsylvania Co. below—V. 110, p. 872.

Pennsylvania Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The annual report of the Pennsylvania RR. (see above) affords the following:

The Pennsylvania Co. was operated solely as an investment organization during the year. No additional stock, bonds or notes were issued by it. Further reductions, aggregating \$3,372,355, were effected in its outstanding obligations...

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, and 1917, and rows for Corporate Income (Rent from equipment, Income from lease of road, etc.) and Deductions (Tax accruals, Separately operated prop., etc.).

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The annual report of the Pennsylvania RR. (see above) affords the following:

The long-term debt was reduced during the year by the retirement through sinking funds of \$1,125,000 Consol. Mtge. bonds, \$191,000 Vandalia RR. Consols., and \$14,000 Chic. St. L. & Pittsb. RR. Consols. and by the payment of \$848,920 25 of Equipment Trust Obligations...

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, and 1917, and rows for Compensation accrued under Federal control, Other corporate income, Deductions (Rent for leased roads, War taxes, etc.), and Total other corporate income.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The remarks of President H. B. Thayer, together with the income account and various statistical tables, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT OF COMPANY FOR CAL. YEARS.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, 1917, and 1916, and rows for Dividends, Telephone traffic (net), Real estate, Interest & other revenue, Total, Expenses, Net earnings, Interest, Dividends (8%), Balance, surplus, Carried to reserve, and Carried to surplus.

x For five months in 1919, y For seven months in 1918.

Note.—This statement, it should be observed, includes: (1) In 1918, for the seven months prior to Federal control, and in 1919, for the five months following end of Federal control, the net receipts of the long-distance lines, and that part of the earnings of the Bell system which is received by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., out of the divisible surplus of the associated companies from operations, as interest or dividend on money advanced by the company to finance the associated companies, or as payment by the associated companies to maintain the central administration. (2) For the 12 months of Federal control, e. g. from Aug. 1 1918 to July 31 1919, the company's portion of the Bell system compensation under contract with the Government.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE U. S.—RESULTS FOR CAL. YRS

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, 1917, and 1916, and rows for Bell stations (No.), Bell-connected ex. (No.), Income Account (Exchange revenues, Miscellaneous revenues, Total operating revs., etc.), Operating income, and Surplus earnings.

\* Five months to Dec. 31 1919 and seven months to July 31 1918.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918, and rows for Assets (Shks. of asso. cos., Bds & notes of adv. to asso. cos., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Col. Trust, Western T. & T., etc.).

\* Cash turned over to Postmaster General as working capital. x Including capital stock premiums and excluding debt discount and expense.

Note.—Associated and other Bell System Companies' notes endorsed by this Company (amounting to \$53,000,000 on Dec. 31 1918, and to \$9,303,000 on Dec. 31 1919) are not included in either assets or liabilities.—V. 110, p. 467.

Superior Steel Corporation.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The report for the calendar year 1919 will be found on a subsequent page, containing the remarks of President E. W. Harrison, the income and surplus accounts and balance sheet.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, and 1917, and rows for Gross sales, Gross manufacturing profit, Other income, Gross income, Administration expenses, Net income, Sinking fund first preferred stock, do second preferred stock, Reserve for excess profits tax, Dividends, Surplus, and Profit and loss, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918, and rows for Assets (Land, bldgs., equip., Good-will, Cash, U. S. Treas. cts., Liberty bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total 8,928,305 8,865,715. An initial dividend of \$1 1/4 a share was paid on 1st and 2d pref. stock at rate of 8% on Feb. 15, May 1917 to Feb. 1920, 2% quar. On com. No. 1, 1 1/2% on Nov. 1 1917; Feb. 1918 to May 1919 paid 1 1/2% quar.; Aug., Nov. and Feb. 1920 paid 75 cts. quar., and in Feb. 1920 paid 50 cts. extra.—V. 109, p. 2445.

**E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.**

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The annual report signed by President Irene du Pont, together with a comparative income account and balance sheet, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.—V. 109, p. 778.

**Loft Incorporated, New York City.**

(Initial Report—Five Months Ended Dec. 31 1919.)

The initial report of this well-known manufacturer of candy and owner of candy stores in New York and vicinity will be found in full on a subsequent page, including the remarks of President Underhill, the income account and balance sheet. Compare official statement to New York Stock Exchange.—V. 109, p. 2444.

**Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.**

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)

The remarks of President Van H. Cartnell, together with the income and surplus accounts for the year and balance sheet as of Dec. 31, will be found on a subsequent page of this issue.

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross profits.....	\$7,034,284	\$7,187,834	\$4,323,955	\$3,464,458
Oper. admin., &c., exp.....	3,776,735	2,698,069	1,720,355	1,404,388
Net operating income.....	\$3,257,549	\$4,589,765	\$2,603,620	\$2,060,070
Int., &c., received (net).....	274,539	—	45,294	57,243
Int. & misc. deductions.....	295,201	224,538	—	—
Net income.....	\$3,236,798	\$4,365,227	\$2,648,914	\$2,117,314
Int. & s. fd. on inc. bonds.....	—	—	—	\$21,600
Sk. fd. of 2% on 1st pref.....	—	—	\$75,164	75,164
Int. & exc. prof. tax.....	\$2,674,951	\$434,124	—	—
Divs. on 1st pref. (6%).....	199,026	205,959	213,078	215,598
2d pref. divs. (7% p. a.).....	—	—	—	334
3% pref. stk. (issued '19).....	117,204	—	—	—
Com. divs. (cash).....	(16,800,409)	(16,785,152)	(16,785,152)	(15,735,316)
Com. divs. (stock).....	(9%)454,778	—	—	—
Balance, surplus.....	def. \$1,009,570	\$2,939,992	\$1,575,520	\$1,069,302
Previous surplus.....	9,197,858	5,705,633	3,456,740	2,126,739
Total.....	\$8,188,288	\$8,645,625	\$5,032,260	\$3,196,041
Add—Return from pref., &c., stock retired.....	10,008	17,280	\$245,727	\$150,328
Received in patent litig.....	—	904,297	—	218,022
Restored to surplus.....	192,594	75,164	—	—
Miscellaneous credits.....	—	—	—	4,081
Cumbr'd plant add.....	—	35,803	589,659	—
Deduct—Bonus res'vs, &c.....	—	—	deb. 162,012	deb. 111,731
Adjustments.....	deb. 1,772	deb. 47,150	—	—
Retirement of pref. stock.....	deb. 87,938	deb. 433,162	—	—
Exp. on issue 8% pref. stk.....	180,727	—	—	—
Total surplus.....	\$8,120,453	\$9,197,858	\$5,705,633	\$3,456,740

Note.—Income and excess profits taxes have not yet been determined for 1919, but are estimated at \$814,275. Taxes for 1918 aggregating \$2,657,492 were paid out of accumulated surplus together with \$17,450, an additional charge for 1917.

**BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Plant acc'ts, pat's, good-will, &c.....	—	—	3,237,100	3,407,100
less deprec'n.....	11,357,103	9,665,678	5,361,978	4,907,200
Cash.....	1,679,946	1,392,729	5,860,200	—
Com. stock purch'd for resale.....	87,908	42,198	—	500,000
Sundry receiv.....	69,508	—	351,652	231,815
Notes investable.....	63,587	1,467,296	110,731	158,487
Acc'ts receivable.....	1,970,442	—	49,757	51,107
Deferred charges.....	55,871	37,884	158,058	88,148
Inventories (cost).....	7,073,643	5,945,417	25,000	—
Lib. Loan bonds.....	1,438,030	9,595,793	—	—
Total.....	23,796,029	19,147,995	8,641,553	9,814,139
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Preferred stock.....	—	—	—	—
Common stock.....	—	—	—	—
8% cum. pref. stk.....	—	—	—	—
Notes payable.....	—	—	—	—
Accounts payable.....	—	—	—	—
Acc'r'd taxes, &c.....	—	—	—	—
Int. & divs. pay'le.....	—	—	—	—
Bonus reserve.....	—	—	—	—
Deferred credit.....	—	—	—	—
Surplus & working capital.....	—	—	—	—
Total.....	23,796,029	19,147,995	8,641,553	9,814,139

Total includes common stock purchased for re-sale to employees under the employees' stock profit-sharing plan, \$1,532,433, less \$1,444,524 special loan which will be self-liquidating by installment payments of employees under the said plan. x Subject to 1919 Federal taxes.—V. 110, p. 870.

**American Locomotive Co.**

(Report for Six Months ending Dec. 31 1919.)

President Andrew Fletcher, N. Y., Feb. 28, wrote in sub.:

**New Fiscal Year.**—The fiscal year having been changed to conform to the calendar year, this report covers only six months ended Dec. 31 in connection with the results for the first half of the calendar year 1919.

**Results.**—Our business for the six months ended Dec. 31 1919 was of low volume, due to practically a complete absence of orders from our domestic railways. The orders taken were largely from foreign railways and were both on a cash and deferred credit payment basis. A larger volume of foreign orders on a deferred credit basis could have been taken, but the securities offered were of a character that in our opinion represented unusual commercial risks and were therefore declined.

The plants averaged for the six months' period but 29.2% tonnage production of their rated capacity and for November 1919 but 12.5% of capacity. The gross earnings for the period amounted to \$20,630,084, and after deducting a reserve of \$461,399 for income and profit taxes and \$685,968 for depreciation on all classes of property there was a net profit available of \$2,577,170. After deducting the dividends paid during the half-year (aggregating 3 1/2% on Pref. and 3% on Common stock), or \$1,625,000, there remained a surplus of \$952,170.

It was unnecessary to provide a reserve for additions and betterments to the plants as a reserve of \$4,000,000 had been set aside from the surplus earnings of the previous fiscal year.

**Inventories.**—The amount of inventories of materials and supplies on hand and work in progress Dec. 31 1919, was \$7,170,804, as compared with \$10,860,482 on June 30 1919.

**Net Current Assets.**—The excess of current assets over current liabilities on Dec. 31 1919 was \$35,686,011. Of this amount approximately \$6,000,000 was invested in U. S. and Canadian Govt. bonds and \$25,800,000 was invested in U. S. Treasury certificates. The company thereby received an income on its inactive working capital and was in a position to convert the securities promptly into cash if acceptable business requiring extension of credit was offered.

**Orders.**—The unfilled orders on Dec. 31 1919 amounted to \$7,862,157, of which about 27% was domestic business and 73% was foreign business, as compared with unfilled orders on June 30 1919 of \$16,034,678, of which about 50% was domestic business and 50% foreign business.

Since Dec. 31 1919 approximately \$12,800,000 of new business has been obtained, of which about 84% is for domestic roads and 16% is for foreign trade.

**Dividend Rate Increased, &c.**—On Aug. 14 1919 the board increased the dividend rate on the Common stock from 5% to 6%, and decided that the dates of dividend payments on the Preferred and Common stock be changed to the last day of the quarters ending in March, June, Sept. and Dec. of each year.

**Annual Meeting, &c.**—The date of the annual meeting of stockholders has been changed to the third Tuesday in April, beginning with the year 1920, and the office of Chairman of the Board has been abolished.

**Summary of Results of Calendar Year 1919.**—The gross earnings were \$70,073,582. The gross profits were \$11,729,573, from which there has been deducted a reserve of \$2,235,304 for income and profit taxes, leaving a net profit available of \$9,494,269.

After the payment of the usual 7% dividend on the Pref. stock, and 5 1/2% on Common stock (2 1/2% for the first six months and 3% for the second six months), making a total of \$3,125,000, there remained a surplus of \$6,369,269, from which \$4,000,000 was reserved for additions and betterments to the plants and \$2,369,269 was credited to profit and loss.

In arriving at the available profit of \$9,494,269 for the year, there was deducted from earnings and included under the heading of manufacturing expenses \$1,357,135, for depreciation on all classes of property. During the year there was expended for permanent additions and betterments \$1,747,836, all of which has been charged against the reserves.

**Outlook.**—We have been receiving a fair amount of business from the Far East and the Pan-American countries and believe they will continue to order. A large share of our inquiries are from European countries undergoing reconstruction because of the war and whose present financial resources are such as to necessitate deferred credit payments. In some cases the inquiries have been based on an exchange and barter basis. Until these governments and their finances have become more stabilized the business accepted from them, absorbing, as it would, considerable of our working capital, should be restricted to conservative financial risks, for in all probability a very large proportion of our working capital will be required in the near future for our domestic business.

Moreover, a much greater proportion of working capital to unit production of locomotives, we have found, is absolutely necessary now in comparison with the requirements existing before the world war, because of the great increase in costs of labor and materials.

The prospects for immediate domestic business are being assured by recent orders received and inquiries for prices. While some of the rumored requirements are no doubt exaggerated, we are optimistic at least for a fair volume of orders for new locomotives and for the reconditioning of old ones for the year 1920. The return of the railroads to corporate control and operation will no doubt stimulate the demand for well-built, effective and economical operating locomotives.

**INCOME ACCOUNT OF THE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR HALF YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.**

Half-Year—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross earnings.....	\$20,630,084	\$9,480,026	\$35,959,126	\$37,863,594
Mfg. maint. and admin. expenses and deprec'n.....	17,532,188	50,986,284	29,851,294	32,326,743
Int. chgs.—notes, bonds of constituent cos., &c.....	59,326	240,390	97,823	83,517
Reserve for U. S. and Canadian taxes on prof. divs. for 6 months (7% per annum).....	461,399	3,148,884	2,040,758	1,822,500
Common divs. for 6 mos. (5% per annum).....	875,000	875,000	875,000	875,000
Reserve for additions and betterments.....	750,000	625,000	625,000	625,000
Surplus profit.....	\$952,171	\$2,595,468	\$2,469,251	\$2,130,834

**CONDENSED INCOME ACCOUNT.**

(Including American Locomotive Co., Montreal Locomotive Works, Ltd., and American Locomotive Sales Corporation.)

	6 Mos. to Dec. 31 '19.	6 Mos. to June 30 '19.	Year to Dec. 31 '19.	Year to June 30 '19.
Gross earnings.....	\$20,630,084	\$49,443,498	\$70,073,582	\$108,923,524
Mfg., maint. & admin. expenses & deprec'n.....	17,532,188	40,583,634	58,115,819	91,569,915
Manufacturing profit.....	\$3,097,896	\$8,859,867	\$11,957,762	\$17,353,609
Interest, &c., on bonds of constit. cos., &c.....	59,326	168,863	228,159	418,252
U. S. & Canadian income and war profits taxes.....	461,399	1,773,905	2,235,304	4,922,789
Prof. divs. (7% p. a.).....	875,000	875,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Common dividends—(3%)750,000 (2 1/2%)625,000 (5 1/2%)1,375,000 (5)1,250,000	—	—	—	—
Profit earned on Com. stock after deducting pref. div. (per share).....	(\$0.81)	(\$24.17)	(\$30.98)	(\$41.05)
Additions & betterments.....	—	4,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000
Net to profit & loss.....	\$952,170	\$1,417,099	\$2,369,269	\$4,012,567

**GROSS EARNINGS AND MANUFACTURING PROFIT FOR JUNE 30 YEARS.**

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
Gross earnings.....	\$108,923,524	\$80,588,071	\$82,213,845	\$59,316,016
Manufacturing profits.....	17,353,609	10,229,505	9,599,191	11,865,434

**GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

(Includes American Locomotive Co., Montreal Locomotive Works, Ltd., and American Locomotive Sales Corporation.)

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Cost of prop. less deprec'n.....	42,421,289	44,337,303	25,000,000	25,000,000
Securities owned.....	680,129	641,703	25,000,000	25,000,000
Cash.....	3,177,671	4,407,124	—	—
Acc'ts & bills rec'd.....	5,859,791	15,123,715	—	—
U. S. Treas. cts.....	25,800,000	—	—	—
United Kingdom 3-year 5 1/2% conv. gold notes.....	980,000	—	—	—
Liberty bonds.....	4,410,500	2,168,350	—	—
Can. Victory bds.....	1,574,500	510,450	—	—
Empl. subser. for Lib. bonds (less install't pay'ts).....	160,751	1,329,384	—	—
Empl. subser. for Can. Vic. bonds (less installment payments).....	45,374	135,576	—	—
Accrued interest.....	283,494	25,377	—	—
Materials & supp.....	5,873,328	11,623,701	—	—
Contract work.....	1,297,477	9,690,224	—	—
Locomotives and parts in stock.....	193,342	118,453	—	—
Deferred charges.....	388,336	109,246	—	—
Total.....	93,175,800	90,220,606	93,175,800	90,220,606
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Preferred stock.....	—	—	25,000,000	25,000,000
Common stock.....	—	—	25,000,000	25,000,000
Rond. debt of constituent cos.: Loc. & Mach. Co. of Mont., Ltd.....	—	—	1,500,000	1,500,000
Richmond Loc. & Mach. Works.....	—	—	432,000	432,000
Henrico L. Works.....	—	—	—	25,000
Corp.....	—	—	—	4,603,895
Accounts payable.....	1,347,014	643,595	—	—
Prof. div. payable.....	—	—	—	437,500
Com. div. payable.....	—	—	—	312,500
Unful. contracts.....	6,510,576	—	—	—
Unful. int. & divs.....	3,319	3,147	—	—
Loans payable.....	—	—	5,615,960	6,750,801
War taxes accrued.....	—	—	333,147	431,767
Res. for accident indemnity, &c.....	834,611	996,234	—	—
Res. for additions & betterments.....	3,615,930	1,363,766	—	—
Surplus.....	—	—	32,793,244	20,423,975
Total.....	93,175,800	90,220,606	93,175,800	90,220,606

—V. 109, p. 975.

**Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Pres. John T. Underwood, N. Y., Feb. 11 1920, wrote in substance:

**Results.**—The net earnings for 1919 amounted to \$4,502,335, and after setting aside \$1,250,000 for Federal income and excess profits tax, and after providing for the preferred dividends and 8%, together with two extra dividends of 5% each, paid on the Common shares, we carried to surplus \$706,952.

**Federal Taxes.**—A year ago Congress had not passed the new Federal Income Tax Law, and an estimated amount of \$1,250,000 was set aside for the Federal income and excess profits tax for that year. When that law was finally passed we had to pay a tax for 1918 of \$1,589,443, the excess amount of \$339,443 being taken from the accumulated surplus.

**Capital Stock.**—As the amount of preferred shares previously canceled was still in excess of charter requirements no preferred shares were purchased or canceled during the year.

**Profit Sharing Plan.**—The distribution for the year among the employees entitled to participate will amount to \$421,738, which sum has been set aside for that purpose.

**Labor Difficulties.**—The production of finished machines for the year has been the largest in our history, notwithstanding the temporary curtailment of the product due to labor disturbances at the factory in Hartford during the summer. This was our first labor difficulty in over 18 years, and it was satisfactorily adjusted.



**New Product.**—We brought out a new product during the year known as the "Underwood Standard Portable Typewriter." The output is as yet limited owing to the unprecedented demand for Standard Machines; but its reception indicates that the new machine will be absorbed as fast as they can be produced.

**Outlook.**—The outlook for good business in 1920 is very promising.

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net earnings	\$4,121,914	\$4,020,437	\$3,162,226	\$2,548,671
Other income	380,422	2,031,7	109,745	75,519
Total net income	\$4,502,335	\$4,232,754	\$3,271,971	\$2,624,190
Deprec. charged off, &c.	230,645	200,071	244,405	244,452
Net profit for year	\$4,271,690	\$4,030,683	\$3,027,566	\$2,379,738
Deduct—				
Res'vs for Fed. income & excess prof. war taxes	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$500,000	293,398
Profit sharing	421,738	376,837	327,663	302,750
Preferred divs. (7%)	273,000	273,000	274,750	382,500
Common dividends	(18)1,620,000	(11)973,500	(11)944,500	(12)382,500
Total deductions	\$3,564,738	\$2,873,337	\$2,046,913	\$978,648
Balance, surplus	\$706,952	\$1,157,346	\$980,653	\$1,401,090

**BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.**

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Real estate, bldgs., machinery, &c.	2,641,180	2,400,305	3,900,000	3,900,000
Pat'nts, tr. rights, &c.	7,995,720	7,995,720	9,000,000	9,000,000
Stock in other cos.	170,153	176,154	984,841	766,013
Invest. special surp plus capital res.	234,500	234,500	953,633	1,118,279
Inventories (cost or less)	4,076,595	4,371,604	Reserve for Fed'l income & excess	1,250,000
Acc'ts & notes rec.	3,425,653	3,749,459	Bonus to employ's	421,738
Cash	2,656,675	1,651,538	Dividends—	
Inv. in U. S. Gov. bonds	3,612,332	3,865,156	Prof. pay. Jan. 2	63,250
Furn., fixtures, &c.	359,435	416,267	Com. pay. Jan. 2	630,000
Prepaid insur., &c.	69,318	69,672	Profit and loss	7,925,138
Total	25,841,552	24,990,517	Surplus for year	706,952
			Reserve adjustm't.	244,772
			Total	25,841,552

**(S. S.) Kresge Co., Detroit, Mich.**

**(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Stores	Not stated	170	164	157
Sales	\$42,668,081	\$36,309,513	\$30,090,700	\$26,396,544
Net income	\$3,505,201	\$2,950,999	\$2,380,988	\$1,809,126
War exc. prof. & and reserve for conting.	1,225,000	1,250,000	500,000	105,000
Preferred dividends (7%)	140,000	140,000	140,000	105,000
Common dividends (6%)	600,000	(5)500,000	(4)400,000	(3)300,000
Balance, surplus	\$1,540,201	\$1,060,999	\$1,320,988	\$1,404,126

**BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.**

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Leaseholds, organization, &c.	5,989,408	5,989,408	10,000,000	10,000,000
Merchandise, &c., prepaid	8,296,381	7,168,777	2,000,000	2,000,000
Acc'ts receivable	572,381	548,622	300,000	205,000
Furn., fixtures, &c.	4,764,829	4,101,882	500,000	615,000
Office building	741,307	737,842	and reserve for contingencies	2,295,357
Cash	666,582	503,947	Accrued accounts	50,212
Liberty bonds	1,306,250	802,477	Profit and loss	5,326,316
Total	20,471,884	20,152,442	Total	20,471,884

a At or below cost. b Furniture, fixtures and permanent improvements on leased property. less depreciation.—V. 110, p. 769.

**Tobacco Products Corporation.**

**(7th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1919.)**

Treas. Gray Miller, N. Y., Mar. 1 1920, wrote in subst.:

**Acquisitions.**—In Jan. 1919 your company purchased all of the capital stock of *Robt. Harris & Bro., Inc.*, at Reidsville, N. C., manufacturers of smoking and plug tobacco, giving in payment therefor 2,500 shares of our Common stock, which stock was bought in the open market.

In July 1919 your company purchased the remaining outstanding Pref. stock of the *United Paper Box Co. of America, Inc.*, thereby becoming the sole owner of that business. The entire interest of your company in the *United Paper Box Co. of America, Inc.*, was later sold to F. N. Butt Co., Ltd., of Buffalo.

**Philip Morris & Co., Ltd.**—Under the offer made to the stockholders of your company, dated Feb. 18 1919, 254,744 shares of *Philip Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc.*, were purchased by the stockholders at \$4 a share (V. 108, p. 689, 789.)

**Tobacco Products Export Corp.**—In April 1919 the corporation known as *Tobacco Products Export Corporation*, formed under the laws of N. Y. State with an authorized capital of 450,000 shares of no par value, began operations. Your company sold all its foreign rights in and to its various brands and the brands of its subsidiary companies, together with its investment in *Tobacco Products Corp. of Canada, Ltd.*, *M. Melachrois & Co., Inc.*, *Cairo, Egypt*, *Henry Scholey, Ltd.*, of London, England, and all assets pertaining to its foreign trade, to the *Tobacco Products Export Corp.*, for which it received the entire capital stock of *Tobacco Products Export Corp.*, consisting of 450,000 shares. The stockholders of your company were offered the right to subscribe to one share of *Tobacco Products Export Corp.* stock for each share of stock of your company, whether Com. or Pref., held by them, at the price of \$10 a share. The stockholders subscribed to 255,460 shares, and paid in cash therefor \$2,554,600, leaving in the treasury of your company 194,540 shares (V. 108, p. 789, 2336; V. 109, p. 2272, 2445).

**American Foreign Trade Corporation.**—In May 1919 the *American Foreign Trade Corp.* was organized under Virginia laws with an authorized capital of \$20,000,000, for the purpose of conducting an export and import business with the Near East, from which part of the world your company draws a large part of its supply of leaf tobacco. Your company purchased control of the *American Foreign Trade Corp.* stock, paying therefor \$750,000 (V. 110, p. 877, 473, 368).

**Dividends on Common Stock.**—During the year 1919 your company paid four dividends of \$1.50 per share on the Com. stock, the dividends of Feb. 15 and May 15 being paid in 7% 2-year scrip, the dividends of Aug. 15 and Nov. 15 were paid in cash. In 1918 also three of the four quarterly dividends on Com. stock were paid in scrip.

**Earnings.**—All the earnings of the subsidiary companies have been included in this statement, but of the affiliated companies, only such earnings as have been declared as dividends have been included.

**INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net income	\$2,072,886	\$3,376,283	\$2,006,209	\$1,514,500
Preferred dividend (7%)	500,000	556,016	514,500	514,500
Common dividend (6%)	(6)1,055,807	(6)960,000	(12)240,000	—
Balance, surplus	\$456,989	\$1,760,267	\$1,251,709	\$2,109,823
Previous surplus	3,393,188	3,361,533	2,109,823	—
Excess profits tax previous year	1,313,583	128,611	—	—
Total profit and loss surplus	\$2,536,595	\$4,993,188	\$3,361,533	—
Div. paid in Com. stk. Jan. 15 '19 (10%)	—	1,000,000	—	—
Final sur. (see footnote to bal. sheet)	\$2,536,595	\$3,393,188	\$3,361,533	—

**BALANCE SHEET.**

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Real est., mach., equip., &c.	5,029,827	5,632,603	Preferred stock	8,000,000
Mach. & supplies	11,258,568	8,023,623	Common stock	1,760,000
Invest in affil. cos.	8,481,766	1,259,250	Bills & accts. pay.	8,279,443
Due from affil. cos.	471,240	134,008	Res. for allowance, taxes, &c.	502,143
Cash	658,432	563,547	Div. affiliated cos. payable in common stock	870,743
Liberty bonds	1,057,400	1,057,500	Div scrip payable	1,248,000
Bills & accts. rec.	1,003,200	1,360,105	Prof. div. payable	140,000
Invest. in Cairo, Egypt	—	454,463	P. & I. surplus	2,336,595
Stk div accrued	48,635	—	Total	23,333,024
Sundry deb. prepaid, ins., &c.	321,515	196,642	Total	18,581,841
Total	23,333,024	18,581,841		

x Common stock, \$17,600,000, par value, consisting of 160,000 shares of \$100 par value per share, but for which the corp. received only \$1 per share cash, and which were issued under the Virginia law at \$1 per share, and \$1,600,000 consisting of 16,000 shares declared as a stock dividend at par value of \$100 per share.  
y No reserve has been set up for Federal taxes for 1919.—V. 110, p. 877.

**Deere & Company.**

**(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Oct. 31 1919.)**

President Wm. Butterworth, Moline, Ill., Feb. 16 wrote:

**Income Account.**—The net income for the fiscal year amounted to \$5,257,177, including \$328,222 of profits on war work completed after Oct. 31 1919.

The income from operations, before deducting administrative and general expenses, interest, &c., but after making ample provision for all taxes, depreciation, cash discounts, possible losses of receivables and other contingencies was \$6,555,807. From this amount we deduct administrative and general expenses, \$796,547; interest on notes payable, &c., net, \$410,316; depletion of timber lands and miscellaneous charges, \$91,767; leaving as net income for the year the aforesaid \$5,257,177. After allowing \$2,450,000 for dividends on Pref. stock, the profit and loss surplus at Oct. 31 1919, was \$15,039,769.

**Capital Expenditures.**—These amounted to \$651,813, chiefly for the completion of additional buildings and equipment at the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Co., Waterloo, Iowa; the John Deere Harvester Works, East Moline; and the Moline Timber Co. at Malvern, Ark., and in the timber properties adjacent to that point.

**Working Capital.**—Our net working capital at Oct. 31 1919 amounted to \$34,827,144, an increase of \$3,554,279, as compared with the previous year.

Inventories decreased \$4,669,684, about \$1,000,000 of which was made up of materials and work in process under war contracts. These inventories have not, in general, been written up to present market costs, but have been priced upon a conservative basis.

The company has reduced its subsidiary company bonded debt to \$222,000, having retired \$312,500 bonds during the year. The present indebtedness includes Moline Timber Co. 1st M. bonds (\$150,000), and Marseilles Co. bonds (\$72,000).

Notes payable were reduced \$5,962,417 (to \$1,024,733) by the increased volume of business, the splendid collections, and the reduction in inventories.

**Reserves.**—Reserve accounts were increased \$1,230,203 (see foot note to balance sheet). The company has continued to maintain its properties fully, and the reserves for depreciation cover only the invisible wear and tear and obsolescence. The total charges for depreciation and for maintenance and repairs during the year amounted to \$2,295,805, as compared with \$1,768,271 during the previous year.

**Capital Stock.**—The company carries in its treasury \$203,100 of Pref. stock, which has been sold to employees on the monthly payment plan. Since Oct. 31 1919 we have offered to employees 5,000 shares at par on very attractive terms, and apparently the amount will be largely oversubscribed.

The total number of Pref. stockholders Oct. 31 1919 was 4,787; Oct. 31 1918 4,299.

**Outlook.**—Our former customers have enjoyed a high degree of prosperity during the past year, the volume of business received from them has been most satisfactory, and the present conditions seem to indicate a continuance of their demand in considerable volume.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING OCT. 31.**

	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
x Total earnings (all cos.)	\$6,555,807	\$7,980,152	\$5,851,130	\$4,783,081
Admin., &c., expense	\$796,547	\$634,199	\$651,287	\$403,327
Int. on deb., &c. (net)	410,316	464,557	94,363	162,990
Depletion, &c.	91,767	80,832	173,455	98,771
Federal taxes	—	—	—	—
Contingent reserve	—	650,000	—	—
Preferred dividends (7%)	2,450,000	2,450,000	2,518,455	2,647,995
Total deductions	\$3,748,630	\$5,595,165	\$3,437,560	\$3,313,083
Balance, surplus	\$2,807,177	\$2,384,987	\$2,413,570	\$1,469,998
Total surplus	\$15,039,769	\$12,232,592	\$9,847,605	\$7,343,035

x After deducting all expenses for depreciation of property and equipment, for all taxes, for cash discount, uncollectible notes and accounts, and for other contingencies.

y In addition to provision made by subsidiary companies.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCTOBER 31.**

	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Real est., bldgs., & equip't.	18,837,560	18,170,300	Preferred stock	35,000,000
Timber lands, &c.	2,976,200	2,991,647	Common stock	17,304,400
Trade marks, patents & good-will	17,901,400	17,904,400	Subsidi. companies bonds & mortgages	222,000
Pref. stock owned	6293,100	405,000	Stocks of sub. cos.	2,000
Inventories	19,037,085	23,790,774	Notes payable	1,024,733
Prepaid insur., &c.	472,244	474,000	Accounts payable	2,342,841
Liberty bonds	2,398,211	2,139,850	Accrued taxes	5,713,514
Cash	5,758,279	3,833,059	Reserve	60,835,698
Notes & accts. rec.	15,964,413	14,979,543	Surplus	15,039,770
Ins. fund invest.	83,373	—	Total	84,134,566
Total	84,134,866	84,605,470	Total	84,605,470

a Includes in 1919, \$3,627,262, against property and equipment; \$2,376,104, against working and current assets; and \$232,242, against insurance and pensions.

b Incl. pref. stock owned held for sale to employees on monthly payments.

c After deducting \$2,828,500 pref. stock purchased and held in treasury.

d After deducting \$3,665,400 reserved for sale to employees under contracts (see below).—V. 108, p. 969.

**Gulf Oil Corporation.**

**(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)**

President W. L. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 7 1920, wrote in substance:

The earnings amounting to \$11,460,854, comprise the direct earnings of this corporation, together with the net earnings accruing from the various companies, whose capital stock it holds, and represent the net earnings after deducting all interest charges, bad accounts, depreciation on plant, including oil producing properties and all local and Federal taxes.

The chief appropriations to depreciation reserve were deemed necessary to offset the large expenditure for drilling to maintain production, which expenditure was charged to capital account, and also to cover the amount of investment in the producing properties owned by the Mexican Gulf Oil Co. at Tepic, Mexico, which ceased to produce oil during the year on account of an encroachment of salt water.

Barring the strike of steamship employees which occurred in July and the strike of ocean-going tugboat employees, which occurred in October and November, the company was able to operate all branches of its business throughout the year without interruption.

While the gross earnings show an increase over the former year yet the operating profits are less notwithstanding the large increase in plant and a corresponding increase in the price of the products sold. The surplus earnings were reflected in the company's business.

During the year the company has maintained its crude oil production in the United States and Mexico and made substantial additions to its refineries, pipe lines and marine department.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Depreciation reserve, Interest, taxes, &c., Net income, Reserve for war taxes, Dividends (6% p. a.), Balance, surplus, and After deducting surplus tax reserve from previous year.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Plant & equip't, Other invest'ts, Cash & bills, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Cap. stk. prem., Bonds, etc.), and Total.

American Snuff Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Net earnings, Preferred divs. (6%), Common dividends, Balance, surplus, and After deducting all charges and expenses of management.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Real est., mach'y, trade-m'ks, good-will, etc.), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Div. on prof., etc.), and Total.

Union Tank Car Co., New York City.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Earnings after oper. exp., Depreciation, &c., Federal taxes, Reserve for annuities, Net earnings for year, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Tank car equip't, Real estate, Material, Office furniture, Cash and securities, Investments, Accounts receivable, Car trust fund), Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Car trust notes, Reserve for annuities, Surplus), and Total.

Corn Products Refining Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Income Acc't Cal. Yrs. (Profits from oper., Int. on dep., loans, &c., Int. on divs. on secur's, Rents real est. not in op.), Total income, Int. on bonded debt, General taxes, Insurance, Preferred dividends, Dividend rate, Common dividends, Depreciation, Inc. & war exc. prof. tax, Repairs & replacement, Special & extra. losses, Total deductions, Surplus.

The National Starch Co. has outstanding in the hands of the public only \$16,200 pref. and \$99,300 common stock, the balance owned by the Corn Products Refining Co. Of its \$5,168,000 debenture 6s (guaranteed), on Dec. 31 1919, the company held \$2,033,000 of the issue for redemption (against \$1,365,000 on Dec. 31 1918), while the Corn Products Refg. Co. held an amount that had cost it \$2,240,219 (against \$2,833,969 on Dec. 31 1918), acquired by purchase or exchange.

CORN PRODUCTS REFINING CO.—GENERAL BAL. SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (Real est., bldgs., mach., sec., Misc. securities, Furniture, etc.), Liabilities (Prof. stk. outst., Com. stk. outst., 1st M. 5% gold bonds, 2 1/2-year 5% deb. bonds, etc.), and Total.

A Reserves for 1919 include \$50,000 for bad debts, \$134,850 for general State and corporate taxes, \$200,000 for legal expenses, \$934,998 for marine risks and contingencies, \$9,414,957 reserve for income and war excess profits taxes and \$614,136 for miscellaneous accounts in course of adjustment.

B Including U. S. Liberty bonds. C Includes Corn Products Ref. Co. 1st M. 5s, \$2,652,000, and debenture 5s, \$285,000; N. Y. Glucose Co. 1st M. 6s, \$431,360, and National Starch Co. debenture 5s (at cost), \$2,240,219 (see x above and "Notes" below).

Galena-Signal Oil Co., Franklin, Pa.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

President J. S. Cullinan, Franklin, Pa., Feb. 24 1920, wrote in substance [see news item on a subsequent page]:

Status.—The present management assumed duty dating from March 1 1919, finding the affairs of the company at that time in a very unsatisfactory condition.

The major part of the company's business in the past has been and continues to be the lubrication of steam and electric railroads under long term guaranteed cost form of contracts. During the war, readjustment period, and Governmental administration, such railroads have been operated under many handicaps. This condition, together with the increased cost of labor and raw materials has been reflected to a marked degree in this company's earnings.

Proposed Note Issue.—While the company's affairs have shown appreciable improvement during the past few months, and as far as can now be forecast such improvement should continue, it will take time to restore earnings to a normal basis. The accompanying statement discloses that the company has been carrying a large floating indebtedness. We now respectfully recommend that authorization be granted for an issue of \$10,000,000 ten-year notes, a portion of which may be presently sold to liquidate this floating indebtedness and place the company in funds. (V. 110, p. 663).

Plants.—The company's plants at Franklin, Pa., Bayway, N. J., Whiting, Ind., and Toronto, Ontario, have been provided with additional capacity and equipment. Extensive improvements at Bayway terminal are now being made, including the dredging of the water frontage to a depth of 25 feet, constructing a new bulkhead and the building of a large number of steel tanks to store the finished oils to be moved by water from the South.

Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Texas.—(Capital stock \$6,000,000).—During the past year the corporate title of the company operating in Texas was changed from the "Petroleum Refining Co. of Texas" to the "Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Texas." This company's refinery, located on the Houston ship channel, has recently been enlarged and is now one of the best equipped in the South. It is now in full operation with a capacity of 3,000 barrels (dubricating rating) of crude oil daily.

Galena Pipe Line Co. of Texas.—(Capital stock \$600,000).—This company which operates the pipe line from the Humble field to Galena and owns the East Houston Tank Farm, now has upwards of 2,000,000 barrels of high grade crude oil in storage which, with current production and royalty purchases under contract, assures the refinery of an ample supply of crude for several years.

Galena Navigation Co.—(Capital stock 10,000 shares. No par value).—Recently organized under the laws of Delaware, has placed contract for the construction of a modern 4,000-ton tank steamer with a rated capacity of 26,000 barrels. The ship is promised for delivery in August, 1920, and will be operated between Houston and Bayway terminals and may be used in transporting products abroad.

Foreign Business.—The foreign business handled through the following companies during the year has been satisfactory in showing increase both as to volume and earnings: Societe Anonyme des Huiles Galena (of France), Galena-Signal Oil Co., Ltd., of London, England, Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Brazil. Combined capital stock \$98,750.

Galena-Signal Oil Co. of Canada.—(Capital stock \$500,000).—In process of incorporating. While the addition of the production, pipe line, storage and refining in the South has been very helpful in stabilizing the company's business during the shortage of crude and finished oils, additional sources of supply should be developed that will insure uninterrupted movement as needed, and thereby not only protect present investment but the demands of increasing business that may be anticipated in the future.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Assets (P'lnts, equip., &c., Patent and trade-marks, Inventories, Securities, Bills & accounts receivable, Cash, Adv. to Gal. Sig. Oil Co. Texas), Liabilities (Prof. stk. outst., New prof. outst., do sub. acct., Common stock, Bills & accounts payable, Conting. &c. res., Surplus), and Total.

Total -----30,723,509 31,901,191 Total -----30,723,509 31,901,191 x For new construction.—V. 110, p. 663

NATIONAL STARCH CO.—RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 7 columns: Calendar Years, Net Profits, Other Income, Bond Interest, Insur. Taxes, & Depreciation, Surplus, Balance. Rows include 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916.

x Includes \$250,000 reserved for income and excess profits tax in 1919 and in 1918.



Willys Corporation.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Vice-President Harbeck says in substance:

The satisfactory operating condition is coincident with the construction of the corporation's new automobile plant at Elizabeth, N. J. Manufacturing operations in this plant will begin in the summer. Earnings from current operations do not therefore include any profits from car manufacture, which will beyond question be very large.

The company's current operations are more profitable than at any time in the previous history of the constituent plants. The corporation's present earnings, independent of the constant and more profitable than at any time in the previous history of its prospective car operation, are at the rate of over \$600,000 per month, and it may be stated with great conservatism that the net earnings for the year 1920, exclusive of any car building operations, will exceed \$6,000,000, or will be more than five times the dividend requirement on the first preferred stock.

The corporation at the present time has orders and contracts booked which will strain the capacities of its established plants during 1920-1921.

EARNINGS FOR CAL. YEAR, INCL. SUB. COS. SINCE ACQUISITION. Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross profit, Administrative and general expense, Interest on bank loans, Interest on funded debt (now paid).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross profit, Reserves for Federal taxes and New Process net earnings before acquisition by Willys Corporation, Dividends, Premium on pref. stock (retired Jan 2 1920).

Balance, surplus \$3,250,800. Earnings for 1919 of the companies now constituting Willys Corporation applicable to dividends on the first pref. stock, after adjustment for interest now eliminated, exceeded by a substantial amount \$4,800,000, or 4 times the annual first pref. dividend requirement.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1919.

(Willys Corporation and Subsidiaries, including Dusenber Motors Corporation and New Process Gear Corporation.)

Assets and Liabilities table. Assets include Property, less depreciation, Invest. at market value, Cash, Liberty bonds, Subscriptions to capital stock, Notes and accounts receivable, Inventories, Miscellaneous, Retirement fund (for pref. stock retired), Deferred charges. Liabilities include First preferred stock, Second preferred stock, Preferred stock (retired), Notes and accounts payable, Dividend payable, Reserves for Federal taxes, Inventory adjustment and premium on preferred stock, Assets in excess of pref. stock.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Alabama Great Southern RR.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 658.

Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry.—Officers.— William B. Skelton has been elected President; Wm. H. Newell, Vice-Pres. and Counsel; Miss G. E. Fitz, Treas.; all of Lewiston, Me. The company, successor to the Lewiston Augusta & Waterville St. Ry., is capitalized as follows: First Pref. 6% stock (Cumul. after 1922), \$1,468,500; 2d Pref. Non-Cum. 5% stock, \$1,708,200; Com. stock, (unissued), \$1,354,500.—V. 109, p. 2439.

Ann Arbor RR.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 2021.

Atch. Top. & Santa Fe Ry.—Officers—Equip. Notes.— A. G. Wells, formerly General Manager of the Coast Lines, has been elected a Vice-President in charge of operations, and Edward Chambers, Vice-President in charge of traffic. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 560.

Atlanta Birm. & Atlantic RR.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Officer—Equip. Notes.— Lyman Delano, formerly Manager under Federal Railroad Administration, has been elected Executive Vice-President. Other officers of the road remain unchanged. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 1526.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Purchase—Equipment Notes.— An authoritative statement says: "The Morgantown & Kingwood RR., extending from Morgantown, W. Va., to Rowlesburg, W. Va., 48 miles, has been sold to the Baltimore & Ohio RR. for \$1,500,000, subject to \$1,500,000 of 5% bonds now outstanding. Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio, has been elected President. The deal was consummated on Feb. 17, when the purchase price was paid to Senator Davis Elkins and W. G. Wilson, executors of the Stephen B. Elkins Estate, owner of the railroad. The Morgantown & Kingwood had previously been allotted 1,000 hoppers by the Railroad Administration, anticipating coal development in the territory traversed." See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871, 260.

Bath & Hammondspport RR.—Federal Contract.— See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 109, p. 2073.

Bloomburg (Pa.) Millville & Northern RR.—Sold.— The company has sold all of its personal property and it is stated expects to sell its real estate soon.—V. 93, p. 1021.

Boston & Maine RR.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Boyne City Gaylord & Alpena RR.—Officers.— The official list is as follows: W. H. White, Pres.; Thomas White, 1st V.-Pres.; Charles Hamilton, 2nd V.-Pres.; F. O. Barden, 3rd V.-Pres. and Asst. to the Gen. Mgr.; W. L. Martin, Sec.; James A. White, Treas. and L. H. White Gen. Mgr.—V. 105, p. 2183.

Brooklyn City RR.—Suit to Stop City Buses Ended.— Justice Cropsey, in the Brooklyn Supreme Court, recently formally marked off the calendar the application of the company for an injunction to restrain the city from operating bus lines in Brooklyn in competition with the company's cars. There was no formal motion, counsel for the road simply appearing before the Judge and stating: "My client has requested me to have the case marked off the calendar."—V. 110, p. 764.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh RR.—Equip. Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio RR.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 764.

Central RR. of New Jersey.—Equip. Notes—Officer.— See page 922 of this issue. F. T. Dickerson has been elected Sec. & Treas. of the New York & Long Branch RR., succeeding G. O. Waterman.—V. 110, p. 871.

Central Union Depot & Ry. of Cincinnati.—Contract.— See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.

Central Vermont Ry.—Committee for Bonds.—

The committee named below in requesting the holders of First Mtge. 4% bonds due May 1 1920 to deposit their bonds on or before April 5 1920 with the Equitable Trust Co., New York, or American Trust Co., Boston, without the May 1 1920 coupons, says: "In view of the maturity on May 1 1920 of these bonds, the undersigned, holding and representing a large amount of the bonds and believing it of great importance that the holders of the bonds should be in position for prompt and concerted action in order most speedily to realize thereon, have consented to act, without charge to the depositors for their services, as a committee, for the protection of the interests of such holders."

Committee.—Henry E. Cooper, S. E. Kilner, Hunter S. Marston, E. C. Smith, Philip Stockton, Albert Tuttle, Lloyd Church, 24 Broad St., N. Y. City. Sec.: Hornblower, Miller Garrison & Potter, New York, counsel.—V. 110, p. 658.

Charleston & Western Carolina Ry.—Equip. Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 2262.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Fed. Contract—Equip. Notes.— See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below and annual report in V. 109, p. 769. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 764.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 1360.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 464.

Chicago Great West. RR.—Equip. Notes—Vice-Pres.—

See page 922 of this issue. W. L. Park, formerly Federal Manager, has been elected Vice-President and all former executive officers have been re-elected.—V. 110, p. 561.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Equip. Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 2352.

Chicago Junction Ry.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 107, p. 694.

Chic. Milw. & St. Paul Ry.—Equip Notes—Officers.—

See page 922 of this issue. The following officers, who served as Federal officers during Government control, have been elected to their former positions, viz.: B. B. Greer, Vice-Pres. in charge of Operation; H. B. Earling, Vice-Pres.; G. J. Bunting, Controller, and A. G. Loomis, Treas. J. W. Taylor is Assistant to the President. All of the other corporate officers were re-elected.—V. 109, p. 2262.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1919, 1918), Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions, Balance, surplus, Profit and loss surplus (adjusted).

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Div. to be Considered Quarterly—Officers—Equip. Notes.—

The company announces that dividend payments will hereafter be considered for half-yearly instead of quarterly periods. The official statement follows:

Owing to readjustment necessitated by the return of the railroads to corporate management on Mar. 1, a change in the periods hitherto prevailing, in which profits from operation have been distributed to shareholders, will be made. Quarter-yearly payments for half-yearly periods will hereafter be considered.

Under company control the executive corps remains practically the same as during Federal control. William H. Finley, formerly chief engineer, and who has been Pres. during Federal control, will continue in that office. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 167, 561.

Chic. Rock Isl. & Pacific Ry.—Equip Notes—New Pres.—

See page 922 of this issue. James E. Gorman, formerly Fed. Mgr., has been elected President, succeeding Charles Hayden, who has been made Chairman of the Board.—V. 110, p. 359, 658.

Chicago St. Paul Minneap. & Omaha Ry.—Equip. Notes

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 359.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Cin., New OrL. & Texas Pac. Ry.—Eq. Notes.—Contract.—

See page 922 of this issue. See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below and annual report in V. 109, p. 2260, 2356.

Cleve. Cinc. Chic. & St. Louis Ry.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Colorado & Southern Ry.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 359.

Columbia (S. C.) Ry., Gas & Electric Co.—New Pres.—

F. H. Knox has been elected President, succeeding E. W. Robertson.—V. 110, p. 561.

Coney Island & Brooklyn RR.—To Foreclose.—

Federal Judge Mayer has granted the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., permission to bring a foreclosure suit against the company, a subsidiary of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., in default of interest due July 1 1919 on bonds.—V. 109, p. 1461.

Delaware & Hudson RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 2171.

Detroit Toledo Shore Line RR.—Equipment Notes.—

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 268.

Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry.—Federal Contract.

See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 109, p. 1891.

East Berlin RR.—Co-operative Contract.—

See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 77, p. 510.

Eastern Pennsylvania Railways.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Cal. years (1919, 1918), Gross rev., Oper. income, Taxes, Total deductions, Balance.

Erie County Traction Corporation.—Directors.—

The company, which is successor to the Buffalo Southern Ry., has elected the following directors: Robert B. Austin, Jamaica; John L. Cummings, New York; Edward L. Frost, Brooklyn; William M. Griffith, Jamaica

Edward B. Parsons, David N. Rumsey, East Aurora; William G. Taylor, Reading, Pa., and William B. Wheeler, Brooklyn. Company has an agreement with the International Railway, Buffalo, for the operation of interurban cars into Buffalo over International tracks. See V. 109, p. 2439.

**Erie Railroad Co.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**Fairchild (Wis.) Northeastern R.R.—Ceases Operation.** A dispatch from St. Paul states that this road, which prior to Federal control was operated by N. C. Foster Lumber Co., ceased operations on Mar. 1 when released from Federal control. The road runs from Clegborn to Owen, Wis., a distance of 65 m. Capital stock, \$500,000. No bonds.

**Florida East Coast Ry.—Federal Contract.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below and annual report in V. 110, p. 74, 464.

**Fort Worth & Denver City R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 268.

**Georgia R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 973.

**Georgia Ry. & Electric Co.—Bonds Authorized.**—The Georgia R.R. Comm. has granted the company permission to issue \$180,000 additional bonds to cover improvements for the months ending Dec. 31 1919.—V. 109, p. 981.

**Georgia Ry. & Power Co.—Bonds Authorized.**—The Georgia R.R. Comm. has granted the company permission to issue \$601,000 additional bonds to cover improvements for the months ending Dec. 31 1919. The company and a committee representing the street car union have reached an agreement for 1920 covering every point at issue except the question of hourly wages, which will be submitted to arbitration.—V. 110, p. 764.

**Grand Trunk Ry. of Can.—Equip. Notes—Stock Val.**—See page 922 of this issue.

W. N. Tilley, K. C., Toronto; H. A. Lovatt, K. C., and Hector McInnes, K. C., Halifax; and Pierce Butler, have been appointed on the Arbitration Committee to determine what shall be paid for the stock of the Grand Trunk Railway. Dividends on the Guaranteed and Preferred stocks have again been omitted.—V. 110, p. 561, 764.

**Grand Trunk Western Ry.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 2022.

**Great Northern Ry.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 764.

**Harrisburg Railways.—6 Cent Fare Upheld.**—The Penn. P. S. Commission has dismissed a complaint against the 6 cent fare now in effect. The increased fare became effective Dec. 1 1918.—V. 107, p. 1192.

**Hocking Valley Ry.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**Hudson & Manhattan R.R. (Hudson Tubes).—To Increase Fares to 8 Cents Except on Intra-City Traffic.**—The company has posted a new tariff schedule serving notice of its intention to increase fares beginning April 4. The new schedule increases all fares to 8 cents, except between stations in New Jersey and Manhattan other than the Hudson Terminal station, which is to be 5 cents.

The New York P. S. Commission has denied the company's application for another extension of time in which to begin building its line from 33d St. and Broadway, its present terminus, to Grand Central Terminal. The franchise and options of real estate have now lapsed on this proposed extension.—V. 109, p. 1697.

**Illinois Central R.R.—Equipment Notes—New Officers.**—See page 922 of this issue.

L. Warrington Baldwin, formerly Regional Director of the Allegheny Region of the U. S. Railroad Administration, has been elected Vice-President in charge of operation of the Illinois Central and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley R.R. C. M. Kittle has been elected Senior Vice-President in charge of operation, and M. P. Blauvelt, Vice-President in charge of accounting.—V. 110, p. 465, 561.

**Indiana Harbor Belt R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 268.

**International & Great Northern Ry.—Federal Contract.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below and annual report in V. 109, p. 1526, 1610, 1986.

**Kanawha & Michigan R.R. Co.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 674.

**Kansas City Southern Ry.—Equipment Notes—Officers.**—See page 922 of this issue. J. A. Edson has been elected President, succeeding L. F. Loree, who resigned. J. F. Holden is Vice-President in charge of traffic, and H. Visscher, Treas., succeeding G. C. Hand. J. B. Wood has resigned as a director.—V. 109, p. 2357.

**Kansas City Terminal Ry.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**Kansas City Western (Elec.) Ry.—To be Reorganized.**—According to a report from Kansas City, Mo., the Kansas City Western Ry. and the Leavenworth Street Ry. have been purchased at foreclosure sale by a bondholders' committee for \$250,000 and will be reorganized. The committee is composed of Walton H. Holmes, Pres. Pioneer Trust Co., Kansas City; P. W. Goebel, Pres. Commercial National Bank, Kansas City, Kan.; and P. T. White of Cleveland, O. The sale resulted from a suit brought by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee, for \$1,600,000 of bonds. It is stated that the new financing will be \$700,000 Pref. stock and \$900,000 of bonds. About \$200,000 will be raised for improvements.—V. 110, p. 167.

**Lake Erie & Western R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 562.

**Lehigh & New England R.R.—New Officer.**—Rollin H. Wilbur has been elected Vice-President and Gen. Mgr.—V. 108, p. 2236.

**Lehigh Valley R.R.—Dividends—Officers.**—The following officers have been elected: F. L. Blendinger, formerly Federal Mgr., as Vice-Pres. in charge of operations and maintenance; E. C. Mann as Treas., and C. E. Hildum, Comptroller. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Common stock to holders of record March 13, payable on or as soon after April 3 as the company receives from the U. S. Government an adequate payment of the rental due. The regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/4% on the Pref. stock was also declared payable April 3 to holders of record March 13.—V. 110, p. 167, 360.

**Lewiston Augusta & Waterville St. Ry.—Successor Co.**—See Androscoggin & Kennebec Ry. above.—V. 109, p. 2439.

**Long Island R.R.—New President.**—Ralph Peters has been elected Pres, succeeding Samuel Rea.—V. 108, p. 1716

**Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Federal Contract.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 107, p. 1192.

**Louisville & Nashville R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**Maine Central R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 2263.

**Manhattan & Queens Traction Corp.—Decision.**—The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Feb. 27 reversed a decision of Federal Judge Chaffield (V. 106, p. 2450), which enjoined the Board of Estimate from revoking the franchise of the corporation because of the company's failure to extend its line from Jamaica to the city limits. The Court said: "The power of a municipal corporation to grant a conditional consent to a railroad in its streets is not open to controversy in the State of New York. The condition, if it touches the future operation of the road, has the force of a condition subsequent and if its terms are not fulfilled the consent may be revoked. What the City of New York was proposing to do was to revoke its consent, on the ground that the terms of the contract had not been complied with."—V. 110, p. 465.

**Marquette & Bessemer Dock & Nav. Co.—Fed. Contr.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 82, p. 161.

**Memphis Street Ry.—Valuation.**—The Tennessee P. U. Commission has fixed the valuation of the property at \$11,546,034. This sum will be the basis for the determination of a proper return and a fare necessary to provide such return on the investment.—V. 110, p. 360, 167.

**Michigan Central R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**Mineral Range R.R.—Federal Contract.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 107, p. 697.

**Minneapolis & St. Louis R.R.—Equip. Notes—Officers.**—The following officers have been elected: W. H. Brenner, formerly Fed. Mgr., of the property, as President; F. B. Townsend, Vice-President in charge of traffic; E. E. Nash, Gen. Mgr.; R. G. Kenly, Asst. to Pres. & Chief Engineer, and W. B. Davids, Sec. Other officers were re-elected.—V. 110, p. 465.

**Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 759.

**Missouri Pacific R.R.—Officers—Fed. Contract—Equip.** A. Robertson, formerly Fed. Mgr., has been elected Vice-President in charge of operation; E. J. White, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Solicitor, and C. E. Perkins, Vice-President in charge of traffic. See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below and annual report in V. 109, p. 2428, 2523. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**Mobile & Ohio R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 655.

**Monongahela Valley Traction Co.—Valuation.**—A report of the valuation of the property of the company in Parkersburg, W. Va., made for the W. Va. P. S. Commission estimates the cost of reproduction of the properties is \$1,226,229 and that the present value because of depreciation is \$925,534.—V. 108, p. 2629, 2625.

**Morgantown & Kingwood R.R.—Purchased—Equip. Notes.**—See Baltimore & Ohio R.R. above and page 922 this issue.—V. 110, p. 765

**Narragansett Pier R.R.**—See Rhode Island Co. below.—V. 110, p. 658.

**Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Equip. Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 78.

**New Brunswick Power Co.—Div'ds Passed—Earnings.**—In circular letter of Feb. 23 Pres. L. R. Ross, St. John, N. B., says in substance: "Owing to the severe storms and extremely cold weather of the past winter it is compelled to pass the dividends on its Pref. stocks. In Dec. and Jan. certain of the city water mains were frozen and burst, causing a considerable loss. The heavy February storms completely interrupted the street railway service for several days, and also damaged the electric light and power distributing systems. Flooded streets have resulted in the burning out of the motors of all the cars except eight. The total losses will aggregate over \$40,000. The narrow margin afforded by the rates allowed prevent the company from accumulating a surplus adequate for such contingencies.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	10 Mos. '17.
Gross earnings.....	\$940,925	\$774,251	\$590,754
Operating expenses.....	731,340	612,002	424,894
Bond interest.....	87,500	87,500	72,916
Other interest.....	6,904	5,589	1,428
Preferred dividends paid.....	109,167	56,875	70,875
Preferred dividends accrued.....	5,833	5,833	7,875
Balance, surplus.....	\$3,181	\$6,452	\$12,766

**New England Investment & Security Co.**—See Rhode Island Co. below.—V. 109, p. 2176.

**New Orleans & No. East R.R.—Fed. Contract—Officers.**—See Phila. & Reading Ry. below and annual report in V. 109, p. 2167. See Southern Railway below.—V. 109, p. 2167.

**New York Central R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 871.

**New York Connecting R.R.—Federal Contract.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 107, p. 604.

**N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R.R.—Equipment Certificates.**—See p. 922, this issue; see also Rhode Island Co. below.—V. 110, p. 871

**New York & North Shore Traction Co.—Suspends.**—The company suspended operations on March 1 because of lack of funds to remove the snow and ice from its lines, according to a statement made by Pres. George A. Stanley to Commissioner Lewis Nixon. President Stanley is stated to have offered the road to the city as a gift if it will operate it at a 6-cent fare and protect the security holders.—V. 109, p. 1180.

**Norfolk & Southern R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 872.

**Norfolk & Western R.R.—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 465.

**Northern Pacific Ry.—Directors—Equipment Notes.**—See page 922 of this issue. Jule M. Hanneford and Charles Donnelly have been elected directors.—V. 110, p. 562, 765.

**Pacific Coast R.R.—Federal Contract.**—See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. below.—V. 107, p. 697.

**Pennsylvania R.R.—Obituary—Equipment Notes.**—Carroll M. Bunting, Comptroller, died March 4. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 872.

**Philadelphia & Reading Ry.—Federal Contracts Signed.**—Director-General of R.Rs. Hines has signed the Federal contracts with the following companies, fixing the amount of annual compensation for each company as follows:

Phila. & Reading Ry. ....	\$17,094,334	Marq. & Besse., Dock & Nav. Co. ....	\$19,467
Missouri-Pacific R.R. ....	14,312,343	Florida East Coast Ry. ....	2,408,170
Inter. & Gt. Nor. Ry. ....	1,596,945	N. Orleans & N. East R.R. ....	1,204,992
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. ....	13,888,418	Pacific Coast R.R. ....	114,080
Southern Railway ....	19,165,362	Cincinnati, N. Orleans & Texas-Pacific Ry. ....	3,596,920
York Har. & Beach R.R. ....	5,880	N. Y. Connecting R.R. ....	850,000
W. Jersey & Seash. R.R. ....	11,852	Central Union Depot & Ry. of Cincinnati ....	114,842
La. & Arkansas Ry. ....	359,362		
Duluth, So. Sh. & Atl. ....	562,648		
Bath & Ham. Sp. R.R. ....	7,221		
Mineral Range R.R. ....	144,005		

Short line contracts have been signed with Trinity Valley, Southern R.R. and East Berlin R.R.—V. 108, p. 2434.



**Pere Marquette Ry.—Equipment Notes—Officers.—**

See page 922 of this issue.  
 Frank H. Alfred, formerly Fed. Mgr., has been elected Pres. & Gen. Mgr., succeeding E. N. Brown, who remains Chairman of the Board; J. L. Cramer has been appointed V.-Pres., Treas. & Asst. Sec., and Seward L. Merriam as Gen. Counsel.—V. 110, p. 562, 765.

**Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 169.

**Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghioheny RR.—Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 107, p. 182.

**Pittsburgh (Pa.) Railways Co.—Interest Payments.—**

Interest due March 1 1920 (a) on first mtge. bonds of Wilkinsburg & East Pittsburgh St. Ry. (b) on first mtge. bonds of Birmingham, Knoxville & Allentown Traction Co. will be paid on presentation of coupons at the Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh. (c) on bonds of the Coraopolls & Neville Isl. Bridge Co. will be paid on presentation at Colonial Trust Co., Pittsburgh. (d) on bonds of the Suburban Rapid Transit Street Ry. Co. will be paid on presentation at Farmers Deposit National Bank, Pittsburgh.—V. 110, p. 872, 659.

**Public Service Ry. of New Jersey.—Decision.—**

The New Jersey Supreme Court has handed down a decision that nothing on the statutes creating the Board of P. U. Commissioners prevents a trolley company from increasing its fares at any time it chooses without an order from the Board. According to the decision, the statute provides that the Commission has the right to interfere when rates are excessive. The decision was the result of suit brought by Mayor Gillen of Newark, who refused to pay a 7-cent fare because the company had not received an order from the P. U. Commission and did not give 20 days' notice of the increase.—V. 109, p. 2172.

**Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co.—New**

**Plan to Authorize \$10,000,000 Prior Preference Stock (7% Cumulative).**—The company having sold its street railway system in Seattle to the city for \$15,000,000 utility bonds, has asked the shareholders to vote upon a change of name to "Puget Sound Power & Light Company," and also on authorizing \$10,000,000 of 7% Cumulative Prior Preference stock, issuable from time to time as may be desirable.

The new stock shall be entitled out of net profits as determined by the board to quarterly, preferential, cumulative dividends at the rate of 7%, and no more, payable Q.-J. 15 in preference to the Pref. or Com. stock, and it will be subject to redemption at any time and from time to time at \$110 per share and accumulated dividends. All classes of stockholders will have equal voting power, one vote for each share. Any class of stock may be increased according to law. In case of liquidation or dissolution, prior preference stock must be paid in full at par and dividends before any payment is made upon the Pref. or Com. stock.

**Digest of Official Circular, Dated at Boston, Feb. 26.**

Since the refunding of the short-term notes in June 1918, it has been necessary to spend very considerable sums for construction purposes to keep pace with general development stimulated by the war and to bring into full use those portions of its plant, mainly water powers, which were not then fully loaded, not only to cover war necessities, but also to improve the net earnings.

The outlay has been amply justified by the improving net earnings, but it has made necessary borrowing from banks, the floating debt now amounting to \$1,835,000. Additional funds will be needed from time to time to finance for like expenditures. Existing conditions require that bank borrowings should be kept at a minimum and also preclude the sale of more of the present 6% Preferred or Common stock.

Your directors believe that it would be highly undesirable if not impossible to finance all of the requirements by further increases in the funded debt, and they therefore recommend the issue of \$10,000,000 7% cumulative "Prior Preference Stock," which it is their intention to dispose of from time to time as market conditions permit and requirements make desirable. The sale of stock not only will make it possible to maintain a more conservative balance between the debt and capital stock, but also will enable permanent borrowing on a more economical basis if it appears wise to resort to such borrowing.

The company has sold to the City of Seattle its street railway system in that city for \$15,000,000 of utility bonds which are held under the mortgages in substitution for the property sold. Our capital expenditures, therefore, will be largely devoted to the development of the electric light and power business, making advisable a change of name to Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—V. 110, p. 78.

**Rapid Transit in N. Y. City.—Commissioner's Report****Suggests Reorganization of All City Lines into One Company—****Higher Fares Needed—Disapproves Perpetual Franchises—To****Vest Title in City—Present Status.—**

The special report of P. S. Commissioner Lewis Nixon sent to the Legislature on March 2 contained the following summaries:

(1) The city's subway operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., if operated alone, very probably can survive under the present rate of fare. The Interborough as a system, including the Manhattan Elevated Rys. under the present lease, cannot do so. A receivership can be avoided only by a subordination of the investment interest charges or the supplying of money outside of revenue.

(2) It is doubtful whether the New York Consolidated RR., which operates certain city subways in connection with the Brooklyn elevated lines, can continue at the present rate of fare under the present contracts and pay interest on municipal and company bonds.

(3) It seems clear that the surface car lines in Manhattan and other boroughs must have more revenue or their deterioration will continue at a progressive rate. Unless relief is given, further disintegration may be expected.

(4) Even though the companies were able to continue operation as at present, something must be done to provide funds to take care of deferred maintenance. It is idle to talk of continuing operation and neglecting the upkeep of the property.

(5) The Commissioner suggests a plan of reorganization of all the companies into one company, or, if that is not possible, one large company with a single management in the area now served by the Interborough Rapid Transit and one for the area served by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit. A simple increase of fare, without corresponding concessions from the companies, should not be considered under any circumstances.

Perpetual franchises for surface lines should be abolished. The securities should be refunded and based on a fair appraisal of the properties and amortization should be provided to vest title in the city after a certain term of years. A flexible cost of service fare should be established, controlled by a surplus fund, and consideration should be given to the remission of taxes and paving charges because all expenditures are reflected in the fares charged.

Reviewing the present conditions of the companies, the Comin' states: "Street railroad trackage abandoned and service discontinued, 77.82 miles. Street railroad trackage cut off from parent systems and now operated separately under additional fare, 266.22 miles. Nine operating companies in the hands of receivers, representing a total of nearly 700 miles of track—more than one-third of the total trackage in the city. (Two of these receiverships, namely the Second Ave. and the Manhattan & Queens cos., with 44 miles of track, antedate 1915.)

"Combined deficits of street railroad companies for the fiscal year ended June 30 1919, \$8,083,320, which shows the companies worse off by \$13,350,346 than the year before. Deferred maintenance already amounting to \$6,000,000 and constantly growing, which will have to be made up if the property is to be kept in condition. About 1,575 free transfer points abolished, 1,500 in Brooklyn and 75 in Manhattan. Tremendous shrinkage in value of street railroad securities, entailing heavy losses to investors."—V. 110, p. 167.

**Reading Company.—New Officer.—**

Edward B. Crossley has been elected Vice-President of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co. in charge of traffic.—V. 110, p. 872, 360.

**Rhode Island Co.—Receivers' Plan for Reorganization.—**

The receivers' plan for the reorganization of the company, presented to

the House of Representatives of Rhode Island and signed by Frank H. Swan, Theodore Francis Greene and Zenas W. Bliss, receivers, provides,

**All Properties to be Transferred to State, Free and Clear.**

(1) All properties comprising the trolley systems within State of Rhode Island except the Narragansett Pier RR. to be transferred to State of R. I.  
 (2) All the securities of all the companies owning or leasing any part of the system, and the claims of these companies and of the New England Investment & Security Co. against the Rhode Island Co. to be wiped out.  
 (3) The State to issue \$18,000,000 3½% sinking fund 25-year bonds due 1945, of which \$1,000,000 will be reserved for future extensions and the remaining \$17,000,000 will be issuable forthwith in exchange for cash and existing bonds, viz.:

**Proposed Application of \$17,000,000 3½% 25-Year State Bonds.**

To be issued for \$3,000,000 new money for deferred maintenance and improvements.-----\$3,000,000

To be exchanged for \$9,000,000 United Trac. & Electric Bonds.-----9,000,000

To be exchanged for \$5,000,000 Rhode Island Suburban 4s.-----5,000,000

(4) \$2,000,000 of the \$3,000,000 new money is to be used for deferred maintenance and improvements.

(5) \$600,000 in cash to be paid to the New Haven RR. for all of its interest in the system and in the securities of the old companies, and \$400,000 available for reorganization expenses and necessary extensions.

The Rhode Island Co. will release to the New England Investment & Security Co. all its rights with respect to the property in Massachusetts of the Attleborough branch and the Interstate Consolidated Street Ry. of Mass., and to the New Haven RR. all its rights with respect to that part of the Providence & Boston Ry. Co. Capital.

**United Electric Railways to Have a 25-Year Lease—Stock Issue.**

(6) The United Electric Rys. Co., incorp. in 1919, is to issue \$8,000,000 stock to the stockholders of the United Traction & Electric Co., share for share, in exchange for their present holdings. This, in addition to the \$17,000,000 bond issue as above, will make the present total securities outstanding in relation to the trolley system, \$25,000,000. The State Commission found the valuation of the properties to be \$29,000,000. To this should be added \$2,000,000 new money to be expended on the properties, making a total of \$31,000,000.

(7) The issue of the first \$3,000,000 of bonds for cash at par is to be underwritten as follows: By the United Traction bondholders, \$1,250,000; by the Suburban bondholders, \$750,000; by the United Traction stockholders, \$1,000,000. The later issue of \$1,000,000 of said bonds shall be underwritten by the stockholders in the new company.

(8) Legislation is to be passed (a) effecting the elimination or strict control of the bus and jitney traffic, and (b) remitting all past and future franchise taxes and paving charges.

(9) The new company shall assume all unliquidated tort claims against the Rhode Island Co. in consideration of payment by latter of \$108,000.

(10) A lease of the entire system is to be made by the State of Rhode Island to the United Electric Rys. Co. for 25 years (the period of the bond issue) containing the following provisions: (a) annual rental shall be \$1,020,000, payable semi-annually, which is equal to 5% on the \$17,000,000 bond issue, and will pay the annual interest on \$17,000,000 State of Rhode Island 3½s, amounting to \$595,000, and the balance, \$425,000, is throughout the period to be paid into a sinking fund, and reckoning interest at 4% will retire the bonds at maturity, leaving the State, at the termination of the lease, the owner of the trolley system without charge therefor. (b) Dividends shall be limited to 4% on the \$8,000,000 stock. (c) Company to be managed by board of seven directors, four elected by the stockholders, two having no personal interest in securities of company appointed by the Governor and one elected by employees. (d) The State shall have the right at any time to terminate this lease upon 6 months' notice before the date when any rental payment shall be due and the payment of \$8,000,000 to the co. (e) At the termination of lease stockholders of United Electric Rys. shall have option upon one year's notice to the P. U. Commission either (1) to purchase the entire trolley system from the State for \$17,000,000, plus the actual cost of all extensions made during the period of the lease and financed by the State, or (2) to take a renewal of lease for a second period of 25 years at the yearly net rental of \$835,000 for 25 years and the entire trolley system at the end of that period shall be used by the State as it may later determine. (The covenants recently voted to continue at work for another year of during the life of the receivership under the agreement in force during the past year.)—V. 110, p. 872, 765.

**Rhode Island Suburban Ry.—Permanent Receivership.**

Benjamin A. Jackson and Harold J. Gross, who were appointed temporary receivers on Jan. 10, were appointed permanent receivers on Feb. 2. See Rhode Island Co. above.—V. 110, p. 262.

**Rich. Fredericksburg & Potomac RR.—Equip. Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 872.

**Rutland Railroad.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 872.

**St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 872.

**Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Officers.—**

S. Davies Warfield, Chairman of the board, has been elected President, succeeding W. J. Harahan; W. L. Seddon, Vice-President in charge of subsidiary lines, and M. H. Cahill, Gen. Mgr., have also been elected to their respective offices.—V. 109, p. 2357.

**Shore Line Electric Ry., Conn.—Dismantlement Prop.—**

The company, it is stated, proposes shortly to set about removing the rails and the other equipment of the line from Atlantic Beach at New London, Conn., to Weckapaug.—V. 110, p. 168.

**Sioux City Terminal Ry.—New Officer.—**

A. G. Sam, President of Live Stock Nat. Bank and Treasurer of Sioux City Stock Yards Co., has been elected Treasurer and a director of the company.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 79.

**Southern Ry.—Officers—Fed. Contract—Equip. Notes.—**

E. H. Coapman, Washington, D. C., and R. B. Pogram, Atlanta, have been elected Vice-Presidents. T. P. Steele has been appointed Vice-President of the New Orleans & Northeastern RR. Co.

President Falchx Harrison has issued an order, effective March 1, which for the purpose of the administration divides the lines constituting the Southern Railway system into two groups, viz.: (1) *Lines West*—Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry., Alabama Great Southern, New Orleans & Northeastern, Harriman & Northeastern, Cincinnati Burnside & Cumberland River, Northern Alabama, Georgia Southern & Florida and the St. Louis, Louisville, Memphis, Atlanta, Columbus, Birmingham and Mobile operating divisions of Southern Railway; (2) *Lines East*—the following operating divisions of Southern Railway: Washington, Danville, Charlotte, Richmond, Norfolk, Winston-Salem, Columbia, Charleston, Spartanburg, Knoxville, Coaster, Appalachia, Asheville, Murphy and Transylvania. See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. above and annual report in V. 109, p. 360. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 1527, 1701.

**Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 2242.

**Terminal RR. Ass'n. of St. Louis.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 872.

**Texas & Pacific Ry.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 466.

**Tide Water Power Co., Wilmington, N. C.—Pref. Stock.**

First National Trust Co., Durham, N. C., and Durefy & Marr, Raleigh, N. C., are offering at 100, 7% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$100. Divs. monthly. Company owns and operates the entire electric light, traction and power, gas and traction systems in the Port of Wilmington; and in addition to the city properties, owns and operates an electric lighting, traction and gas service to Wrightsville Beach. Estimated population, over 45,000.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from sale of the Pref. stock will be used to liquidate current liabilities, retire \$350,000 bonds, and to make betterments and additions to plant.—Compare V. 109, p. 2440.

**Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.—Equipment Notes.—**

See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 471.

Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 1787.

Tri-City Ry. & Light Co.—Sub. Cos. to Consolidate.— The Tri-City Ry. of Illinois and the Moline Rock Island & Eastern Traction Co., all the stock of which is owned by the Tri-City Ry. & Light Co., have filed a joint petition with the Illinois P. U. Commission for approval of the purchase by the Tri-City Ry. of the tracks and equipment of the Moline Rock Island & Eastern Traction Co. The Tri-City Ry. also asks the Commission for authority to issue \$195,000 bonds to cover the value of the Moline Rock Island & Eastern Traction Co. The arrangement, it is stated, is being perfected in the interest of corporation simplicity.—V. 110, p. 168.

Union Pacific RR.—New Officer.— E. E. Calvin, formerly Federal Mgr., has been elected Vice-President in charge of operations.—V. 109, p. 2264.

United Electric Railways, Providence, R. I.— See Rhode Island Co. above.—V. 108, p. 1611.

United Traction & Electric Co., Providence.— See Rhode Island Co. above.—V. 109, p. 372.

Virginian Railway.—Equipment Notes—Officers.— See page 922 of this issue. Adrian H. Larkin and Charles H. Hlx (formerly Federal Mgr.) have been elected Vice-Presidents.—V. 108, p. 685.

Wabash Railway.—New President, &c.—Equip. Notes.— The following new officers are announced, all with offices in St. Louis: J. E. Taussig, Pres., formerly Federal Mgr.; W. C. Maxwell, Vice-Pres. (in charge of traffic); S. E. Cotter, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.; N. S. Brown, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Solicitor; L. G. Scott, Vice-Pres. and Comptroller; W. F. Bender, Asst. Sec., and E. R. Francisco, Local Treas. William H. Williams remains Chairman of the Board; Henry Rogers Withrop as Vice-Pres.; J. C. Otteson, Vice-Pres., Sec. & Treas., and Winslow S. Pierce, General Counsel, all with offices in New York. See page 922 of this issue.—V. 109, p. 2264.

Washington Southern Ry.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 76, p. 1302.

Washington Terminal Co.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 106, p. 2651.

Westchester Street Ry.—Receivership.— Supreme Court Justice Morschauer has appointed Leverett S. Miller receiver, on complaint of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York, which seeks to foreclose a mortgage of \$168,000.—V. 108, p. 975.

Western Maryland Ry.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 110, p. 466.

West Jersey & Seashore RR.—Federal Contract.— See Phila. & Reading Ry. above and annual report in V. 109, p. 1457.

West Virginia Traction & Electric Co.—Ordered Sold.— A report from Wheeling, W. Va., says that the properties of the company will be sold at the Ohio County Court House in Wheeling on March 16 by order of Judge A. G. Dayton as a result of receivership proceedings.—V. 110, p. 563.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—Equipment Notes.— See page 922 of this issue.—V. 108, p. 1938.

Worcester Consol. St. Ry.—Bonds Ext.—Fare Increase.— The Mass. Department of P. Utilities has approved the extension agreement of the \$700,000 4 1/2% deb. bonds which fell due March 1 1920 for five years to March 1 1925 at 7%. The extension agreement safeguards the interest of debenture bondholders who assent to the extension in that it provides that so long as any of the debenture bonds are outstanding and unpaid, the amount of bonds issued and outstanding under the First & Ref. Mtge. of 1910 shall at no time exceed \$4,800,000 less the face value of any of the debenture bonds than outstanding. The company has been granted permission to increase fares in Worcester from 5c. to 7c. and from 5c. to 6c. in fare zones outside the city.—V. 110, p. 872, 765.

York Harbor & Beach RR.—Federal Contract.— See Philadelphia & Reading Ry. above.—V. 77, p. 2099.

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Aluminum Manufacturers Inc., Cleveland.—Status.— The "Iron Age" of Feb. 19 has a 5 page illustrated article describing the new plants of the company in Cleveland and Detroit.—V. 110, p. 168.

American Cigar Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Net earnings— \$2,175,799, \$2,318,982, \$2,213,755, \$1,867,285. Preferred dividends— (6%) 600,000, 600,000, 600,000, 600,000. Common dividends— (8%) 800,000, (6%) 600,000, (6%) 600,000, (6%) 600,000. Balance, surplus— \$775,799, \$1,118,982, \$1,013,755, \$667,285. Profit and loss, surplus— \$1,318,715, \$12,442,915, \$11,323,933, \$10,316,178.—V. 108, p. 1162.

American Coal Co. of Allegany County.—No Increase.— The shareholders on Feb. 26 voted down the proposition to authorize an issue of \$2,500,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock.—V. 107, p. 2291.

American Hawaiian Steamship Co.—Purchase.— W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., marine securities, have sold between 33,000 and 34,000 of the 35,000 outstanding shares of Coastwise Transportation Co. to the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. Coastwise owns ten ships of a total deadweight capacity of 75,500 tons. It is understood the entire fleet has just been chartered for the transatlantic coal business for three full years, on very satisfactory terms. American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share, payable April 1 to stock of record March 22.—"Wall St. Journal."—V. 110, p. 660, 467.

American Multigraph Co.—Extra Dividend.— An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock along with the regular quarterly 2%, both were payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 20.—V. 106, p. 2231.

American Radiator Co., Chicago.—Reduces Par of Com.— The stockholders voted Mar. 3 to reduce the par value of the Common stock from \$100 to \$25 and to issue four shares of new Common stock of par \$25 for each share of \$100 par.

Earnings Dec. 31 '19, 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17. Net profits— \$3,036,247, \$2,656,213, \$3,261,871, \$2,604,068. Preferred dividends— (7%) 210,000, 210,000, 210,000, 210,000. Common dividends— (13%) 1,064,544, (13%) 1,064,544, (13%) 1,064,544, (16%) 1,309,696. Balance, surplus— \$861,703, \$481,669, \$1,087,327, \$1,084,372. Profit and loss, surplus— \$7,763,466, \$6,901,763, \$6,420,493, \$9,067,215. In 1918 there was also paid a 50% dividend in stock (aggregating \$4,092,800) on the Common stock, out of accumulated surplus.—V. 110, p. 169.

American Snuff Co.—Dividend Increased—Ann. Report.— The annual report is cited on a preceding page. A quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared on the Common stock, and 1 1/2% on the Pref., both payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 12. This compares with 2% paid Jan. 2 and 3% paid quarterly in 1919.—V. 109, p. 2173.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Annual Report—Proposition to Increase Capital Stock.—In the annual report cited at considerable length in other pages of this issue, President H. B. Thayer, says:

"The limit of the authorized share capital, with a reasonable reserve against the conversion of the convertible bonds issued, has been reached. The issue coming due in 1925 [\$50,000,000 authorized; \$48,367,200 outstanding] becomes convertible Aug. 1 1920. In order to provide against the remote contingency of complete conversion and to provide for further issue of capital stock, if and when it shall be found desirable, it is recommended that the authorized share capital of this company be increased from \$50,000,000 to \$750,000,000.—V. 110, p. 467.

American Wholesale Corporation.—Sales.— 1920—February—1919. Increase. 1920—2 Mos.—1919. Increase. \$3,750,318 \$2,109,336 \$1,640,982 \$8,663,433 \$4,751,711 \$3,911,732.—V. 110, p. 658, 660.

Ames Holden Felt Co., Ltd.—Bonds.— In reference to the statement (V. 110, p. 660) that this company's First Mtge. bonds were offered by Manning Brothers & Co., Toronto; Thornton, Davidson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, informs us that they were the underwriters of the securities mentioned, also that they have brought out all the Ames Holden McCready subsidiaries' issues.—V. 110, p. 660.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Production (lbs.).— 1920—February—1919. Increase. 1920—2 Months—1919. Increase. 18,500,000 12,400,000 6,100,000 38,600,000 28,300,000 8,300,000.—V. 110, p. 169, 564.

Arkansas Natural Gas Co.—Contract, &c.— See Transcontinental Oil Co. below.—V. 110, p. 766.

Armour & Co.—Final Steps Enjoining Packers.— The agreed decree under which the "Big Five" packers are forever enjoined from engaging in any line of business other than that of handling meat and meat products was filed Feb. 27 in the District of Columbia Supreme Court. In a statement commenting on the effect of the divorce decree, Attorney-General Palmer said: "The decree, which the Department of Justice has brought about by urgent insistence, is designed to restore freedom of competition and increase the opportunities for individual initiative in business, which must in time bear good fruit for the public welfare. These great aggregations of capital which have come to be known as the 'Big Five' have been able to dominate so many lines of trade that their continued and unrestrained growth constituted a real menace not only to American business, but to the American consuming public as well. "In brief, the decree removes the menace of control of unrelated industries by the 'Big Five,' and confines their activities in future to the business of distributing meat and its by-products under an injunction which restrains them from unfair and unlawful practices."—V. 110, p. 660.

Atlantic Lobos Oil Co.—Status.— See Atlantic Refining Co. below and compare V. 109, p. 1275.

Atlantic Oil Producing Co.—Status.— See Atlantic Refining Co. below and compare Atlantic Lobos Oil Co. in V. 109, p. 1275.

Atlantic Refining Co., Philadelphia.—Guaranty Respecting Refinery and Oil Wells in Mexico.

An authoritative statement follows: "The Atlantic Refining Co. has guaranteed performance by Atlantic Oil Producing Co. of its obligation to transfer to Atlantic Lobos Oil Co. its ownership in its refinery at Guaymas, Mexico; to complete the same, and drill two wells in the light oil field, at an expense of not to exceed \$1,500,000, and to pay to Atlantic Lobos Oil Co. from time to time \$4,000,000, in consideration of the issue to Atlantic Oil Producing Co. of one-half of the entire authorized issue of Common and Pref. stock of Atlantic Lobos Oil Co., Incorp. in Delaware in Sept. 1919, with an authorized issue of \$10,000,000 Cumul. Participating Pref. stock, and 500,000 shares of no par value Common stock. (See also V. 109, p. 1275.)

"When the transaction is consummated, Atlantic Lobos Oil Co. will have a refinery practically completed and an operating pipe line about 20 miles in length from the light oil field district in Mexico to the Gulf coast, together with leases covering approximately 90,000 acres of land in the light oil field district in the approximate neighborhood of the pipe line."—V. 110, p. 661, 564.

(Walter) Baker & Co., Ltd., Boston.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1919, 1918, 1919, 1918. Assets: Real est., mach., &c. 3,044,123; Good-will 3,000,000; Cash 411,800; Notes & accts. rec. 775,388; Inventories 2,474,502; U. S. Govt. secur. 1,414,198; Stocks of other cos. 55,000; Miscellaneous 41,916; Canadian bonds 256,793. Liabilities: Capital stock 8,250,000; Accounts and notes payable 970,754; Reserve for taxes 172,898; Other reserves 100,000; Miscellaneous 5,343; Profit and loss 1,974,321. Total 11,473,821.

Barnsdall Corp.—Capital Increase—Dividend Increased.— The stockholders voted Feb. 20 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$14,000,000 par \$25 to \$30,000,000 divided equally into Class "A" (voting) stock and Class "B" (non-voting) stock. A quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% has been declared on the \$13,000,000 outstanding Capital stock, payable April 15 to stock of record Mar. 31. Heretofore quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% were paid.—V. 110, p. 766.

Black Lake Asbestos & Chrome Co., Ltd.—Bond Int.— It was recently announced that the company has decided to pay interest on the 2d mortgage 6% non-cumul. income bonds at the rate of 3% for the half-year ending Dec. 31 1919, payment to be made on and after Mar. 1. The interest due Sept. 1 1919 was passed.—V. 109, p. 890.

British-American Tobacco Co.—Interim Dividend.— The directors on Feb. 26 declared an interim dividend of 6% free of British income tax, on the ordinary shares, payable March 31. Coupon No. 77 must be used for dividend.—V. 110, p. 463, 467.

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Edison Co., Inc.—Bonds all Sold.— Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announced the sale at 92 3/4 and int. to yield over 7%, by advertisement on another page, of \$3,000,000 Gen. Mtge. Gold bonds (10-year) Series B 6%.

Dated Jan. 1 1920. Due Jan. 1 1930. Int. payable J. & J. Company, in so far as permitted by law, will pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$500 and \$1,000; bonds of \$1,000 registerable as to principal only. Fully registered bonds in denom. of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and registered bonds interch. Red. upon 30 days' notice at 105% and int. on any int. date. Series A \$5,500,000 bonds have been listed on New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list these Series B bonds. Auth. \$100,000,000 outstanding will be made to list these Series B bonds. Series B 6% (this issue) \$3,000,000. Cent. Union Tr. Co., N. Y., trustee. Data from Letter of Pres. M. S. Sloan, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1920.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing.— Outstanding. Capital stock \$17,306,300. Debentures: Convertible 6% due 1922 and 1925 1,693,700. Gen. Mtge. Series A 5% due 1949 (V. 108, p. 582) 5,500,000. Gen. Mtge. Series B 6% due 1930 (this issue) 3,000,000. Underlying bonds (closed mortgages) 11,996,000. Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse company in part for expenditures heretofore made for the acquisition of property and for extensions and improvements to plants and facilities. As a result of this financing, company will be provided with adequate working capital, and with funds



for the expansion and development of its property and business necessitated by the demand for Brooklyn Edison Service.

**Security.**—Secured by mortgage on all of company's real and personal property, including two steam generating plants with a rated capacity of 134,000 k. w. and 5,940 miles of distribution lines of which 2,770 miles are underground.

Since Oct. 1 1912, there have been expended in excess of \$16,000,000 for additions to fixed property against which only \$8,500,000 par value of securities have heretofore been issued. The plant and property account carried at about \$42,000,000, represents the property at fair and legitimate valuations, and exceeds twice the amount of the secured debt including these \$3,000,000 bonds.

**This Issue.**—Bonds may be issued under the General Mortgage not to exceed \$100,000,000 at any one time outstanding. Series B 6% bonds to a total of \$5,000,000 have been authorized by company and approved by the P. S. Commission, although only \$3,000,000 are to be sold at this time. Of the \$2,000,000 unsold, \$500,000 may be sold to reimburse company for expenditures for extensions, improvements, etc., made prior to Jan. 1 1919, and the remaining \$1,500,000 for expenditures made since that date. Further bonds may be issued for extensions and improvements and for the acquisition of property of other corporations supplying light or power, and refunding of outstanding debts, and of bonds secured by underlying mortgages.

Calendar Year—	1915.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$7,000,814	\$8,381,055	\$8,854,301	\$10,850,114
Oper. exp., taxes & plant res.	4,589,530	5,511,982	6,162,445	7,499,102
Gross income	2,431,284	2,869,073	2,691,856	3,351,012
Interest on bonds	791,175	711,241	715,374	954,791
Balance, surplus	1,640,109	2,157,832	1,976,482	2,396,221

A very full description of the General Mortgage bonds, together with history and property of the company are given in V. 108, p. 582; V. 110, p. 873, 577.

**Burnham & Morrill Co., Portland, Me.—Bonds Offered.**

George H. Burr & Co., New York, have purchased and are offering at 100 and int. to yield 7% \$500,000 First Mtge. Conv. 7% Serial Gold bonds, maturing \$50,000 annually from Feb. 1 1921, to Feb. 1 1930, incl.

**Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.—Orders.**

President W. W. Butler recently announced that the company had received new orders amounting to \$12,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 was from the Canadian Pacific Ry., covering the building of freight cars, and approximately \$7,000,000 from the Canadian National Railways System for both freight and passenger cars. With these additional orders the company has business on hand aggregating \$20,000,000.—V. 110, p. 564.

**Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend.**

An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common stock along with the regular quarterly dividend of 2%; the regular semi-annual dividend of 3½% on the Pref. stock was also declared. All dividends are payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 13. The regular quarterly dividends of 2% on the Common stock have been paid since 1916.—V. 109, p. 2266.

**Carriage Factories, Ltd., Montreal.—Head Office.**

The head office has been changed from Toronto, Ont., to Orillia, Ont.—V. 107, p. 1749.

**Chandler Motor Car Co.—Dividend Increased.**

A quarterly dividend of \$2 50 per share has been declared on the stock, placing the new issue on a \$10 a share annual basis. In January a dividend of \$2 per share was paid on the new stock and a dividend of \$6 was paid in September on the old stock.

President F. C. Chandler has issued the following statement: "For the first two months of this year our shipments exceeded shipments for the first five months last year. Net earnings for the same two months were in excess of \$1,500,000. Our financial statement as of Feb. 28 shows cash in excess of \$4,000,000. Our shipping schedule calls for 19,000 cars up to July 1, and in view of our prospects of maintaining shipments during the balance of the year, owing to increased facilities, the directors feel that stockholders are entitled to a larger share of earnings. Accordingly, the stock has been placed on a regular \$10 dividend basis."—V. 110, p. 661.

**Chicago Telephone Co.—Officers, &c.**

Elbert G. Drew has been elected Secretary, succeeding Walter L. Mizner, who resigned to accept the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Michigan State Telephone Co. H. B. Thayer, Pres. of Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co., has been elected a director to succeed N. C. Kingsbury, deceased.

The company has asked the Illinois P. U. Commission for permission to increase its guaranteed revenue on "party" lines from 5 to 8 cents a day. It is stated that 73% of the subscribers use their telephones on an average of 8 cents worth, but increased guarantee from the other 17% would increase the annual revenue of the company nearly \$1,000,000.—V. 109, p. 2266.

**Chile Copper Co.—Output.**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
January output (lbs.)	7,508,000	6,800,000	8,358,000	7,756,737

—V. 110, p. 264.

**Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Offered.**—J. & W. Seligman & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 97½ and int., yielding 7%, by advertisement on another page, \$2,400,000 6% Three-Year Secured Gold Notes. Bankers state:

Dated Dec. 1 1919, due Dec. 1 1922. Int. payable J. & D. in New York, so far as may be lawful, without deduction of the normal Federal income tax to the extent of 2%. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*). Redeemable, all or part, at any time on 30 days' notice, at 101½ on or before Dec. 1 1920, at 101 on or before Dec. 1 1921, and at 100½ thereafter, plus interest. Central Trust Co., Cincinnati, trustee.

**Security.**—Secured by deposit of \$3,000,000 First & Ref. (now First) Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds, which in turn are secured by a first mortgage on substantially the entire properties.

Capitalization (after Present Financing)—	Authorized	Outstanding
First & Ref. (now First) Mtge. 5%—	\$15,000,000	\$9,459,000
6% Three-Year Secured Gold Notes (this issue)—	2,400,000	2,400,000
7% 3-Y Notes, due Dec. 1 1922 (V. 110, p. 468)—	2,000,000	1,500,000
Capital stock—	36,000,000	35,056,300

\* Exclusive of \$3,000,000 deposited as security for these notes. For description of properties and statement of earnings see V. 110, p. 468, 874.

**Clinton-Wright Wire Co.—Preferred Stock Called, &c.**

See Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp. below.—V. 110, p. 468, 264.

**Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co., New York.—**

**Recap'n Plan—To Offer Additional Stock to Stockholders.**

The stockholders will vote Mar. 16 (a) on changing the authorized Capital stock from 120,000 shares of \$100 par value to 200,000 shares of no par value; (b) on exchanging the present outstanding 104,827 shares of \$100 par value for the same number of shares of no par value; (c) on offering to the stockholders the privilege of purchasing additional stock in proportion to their holdings at such times and on such terms and prices as the directors shall fix; the number of shares to be offered during 1920 not to exceed 26,206 shares, or 25% of the present outstanding stock.

**Digest of Statement of Pres. Thos. J. Watson, New York, Feb. 26.** Since organization in 1911 there has been a steady increase in the sale of the products of the subsidiary companies, resulting in a remarkable growth in the annual volume of business. Beginning with 1915 each year has exceeded the preceding year by substantial amounts. For the calendar year 1919, sales were in excess of \$12,000,000, as compared with \$4,179,204 for 1914, an increase of nearly 190% during the six-year period, or an average annual increase of nearly 32%.

Sales and Profits of the Combined Organization—Calendar Years.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Sales	\$4,482,660	\$6,179,619	\$8,342,460	\$9,679,635	\$12,000,000
Net profits	692,694	1,206,853	1,568,358	1,787,807 (est.)	*2,000,000
Earn. per sh.—	\$6 60	\$11 54	*\$14 96	*\$17 05	*\$19 08

\* Before providing for income & excess profits taxes. x After all charges, including interest, reserves and allowance for maintenance and depreciation, but not including deduction for income and excess profits taxes.

The combined surplus including subsidiaries since organization in 1911 has increased about \$5,600,000, which is represented by an increase in the net current assets of about \$3,400,000, the balance representing increases in plant and equipment. These additions to assets have heretofore provided working capital required by the substantial increase in business from year to year.

Owing to the development of our sales organization, from which further large increases in business are being received, it is necessary to make provision for increased facilities for manufacturing in all branches, as the limit of present capacity has been reached. The business secured during Dec. 1919, and Jan. 1920, was 35% in excess of the present factory capacities, and it is estimated that the sales for the current year will show an increase over 1919 of about \$5,000,000, with a proportionate increase in earnings. In order to take care of this increase in business the directors have authorized the expenditure of about \$750,000 to provide additions to the present plants located at Endicott, N. Y., and Dayton, O., together with the additional machinery and equipment necessary.—V. 109, p. 1795.

**Consol. Interstate-Callahan Mining Co.—Shipments.**

Month of	Feb. 1920.	Jan. 1920.
51% zinc concentrates	8,020,000 lbs.	8,360,000 lbs.
59% lead concentrates	3,080,000 lbs.	3,040,000 lbs.
Silver	32,340 ozs.	30,400 ozs.

—V. 110, p. 662, 874.

**Cuban-American Sugar Co.—To Reduce Par Value.**

The directors have voted to change the common capitalization from 100,000 shares par \$100 each to 1,000,000 shares par \$10 each, or, in the event that the laws of New Jersey under which the company is incorporated, are amended to permit, to 1,000,000 shares of stock without nominal or par value. It is planned to call a meeting of the stockholders in near future, to authorize the carrying out of these plans.—V. 109, p. 2360, 2437, 2443.

**Davis-Daly Copper Co.—Production—Dividend Decreased.**

	1919—Dec.	1918.	1919—Cal. Year.	1918.
Copper (lbs.)	1,192,900	977,015	10,450,560	8,981,834
Silver (ozs.)	52,723	37,973	411,870	395,945

A dividend of 25c. a share has been declared on the stock, payable March 30 to holders of record March 10. Previous dividends were 50c. a share, paid Dec. 1919, and 25c. paid in Dec. 1918.—V. 109, p. 2174.

**Detroit Edison Co.—Offering of Bonds.—Coffin & Burr**

and Spencer Trask & Co., New York, are offering at a price to yield about 7% \$5,503,500 10-year 7% Conv. Deb. Gold bonds. Bankers state:

Dated March 1 1920; due March 1 1930. Int. payable M. & S. at office of company, 30 Broad St., New York. Denom. \$100 and \$1,000 (c\*). Convertible between March 1 1922 and Sept. 1 1929 into stock at par. Red. on or after Mar. 1 1924 and before Mar. 1 1928, at 105 and int., and on or after Mar. 1 1928, and before maturity, at 102 and int. on 60 days' notice, and when so called may, provided the time for conversion has not expired, be converted into stock at any time before the redemption date.

**Outstanding Debt.**—Company has from time to time issued \$16,400,000 convertible bonds (exclusive of the present issue of \$5,503,500), all of which, except \$4,813,800 still outstanding, have been converted into capital stock. There are also outstanding \$10,000,000 1st (closed) M. 5s, due 1933; \$16,665,000 1st & Ref. 5s, due 1940; \$4,000,000 Eastern Michigan Edison Co. 1st (closed) M. 6s, due 1931, and \$27,505,200 capital stock.

Cal. year—	1903.	1907.	1911.	1915.	1918.	1919.
Gross earn.	\$33,847	1,621,432	3,598,094	7,759,932	13,801,527	16,498,391

Earnings year ended Dec. 31 1919. Gross revenue \$16,498,391. Operating expenses, incl. maintenance, deprec., revs. & taxes—12,220,073. Interest on mortgage bonds—1,533,250.

Surplus over mortgage bond interest—\$2,745,068. The surplus over mortgage bond interest for the calendar year 1919 was equal to over 3½ times the annual interest requirements of all the outstanding debenture bonds, including the present issue of \$5,503,500. Compare V. 110, p. 264; V. 109, p. 2360.

**Dodge Manufacturing Co.—Extra Dividend.**

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the regular quarterly of 1½%, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 27. An extra dividend of 1% was paid in April, July, October and January last and 2% in January 1919.—V. 109, p. 2267.

**Eastman Kodak Co.—Suit Dismissed.**

Federal Judge Mayer recently dismissed the suit of Julius L. Lewis against the company for \$3,000,000 damages under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, on the ground that there was no basis for proving the damages claimed which he described as speculative. In his complaint Mr. Lewis stated that he had been in the photographic supply business since 1904, and that because he had violated the restrictions of a rebate agreement the defendant had refused to furnish him with its products, thereby causing him large losses.—V. 110, p. 767.

**Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Chicago.—Dividend—Status.**

The directors have declared the first quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on Common stock (no par value), payable March 30 to stock of record March 15.

The company was incorp. in Illinois in June 1891, succeeding a partnership of same name established in Chicago in 1858, as a selling agency for E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., manufacturers of the well-known Fairbanks Scales. Business has now expanded to include the sale of internal combustion engines, windmills, railroad supplies, electrical equipment, &c., controlled by the same interests.

In 1916 company began to acquire the principal manufacturing plants for which it had served as selling agent. It then took over all the capital stock of E. & T. Fairbanks & Co., and acquired and now operates in its own name the plants in Beloit, Wis., Three Rivers, Mich., Indianapolis, and Baltimore, Md. Gross sales in 1919 were about \$28,500,000, and net profits (partly estimated) after taxes exceeded \$3,000,000, or more than \$1 per share on present 300,000 shares of Com. stock.—V. 110, p. 565.

**(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Pf. Stk.**

The company has announced an additional issue of \$1,000,000 7% Cum. S. F. Pref. stock which is being offered for subscription at par and divs. On completion of present financing company will have outstanding \$3,500,000 Pref. and \$1,858,700 Com. stock. The proceeds will be used principally in enlarging the manufacturing facilities.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1919 (Excluding Present Financing.)**

Assets (Total each side, \$13,425,642)	Liabilities
Real est., bldgs. & equip.	Preferred stock—\$2,000,000
Less reserves	Common stock—1,858,700
Good-will and patents	Current and accrued ac-
Cash—	counts—2,030,774
Liberty bonds—1,156,750	Notes payable—2,311,900
Accounts & notes receiv.—1,030,311	Reserve for Federal taxes—900,000
Inventories—6,384,447	Other liabilities—100,985
Deferred charges & misc.—283,105	Surplus Dec. 31 1919—4,223,283

**Business Prospects, &c.**—Production schedule for cal. year 1920 is 16,000 cars, an increase of about 80% over 1919 production. It is expected that even this increase in production will not be sufficient to meet the demand for the Franklin car. Jan. 1 1920 there were 3,194 unfilled orders for cars on the books of the company. During the last six months a 7-story concrete building has been erected and is now ready for occupancy. Additional warehousing and manufacturing facilities are being provided, which when completed will add 675,000 sq. ft. to the 16½ acres of floor space now occupied. Company owns all the capital stock of Franklin Automobile Co., which is the selling organization.

**Earnings.**—Earnings for 1919, after deprec'n and taxes, were over seven times the dividend requirement on \$3,500,000 Pref. stock. Net sales for 1919 were \$23,466,000, and net profits, after deprec'n and Federal taxes \$1,841,000. Compare V. 109, p. 1613; V. 110, p. 767.

**Fulton Motor Truck Co.—Receiver's Sale.**

Pursuant to a decree in the U. S. District Court, John A. Sheppard, receiver, will sell at public auction through J. E. Conant & Co. of Lowell, Mass., at Farmingdale, L. I., on March 11, the entire property and assets of the company.—V. 110, p. 874, 565.

**Galena-Signal Oil Co., Pa.—Officers, &c.**—  
At the annual meeting of the stockholders on Feb. 24 a stockholders' advisory committee and directors were elected as follows: **Advisory Committee.**—J. S. Cullinan, John B. Dennis, Frederick Strauss (of J. & W. Seligman, N. Y. City). **Directors.**—L. J. Drake, J. French Miller, L. F. Jordan, E. V. Sedgwick, J. E. Linahen, H. S. Skinner, W. A. Trubee. The officers now include: L. J. Drake, President, succeeding J. S. Cullinan; J. F. Jordan, J. E. Linahen, W. A. Trubee and W. J. Walsh, Vice-Presidents, and J. French Miller, Sec.-Treas. The regular quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the old and new Pref. stock, payable March 31 to holders of record Feb. 23. The stockholders on Feb. 24 approved the proposal to issue \$10,000,000 notes at par. The rate of interest and other details are now being worked out by the directors. The purpose of the issue is to fund the floating liability of the company.—V. 110, p. 663.

**General Phonograph Corp.—Delivery of 1st M. 7% Bds.**—The Harriman National Bank is now prepared to deliver the Definitive First Mtge. 7% Serial Gold notes upon surrender of the respective outstanding Interim Certificates.—V. 109, p. 1529.

**A. C. Gilbert Co., New Haven, Conn.—Pref. Stock.**—Chas. W. Scranton Co., New Haven, and Richter & Co., Hartford, Conn., are offering at 100 and div. yielding 8% \$400,000 8% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. Divs. Q.-M. Call. all or part for sinking fund at \$115. **1911.** Sales \$37,272 **1913.** \$141,736 **1915.** \$831,049 **1917.** \$771,802 **1918.** \$1,053,843 **1919.** \$1,710,086 **Company.**—Commenced business in 1910, manufacturing educational toys. One of its first products was Erector, a steel construction toy. Then wireless and electrical outfits, chemistry sets, telephone and telegraph outfits, toy motors, aeroplanes, &c. A small electric fan—the "Polar Cub"—is also manufactured and the company has orders on its books now for over \$500,000 of these fans.

**Gottlieb-Bauernschmidt-Strauss Brewing Co., Baltimore.—Trustee Acquires Property—Bondholders' Committee.**—Judge Rose in the U. S. Court on March 1 issued an order authorizing the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore, trustee under the First Mtge. ds of 1901 and the second Mtge. Income ds of 1901 to take possession of the property and plant and operate it for the manufacture of non-alcoholic beverages. A bondholders protective committee has been formed and requests the holders of the First Mtge. bonds and 6% coupon Funding bonds to deposit their bonds with the Continental Trust Co., Baltimore, depository. **Protective Committee.**—William J. Casey, Chairman Continental Trust Co.; W. Graham Boyce, Union Trust Co.; Louis S. Zimmerman, Maryland Trust Co.; Eugene L. Norton, Equitable Trust Co., with George G. Thomas, Sec., Continental Building, Baltimore, Md. On March 1 1914 the company funded the interest on its 1st Mtge. ds by the issuance of scrip which carried int. at 6%. This arrangement lapsed by limitation on March 1 1920 and the coupon due on that date remains unpaid.—V. 100, p. 983.

**Great Falls Manufacturing Co., Boston.—Capital Inc.**—The stockholders have voted an increase in capital of \$1,000,000 by the sale of an additional 10,000 shares of stock. These shares will be offered to the stockholders of record March 3 on the basis of two shares at \$150 each for every three shares now held, payment to be made as follows: \$15 on or before April 5; \$60 on or before May 3 and the balance on Nov. 1. This financing is to provide for the erection of one section of a new plant which will permit the housing of the present machinery and 20% additional equipment. The company anticipates a considerable decrease in operating cost as the result of bringing all its facilities under one roof of modern design.—V. 106, p. 927.

**Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.—Earnings.**—  
**Calendar Years—**  
Net earnings after taxes.....\$507,240 1918. \$851,352 1919.  
Depreciation.....204,949 313,866  
Balance, surplus.....\$602,291 537,485  
Total surplus.....\$1,515,566 1,013,275  
—V. 110, p. 565.

**Great Northern Paper Co.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 3% has been declared on the Capital stock, along with the regular dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable March 3 to holders of record Feb. 21. The regular div. still remains at the rate of 12% p. a. In a circular to shareholders, President Garret Schenck says in substance: "Your directors are of the opinion that unless unforeseen conditions arise, the earnings and prospects are such as to justify the continuance of dividends amounting to \$12 per share per annum. This sum has been paid on the company's stock for the past two years. It is the intention of the board, after receiving a statement of the company's earnings, from time to time, to determine what, if any, further distribution of earnings may be prudently made. Such further distribution, if made, will be in the form of extra dividends.—V. 106, p. 1039.

**Heyman-Weil Co., San Francisco.—Pref. Stock.**—Stephens & Co., San Francisco are offering at 100 to yield 7% \$200,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Par. \$100. Callable at 105. Divs. M. & S. Common stock, auth. and outstanding \$250,000; Pref. stock, auth. \$250,000; outstanding \$200,000. Company, jobbers and importers of kitchenware and household utensils and manufacturers of brooms, brushes and dusters, was incorp. in California in 1906, successor to Harry Bruna Co. established in 1890. In 1911 absorbed business of Levinson Co. and in 1917 that of W. W. Montague Co. and L. Feldman & Co. Net earnings for past three years have averaged more than 4 times dividend requirements.

**Houston Gas & Fuel Co.—To Extend Bonds.**—Vice-President E. G. Connetto in a circular letter to the holders of Houston Gas & Fuel Co. Ref. & Imp. Mtge. 20-Year 5% bonds, due Sept. 1 1922, under date of Feb. 20, says in substance: "Company has arranged with its bankers to underwrite an extension of the \$961,000 Houston Gas Co. 1st 5% due Mar. 1 1920, to the extent of \$900,000, for three years from Mar. 1 1920, provided that the lien of the First Mortgage be preserved, and provided also, that 75% of the Ref. & Imp. Mtge. bondholders consent to such extension with interest at 7% per annum. Redeemable, all or part, on any int. date at any time before the expiration of the extended period, at 101, on or before Mar. 1 1921; at 100 1/2 on or before Mar. 1 1922; and 100 1/2 on or before Sept. 1 1922. In view of the provisions of the Refunding Mortgage, company cannot arrange for an extension of the bonds due Mar. 1 1920, without first obtaining the approval of 75% of the holders of outstanding Ref. & Imp. Mtge. bonds, and in order to accomplish this financing, the holders are requested to consent to the extension as stated above. If the extension is granted the company can provide for the payment of the balance of \$61,000 bonds by the issuance of Ref. & Imp. bonds or other junior securities.—V. 108, p. 1613.

**Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain.—Final Div.**—A dividend of 5% and a bonus of 5% have been declared on the ordinary shares, payable March 1, free of English income tax. An interim dividend of 5% was paid Sept. 1, making a total of 15% for the year. The annual report shows the addition of \$466,000 carried to reserve account.—V. 110, p. 875.

**Lake Torpedo Boat Co., Bridgeport, Conn.—Status.**—A press report quotes the annual report for 1919 as showing: During the year seven boats were delivered to the Navy Department, or one less than for the previous year. It is expected that contracts will be in the near future, made with the Navy Department for nine fleet submarines of large size. During the year the entire issue of notes, secured by a mortgage on the plant, was retired. The company has no bonded debt. Pending the settlement of open accounts with the Government, a complete financial statement cannot be rendered. Total contracts and orders on hand and uncompleted are estimated to have a value of \$25,000,000.—V. 106, p. 2125.

**Loew's Incorporated.—Certificates Issued.**—The permanent stock certificates are now being issued by the Bankers Trust Co., New York, in exchange for the outstanding temporary stock certificates.—V. 110, p. 266, 664.

**McCroly Stores Corp., New York.—Annual Report.**—  
**Calendar Years—**  
Sales.....\$11,487,045 1919. \$9,607,250 1918. \$7,831,509 1917.  
Cost of sales.....7,948,086 6,617,225 5,397,876  
Gross trading profits.....\$3,538,959 \$2,990,025 \$2,433,633  
General expenses, taxes, &c.....2,642,912 2,111,886  
Net profits.....\$464,208 \$347,113 \$321,747  
Preferred dividends.....79,709 84,740 86,807  
Retirement of preferred stock.....49,701 38,302 36,369  
Total surplus.....\$334,798 \$223,982 \$108,571  
—V. 110, p. 769.

**Maine Fisheries Corp., Boothbay Harbor.—Stock Offer.**—J. J. Mahoney & Co., Boston are offering at \$11 per share a limited amount of common stock. Auth. 30,000 shares, outstanding 23,750 shares, par value, \$10. No bonds or Pref. stock. Company was incorporated in 1917 in Maine to take over the fish packing and curing business of H. I. Phinney & Co. at Boothbay Harbor, Me. Established in 1908. Property consists of two wharves in Boothbay Harbor, together with ice-pond and eight buildings, comprising smoke-houses, packing-houses, warehouses, ice-house, and cold storage and machinery building, now under construction. Company paid an initial dividend of 10% for 1919.

**(D. B.) Martin Co. of Pa.—Bonds Offered.**—Elkins, Morris & Co. and Edward B. Smith & Co., Phila., are offering at 95 and int., to yield 6.50%, by advertisement on another page, \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. 6% s. f. gold bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1920, due Jan. 1 1935. Int. payable J. & J. Company covenants to pay normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Free of Penna. 4-mill tax. Tax refund in Maryland, Denom. \$1,000 (6%). Callable as a whole at 105 and int., or for the sinking fund at 102 1/2 and int. Fidelity Trust Co., Phila., trustee.

**Data from Letter of President J. J. Martin. Dated March 1 1920.**  
**Company.**—Is an amalgamation of the old D. B. Martin Co. of Dela. with its subsidiary companies, and the General Mfg. Co., all of which companies have been in successful operation for many years and are engaged in slaughtering and the dressing of meats and manufacturing the by-products. Property of company and its subsidiaries consists of 4 large abattoirs, located at Baltimore, Md., Wilmington, Dela., and Philadelphia, Pa.; 5 rendering and fertilizing plants, one distillation and ammonification grease plant, and one soap plant, which is known as J. Eavenson & Sons, Inc., Camden, N. J. Company owns its own tank cars for the carrying of raw material for the various plants. **Purpose.**—To pay off existing mortgages, finance completed new construction and to provide working capital. **Sinking Fund.**—Annual sinking fund of \$120,000, beginning June 1 1922, will retire bonds at 102 1/2 and int. **Capitalization.**  
First Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund gold bonds.....\$2,000,000 \$1,500,000  
Common stock.....4,000,000 3,234,950  
Net Income Available for Interest and Federal Taxes, But After Depreciation.  
Calendar 1915. 1916. 1917. 1918. 1919.  
Years \$363,875 \$838,969 \$704,129 \$393,268 \$442,536

**Martin-Parry Corp.—New Officer.**—J. A. Callahan has been elected Vice-President in charge of production.—V. 110, p. 471.

**Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd.—New Officer.**—See "Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co." below. Regular quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% on the Common stock and 2% on the preferred stock, have been declared payable April 10 to holders of record March 13.—V. 109, p. 2269.

**Miami Copper Co.—Production (in Pounds).**—  
1920—Feb.—1919. Decrease, 1920—2 Mos.—1919. Decrease.  
4,089,520 4,462,578 373,058 8,550,761 9,735,838 1,185,077  
—V. 110, p. 172, 664.

**Montgomery, Ward & Co.—February Sales.**—Sales for February increased 51% over February 1919 and for the two months of 1920 increased 45% over the same period of 1919.—V. 110, p. 655, 876.

**Montreal Cottons, Ltd.—Earnings.**—  
**Calendar Years—**  
Profits.....\$995,039 1919. \$763,096 1918. \$492,720 1917.  
Rents.....19,165 17,553 3,888  
Total income.....\$1,014,204 \$780,649 \$496,608  
Charges.....44,166 39,429 42,432  
Taxes.....\$307,500 35,000  
Dividends.....(11 1/2%)\$345,000 (11)330,000 (11)330,000  
Balance, surplus.....\$317,638 \$351,220 \$89,175  
\* Including allowance for New York exchange.—V. 110, p. 769.

**Montreal Locomotive Works, Ltd.—Directors.**—Charles Hayden and Lewis L. Clarke have been elected directors. Mr. Clarke was recently elected a director of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co.—V. 87, p. 681.

**(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd.—Stock Ownership.**—See Tobacco Products Corp. under "Reports" above.—V. 108, p. 688

**Nashua Manufacturing Co.—Dividend Increased.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 5% on the Common stock, which was payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 25. A dividend of 5% and an extra of 3% have been paid semi-annually June and December, beginning Dec. 1918.—V. 110, p. 82.

**National Utilities Co. of Maine.—Notes Offered.**—P. W. Brooks & Co., New York, &c. are offering at price to yield 7.30% \$300,000 Bond Secured 7% Serial Gold notes. Dated Feb. 1 1920, due serially, \$20,000, Feb. 1 1922 to 1936, incl. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 in all maturities, (\$100 bonds in 1926, 1931 and 1936 maturities.) et. Int. payable F. & A., in N. Y. City. Callable on any int. date all or part at 102. Trustee, Coal & Iron National Bank, New York, Mass. and N. Y. State income tax refunded. Connecticut and Penn. personal property tax refunded. Company will pay or refund 4% Federal income tax. **Company.**—Controls and operates public utility properties supplying 15 cities and their environs with a total population of about 115,000, in Ohio, New Jersey, Missouri, Texas and Kansas. **Purpose.**—To provide funds for the further development of the various subsidiary properties, and to retire maturing funded obligations. **Capitalization After Present Financing.**  
Bond-secured notes.....\$3,000,000 \$300,000  
Preferred stock.....100,000 63,900  
Common stock.....100,000 63,900  
The total authorized new notes are to be issued in 15 serial maturities, the authorized amount of each serial maturity being \$200,000. **Security.**—Notes may be issued for only 90% of the par value of bonds deposited of the subsidiary companies bearing 6% or a higher rate of interest, and for 80% of bonds bearing less than 6% interest. **Earnings—Years ended—**  
1917—Dec. 31—1918. Inc. 80% 1919.  
Combined earnings.....\$579,309 \$867,356 \$889,104  
Net available for interest on these notes.....93,186  
Note interest.....21,000  
Balance.....72,166  
—V. 107, p. 1486.



**National Conduit & Cable Co., N. Y.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross sales	\$10,557,836	\$14,011,664	\$20,318,538
Cost, administration expenses, &c.	11,179,807	13,490,961	19,086,854
Manufacturing profit	loss \$8621,970	\$520,703	\$1,231,684
Other income	170,427	98,997	86,429
Total income	loss \$451,543	\$619,700	\$1,318,113
Interest, taxes, &c.	\$345,073	\$427,613	\$625,574
Dividends			500,000
Deductions	319,723	1,052,909	171,494
Balance, sur. or def.	def. \$1,116,340	def. \$860,822	sur. \$21,045
Total profit and loss, sur. or def.	def. \$1,956,117	def. \$830,777	sur. \$21,045

—V. 109, p. 2176.

**New Chester (Pa.) Water Co.—Notes Offered.**  
 Bioren & Co., Phila., are offering at 97½ and int., yielding 7.50%, \$450,000 Two-Year 6% Secured gold notes. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable M. & N. Secured by deposit with the trustee, Fidelity Trust Co., Phila., of \$660,000 First Mtge. 5s of 1943. Convertible into First Mtge. 5s at 90 and int.  
 Company supplies the city of Chester, Pa., and vicinity with water for municipal, private and commercial uses, serving a population of about 80,000, under a perpetual and exclusive franchise. Plant and equipment are carried on the books as of Jan. 31 1920 at \$3,275,025. Reproduction values at present costs would be in excess of \$5,000,000.  
*Earnings for the Twelve Months Ending Jan. 31 1920.*  
 Gross earnings—\$386,345 Int. on \$1,800,000 5s outst'g. \$90,000  
 Net, after taxes, deprecia- Int. on 6% notes— 27,000  
 tion, &c. 185,682 Surplus— 68,682  
 —V. 88, p. 1134.

**New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Director.**  
 Pres. Harry B. Thayer, President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., has been elected a director. By vote of stockholders the charter of the company has been extended for a period of 999 years from 1933.—V. 108, p. 1724.

**New York & Richmond Gas Co.—Annual Report.**  

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross earnings	\$579,720	\$513,539	\$490,105	\$452,512
Operating expenses & amortiz'n.	640,357	470,814	351,099	272,722
Bond interest	83,238	80,845	78,513	77,221
Dividends		(4)80,000	(3)45,000	
Balance, sur. or def.	def. \$43,875	def. \$38,121	sur. \$493	sur. \$57,573

 Capital stock outstanding Dec. 31 1919, \$1,500,000, and first mortgage bonds, \$1,500,000.  
 The company has applied to the Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain the State and city officials from attempting to enforce the law restricting the company to a charge of \$1 per 1,000 cu. ft. The company is seeking \$1 25 per 1,000 cu. ft.—V. 108, p. 688.

**Niagara Falls Power Co.—Common Dividend Increased.**  
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the Common stock, payable Mar. 15 to holders of record Mar. 8. Previous dividends were 1% paid during Mar., June, Sept. and Dec. 1919.—V. 110, p. 82, 267.

**North American Co.—To Increase Authorized Stock from \$30,000,000 to \$43,750,000, to Consist of 500,000 Shares 6% Pref., Par \$50, and 750,000 Shares Common, Par \$25, and Reduce Outstanding Stock from \$29,793,300 to \$22,344,975, to Consist of \$14,896,650 Pref. and \$7,448,325 Common.**  
 The stockholders will vote March 17: (1) on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$30,000,000 (all Common, par \$100) to \$43,750,000, consisting of 600,000 shares 6% Cum. Pref. (a & d) stock, par \$50, and 750,000 shares of Common stock, par \$25. Preferred dividends to be payable quarterly cumulative from April 1 1920. Red at \$52 60 per share and divs., after three years from the issue thereof. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of Pref. stock and one vote for each share of Common stock held; (2) on decreasing the issued capital stock from \$29,793,300, the amount now issued and outstanding, to \$22,344,975, such decrease to be effected by reducing the par value of the shares now outstanding, viz.: \$100 each, to \$75, to consist of one share of 6% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$50, and one share of Com. stock, par \$25.

**Digest of Letter of President James D. Mortimer, Feb. 25 1920.**  
 The last increase in issued stock was in 1905. For the year 1904 the operating revenues of the subsidiary companies aggregated \$8,524,247; in 1919 the revenues were \$29,476,580. The subsidiary companies are approaching the point where capital requirements can be provided in part by sale of the shares of such companies. The North American Co. should be placed in position to participate in the purchase of such additional capital stock by offering to its own shareholders the right to subscribe to additional issues of its own capital stock. With this purpose in view the directors recommend that the outstanding capital stock be classified and divided as stated above.  
 It has for some time been the purpose of the directors to recommend the division of the outstanding stock into Pref. stock and Common stock, but such action has been deferred in expectation that the State of New Jersey would enact a law permitting the issuance of capital stock without par value. Legislation designed to permit this is now pending, and in the meantime it is proposed to issue to present shareholders for each share of stock now held by them one share of 6% Cum. Pref. stock of a par value of \$50, and one share of Common stock of a par value of \$25. The holders of present outstanding stock will receive all the stock which it is proposed to issue as a part of this plan of classification and division; this will involve no alteration in the relative interest which each stockholder has in the company at the present time.  
 After the payment of dividends at the rate of \$3 per share on the new Pref. stock, all the remaining earnings will inure to the benefit of the Common shares. The net earnings available for dividends for the year 1919 would represent \$3 per share upon the new Pref. stock and in excess of \$3 per share on the new Common stock. Under conditions similar to those that have obtained in the past, it is the expectation to pay dividends of not less than \$2 per share on the new Common stock.—V. 110, p. 876.

**Northwestern Terminal Co., Minneapolis.—Bonds Offered.**  
 Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis, are offering at prices to yield from 6.30% to 6.40%, according to maturity, \$1,054,500 First Mtge. 6% serial gold bonds. Bankers state:  
 Dated Jan. 1 1920, maturing serially Jan. 1 1922 to Jan. 1 1935. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Interest payable semi-annually in Minneapolis. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax up to 2%.  
 Security.—Secured by first mtge. upon about 110 acres of highly developed Minneapolis industrial trackage, located on the Minnesota Transfer Belt Line Ry., together with all industrial buildings now under construction or to be constructed thereon. The real estate is conservatively valued at \$825,000, and buildings now under construction at \$1,430,000, making a total value for the security of \$2,225,000. Additional bonds may be issued only to an amount not to exceed 65% of cost of new construction.  
 Earnings.—Leases now executed for a period of years will provide an annual rental of \$135,000, and it is estimated that leases of additional space will bring the total income to \$175,000 per year.  
 Company.—Was organized to meet the urgent demand for adequate terminal facilities in Minneapolis. Company is receiving the support of the larger Minneapolis business interests, its stocks is largely held by local institutions and the company has included in its directorate many of the city's business leaders.  
 Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire previous bond issues and defray 65% of the expenses of the buildings.  
 [See annual report of Twin City Rapid Transit Co. in V. 110, p. 867.]

**Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corp.—Dividend.**  
 A dividend of 2% has been declared on the (\$15,000,000) Common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. See official statement to New York Stock Exchange in V. 110, p. 667, 654, 472.

**Old Dominion Co. of Maine.—Production (in Pounds).**

1920—Feb.—1919.	Decrease.	1920—2 Mos.—1919.	Decrease.
2,103,000	2,360,000	257,000	4,607,900
—V. 110, p. 172, 567.		5,172,000	564,100

**Orpheum Circuit, Inc.—Listed on Boston—Initial Divs.**  
 The Boston Stock Exchange has admitted to list temporary certificates for 548,955 shares of Common stock, par value \$1, with authority to add 755 additional shares on official notice of issuance. Total authorized, \$1,000,000.  
 The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50c. a share on the outstanding Common stock, and the first quarterly div. of 2% on the outstanding Pref. stock, both payable April 1 to stock of record March 15. See V. 110, p. 366.

**Ottawa Light Heat & Power Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Total revenue	\$1,237,129	\$1,114,915	\$957,360
Expenditures	1,006,158	804,765	711,160
Dividends (6%)	209,983	209,934	209,945
Reserve	11,529	71,190	9,573
Balance, surplus	\$9,459	\$29,026	\$26,622

—V. 108, p. 1170.

**Pacific Gas & Electric Co., San Francisco.—Earnings.**  
*Preliminary Statement for Calendar Year 1919, Compared with 1918.*

1919.	1918.	Changes.
Gross revenue, incl. miscellaneous income	\$26,582,687	Inc. \$3,476,969
Net earnings, after expenses, taxes, &c.	8,833,560	Inc. 458,172
Bond interest	4,285,257	Inc. 168,191
Bond discount and expenses	207,950	Inc. 20,932
Additional depreciation reserve	1,000,000	
Preferred dividends	1,531,023	Inc. 40,272
Common dividend (5%)	1,708,095	Inc. 1,708,095
Surplus	\$101,235	Dec. \$1,479,318

On Jan. 31 1920 the number of customers amounted to 532,772, an increase of 63,398. The company has no floating debt or short-term obligations outstanding except \$240,000 unmaturing notes (assumed in connection with the purchase of the Northern California Power Co.), and closed the year with \$2,027,000 in cash and with Liberty bonds, &c., equivalent to cash aggregating \$743,000.—V. 110, p. 472, 172.

**Pan-Amer. Petrol. & Transport Co.—New Officer, &c.**  
 Franklin K. Lane, who retired on March 1 as Secretary of the Interior, has accepted a position as Vice-President and legal adviser of the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. and the Mexican Petroleum Co., with offices in New York. Joseph J. Cotter will act as executive assistant. The second quarterly dividend of \$1 50 has been declared on the Class B Common stock, payable April 10 to holders of record March 13. An initial dividend of \$1 50 was paid Jan. 1.—V. 110, p. 567.

**Parr Shoals Power Co.—New President.**  
 F. H. Knox has been elected President, succeeding E. W. Robertson.—V. 106, p. 925.

**Penmans, Limited.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Sales	\$8,538,848	\$8,648,382	\$6,896,496	\$5,540,127
Profits	1,437,292	1,358,331	1,358,742	864,780
Deduct—Depreciation	129,720	121,160	120,233	26,027
Bond interest	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Pref. dividends (6%)	64,500	64,500	64,500	64,500
Common dividends (6¼)	145,166 (7)5	161,295 (5)107,530	(5)107,530	(5)107,530
Patriotic contributions	4,547	13,907	16,300	10,000
War tax	425,000	355,189	91,813	14,130
Reserve fund	500,000	500,000	500,000	400,000
Balance, surplus	\$68,359	\$42,300	\$135,375	\$52,593
Total profit and loss	\$1,004,270	\$850,167	\$807,867	\$672,493

—V. 110, p. 665.

**Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., Chicago.—Directors.**  
 In the classification of directors, Samuel Insull has been elected for three years, J. J. Mitchell and James A. Patton, two years each, and Stanley Field and John Williamson for one year each.—V. 110, p. 654.

**Phelps-Dodge Corporation.—Production (in lbs.).**  

1920—February—1919.	Decrease.	1920—2 Months—1919.	Decrease.
7,585,500	9,185,000	1,599,500	15,547,500
—V. 110, p. 173, 667.		21,093,733	5,516,233

**Phillips Petroleum Co.—Stock Purchase—Officers.**  
 M. M. Doan, who has been managing officer of one of the largest pipe lines and producing interests in the Mid-Continental Field for more than ten years has acquired a substantial interest in the Phillips Petroleum Co. and has been elected a Vice-President and General Manager of that Company.  
 The retiring directors have been re-elected with the exception of O. K. Wing. John Markle, President of the G. B. Markle Co. Richard H. Higgins, Vice-President of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank of New York; M. M. Doan and Clyde Alexander, field director, have been added to the board. A recent statement says Phillips Petroleum Co. has completed 31 wells since Dec. 15 which had an aggregate initial production of more than 9,000 barrels. The new completions are located in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas and gives the company 450 producing wells located on 70 different properties in five states. The company has also purchased additional acreage in several States, notably (1) a 120 acre tract in the Ebbing Peabody pool of Kansas with three producing wells with 1,500 barrels daily production. Since acquiring this piece of 1,000 barrel well has been brought in and three others are now drilling; (2) in the Caddo pool of Texas a 150 acre tract with eight shallow wells. Construction work has been started on the company's third casinghead gasoline plant in the Osgood field. Additional units are being installed at other two gasoline plants.—V. 110, p. 367.

**(Albert) Pick & Co.—Annual Report.**

Jan. 31 Years—	1920.	1919.	1918.
Net sales to customers	\$10,419,140	\$7,029,524	\$6,001,171
Operating expenses	9,499,845	6,558,404	5,481,216
Other income	Cr. 160,150	Cr. 45,747	Cr. 57,089
Other deductions	63,020	116,746	64,433
Reserve for Federal taxes	(est.) 200,000		110,000
Balance of profit	\$819,425	\$400,121	\$492,611

—V. 110, p. 173.

**Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net income	\$913,934	\$919,933	\$511,331	\$860,105
Income & exc. prof. tax		202,554		
Dividends	(6%) 298,912	(13) 593,228	(16) 581,240	(26) 858,687
Balance, surplus	def. \$160,878	sur. \$115,151	def. \$69,909	sur. \$1,418

a Net income for 1918 very small because of strike in Porto Rico for nearly eight months.  
 x In 1919 two quarterly dividends of 3% each were paid in scrip, in 1918 three quarterly dividends of 3% each were paid in scrip and one of 4% was paid in cash; in 1917 two quarterly dividends of 4% each were paid in scrip and two in cash, and in 1916 10% was paid in scrip and 16% in cash.—V. 110, p. 665.

**Providence Gas Co.—Annual Report.**

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings	\$2,532,96	\$2,281,882	\$1,808,926
Operating expenses	2,014,714	2,078,019	1,273,350
Interest	192,287	92,455	29,147
Depreciation	26,117		132,000
Dividends	(4%) 299,848	(4) 252,000	(8) 504,000
Deficit		None	\$140,593
—V. 108, p. 1170.			\$129,571

**Railway Steel-Spring Co.—Earnings Cal. Years.—**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross earnings.....	Not shown	\$25,182,031	\$23,905,714	\$14,086,499
Oper. exp. and deprec'n. Not shown		17,163,011	14,806,747	10,063,909
Net earnings.....	\$1,394,353	\$8,019,019	\$9,098,968	\$4,022,590
Dividend—Interest.....		82,920	291,109	311,784
Federal tax reserve.....	1,200,000	4,500,000	3,500,000	—
Preferred dividend.....	(7%) 945,000	945,000	945,000	945,000
Common div.....	(8%) 1,080,000	(5 1/4) 776,250	(5) 675,000	(1 1/2) 168,750
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,169,353	\$1,704,849	\$3,687,859	\$2,597,056
Total p. & l. surplus.....	\$11,532,004	\$10,362,650	\$8,657,800	\$5,969,941

—V. 109, p. 893.

**Rainier Motor Corp., N. Y. City.—Pref. Stock Offering.—**  
John Nickerson Jr., New York, Chamberlain & Davis, Inc., and Catlin & Pellham, Boston, are offering at par \$700,000 8% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. Divs. Q-M. Red. at \$110, all or part, at any time, upon 30 days' notice. Annual sinking fund, amounting to \$82,500 p. a. begins July 1 1921. Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. transfer agent.

**Data from Letter of Pres. J. T. Rainier, N. Y. City, Dec. 20 1919.**  
Company.—Incorp. in New York, in 1916. Has been manufacturing in its own plant at Flushing, L. I., and marketing the Rainier motor truck since Jan. 1917.

**Capital After Present Financing (No Bonds). Authorized. Outstanding.**  
Preferred stock 8%.....\$750,000 \$700,000  
Common stock (no par value).....30,000 sh. 30,000

**Earnings, &c.—**For 1917 output amounted to about 500 trucks. In 1918, on account of the war, output was restricted to about 600 trucks. During 1919 production gradually increased. For the last five months production was at the rate of 100 trucks per month. Total orders, domestic and foreign, for 1920 total between 4,000 and 5,000 trucks.

For the eleven months ended Nov. 30 1919, earnings were \$283,143, or at the rate of 75¢ times the dividend requirement on the Pref. stock, and for the last 5 months at the rate of 8 times the Pref. stock div. requirement and \$13 per share on the Common stock, before deducting Federal taxes.

**(Dwight P.) Robinson & Co., Inc.—Merger Plan.—**  
See Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., Inc. below.

**Rome (N. Y.) Wire Co.—Pref. Stock Offering.—**Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York and Boston, are offering at 100 and div., to yield 7%, \$1,400,000 7% Cum. Sinking Fund Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100.

Dividends Q-J. Annual sinking fund equal to 10% of surplus earnings, but not to exceed 2 1/2% of the greatest amount of First Pref. stock outstanding, to retire stock at not exceeding \$110 per share on or before April 1 each year commencing with 1921 is provided for. Callable, all or part, at 110 and dividend.

**Data from Letter of Pres. H. T. Dyett, Rome, N. Y., Feb. 18 1920.**  
Capitalization After Present Financing (No Bonds). Authorized. Outstanding.  
7% Cumulative First Preferred stock.....\$4,000,000 \$2,012,500  
x 6% Cumulative Preferred stock.....x350,000  
Common stock.....5,650,000 618,500

x Holders have been offered to exchange their 6% Pref. for the 7% First Pref. stock in the ratio of one share of 6% for 1 1/4 shares of 7% stock. In case all of holders of the 6% stock accept this offer a total of \$2,012,500 of 7% First Pref. stock will be outstanding.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will furnish additional working capital to care for the growth of the plant in Rome, N. Y., and to pay for plant and carry on the business of the Diamond Branch of Rome Wire Co. in Buffalo, N. Y.

**Company.**—Incorp. in New York in Aug. 1905 and starting from a small business, developed by the Electric Wire Works and the Empire Wire Co. of Rome, N. Y., has grown into one of the largest manufacturers of copper rods, copper wire and insulated electrical wires and cables in the country. In Dec. 1919 purchased the wire drawing and insulating departments of the B. F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, O., and by April 1 1920 will have the equipment moved to a plant in Buffalo, N. Y. The B. F. Goodrich Co. desired to sell these departments for the reason that they needed the space and the labor in the manufacture of their tires.

**Sales and Net Earnings.**

	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Total net sales.....	\$3,396,808	\$13,922,852	\$12,016,763	\$11,795,606	\$8,336,018

\* Includes sheet copper sales (war business), 1916, \$5,237,628; 1917, \$632,336. Sheet copper consisted of hot rolled copper sheets, which company did not manufacture before nor since these years.

Net earnings, after taxes, for the years 1915 to 1919 average \$568,805 yearly, equal to four times div. requirements on \$2,012,500 7% First Pref. stock. These earnings do not include the earnings of the wire departments of the B. F. Goodrich Co., which have averaged about \$100,000 a year during the period 1914 to 1918 incl. Figures for 1919 are not available.

Company has a capacity, including Diamond Branch, on electrical wires and cables at the present time of between \$15,000,000 and \$18,000,000 p. a.

**Saxon Motor Car Corporation.—New Officer.—**  
Henry A. Bill, formerly of the Winton Co., has been elected Vice-President in charge of production.—V. 109, p. 2362.

**Scott-Adam Corp. (of Ill.)—Preferred Stock.—**  
Perry & Co., Providence, R. I., are offering at 10.40 per share, to net 13.46%, the unsold balance of 10,000 shares 8% Cumul. Pref. (a. & d.) stock participating up to 14%, par \$10. Sinking fund is to redeem these shares beginning March 1 1921 at \$11 and div., or they can be converted into shares of new issue.

Capitalization, authorized and outstanding, Pref. stock, \$100,000; Com. stock, \$50,000; no bonds.

**Company.**—Consolidation of Pierson Co. and Leo Whistle Co. Manufactures the well-known "Saco" products, including high grade toys, household utilities and auto accessories. Plant at Rockford, Ill., contains about 20,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings after normal taxes for the 6 months ending Dec. 15 1919 were over \$40,000. Orders on hand show net over \$100,000 in 12 months.

**Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Sales.—**  
1920—February—1919. Increase. 1920—2 Months—1919. Increase.  
\$28,202,067 \$15,911,238 \$12,200,829 \$57,693,043 \$35,520,565 \$22,172,478  
—V. 110, p. 558, 665.

**Sinclair Refining Co.—New President.—**  
Joseph M. Cudahy has been elected President, succeeding W. H. Isom, who becomes Chairman of the Board.—V. 109, p. 894.

**South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines Co.—Div. Dec.—**  
A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. Previously dividends of 3% have been paid quarterly since 1915.—V. 110, p. 666.

**Spicer Manufacturing Co.—New Pref. Stock and Common Stock of No Par Value Authorized—Directors, &c.—**  
The stockholders on March 1 voted to change the authorized capital stock from \$1,500,000 8% Cum. First Pref. [all called for redemption at 115 and div. on April 1 1920 at Guaranty Trust Co. of New York], \$500,000 8% Cum. 2d Pref. and \$7,000,000 Com., par value \$100, to \$10,000,000 8% Cum. Pref. and 600,000 shares of Common of no par value. Of the new Pref. stock \$3,000,000 is being offered at 100 and dividend by Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Cassatt & Co. See offering in V. 110, p. 877.

**Data from Letter of Pres. C. A. Dana, South Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 5.**  
Company.—Incorp. in Virginia. Is the largest manufacturer of universal joints and propeller shafts for automobiles in the U. S. Through ownership of all the capital stocks of the Sheldon Axle & Spring Co. and the Parish Manufacturing Corp. becomes the second largest manufacturer of axles and one of the largest manufacturers of frames for automobiles and trucks in the U. S. Plants located in South Plainfield, N. J., Pottstown, Reading and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Detroit, Mich.

Production of Universal Joints has increased from 139,000 in 1912, 329,000 in 1915, and 551,000 in 1919, to an estimated production in 1920, based on orders actually in hand, of more than 800,000.

**Purpose.**—To provide for the continued growth of the business and to supply ample working capital for its operations; the directors, subject to the approval of the stockholders March 1 (V. 109, p. 666) have authorized a new issue of 8% Cumul. Pref. stock, limited to \$10,000,000, of which it is proposed to issue presently \$3,000,000.

The directors have also voted, subject to the approval of the stockholders, to authorize 600,000 shares of no par value Common stock, of which 280,000 shares are to be issued immediately in the ratio of 4 new shares for each old share of Common stock.

All the present issue of Common stock not required for the conversion of the old First Pref. stock has been underwritten and all of the Second Pref. stock has already been deposited for conversion into Common shares.

**Capitalization after present financing. Authorized. Outstanding.**

	1919.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Net earnings before taxes.....	\$1,267,600	\$2,048,546	\$3,325,160	\$3,286,546
Federal taxes.....	224,831	1,682,409	1,580,495	1,580,495
y Interest charges.....	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
Net Income.....	\$1,087,609	\$1,643,715	\$1,462,751	\$1,626,051
Earned on new Preferred.....	36.25%	54.79%	48.76%	50.87%
Dividend on new Preferred.....	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000

Balance for Common, &c.—\$847,609 \$1,403,715 \$1,222,751 \$1,286,051  
x Based on figures for years ended June 30 for Parish Mfg. Corp., years ended Aug. 31 for Sheldon Axle & Spring Co., years ended Dec. 31 of the previous year for the Spicer Mfg. Corp. y Figuring 6% on \$3,000,000 notes issued in 1919 and included herein for the sake of comparison.

Combined net earnings of all companies for the calendar year 1919, month of Dec. estimated, were in excess of \$3,000,000 before taxes. Estimated earnings for 1920 before Federal taxes, \$3,500,000.

At the annual meeting March 1 Charles E. Merrill was elected a director, succeeding E. C. Lynch.—V. 110, p. 877.

**Spring Valley Water Co.—Notes Authorized.—**  
The Calif. RR. Commission has authorized the issuance of \$2,500,000 3-year 6% notes, due March 1 1923. The notes are to be sold for not less than 99 and are to be secured by a pledge of \$3,250,000 Gen. Mtge. 4% bonds. Proceeds are to be used to pay in part \$3,600,000 notes which fell due March 1.—V. 110, p. 666, 567.

**Standard Oil Co. of California.—Earnings.—**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net earnings.....	\$48,566,327	\$44,276,621	\$30,377,073	\$21,263,520
Depreciation & depletion.....	8,176,220	9,917,985	5,897,266	3,668,216
Federal taxes.....	9,327,339	19,405,462	5,830,117	—
Dividends (cash).....	(11%) 10,931,063	(10) 9937,331	(10) 9316,248	(10) 6831,915
do Lib. bonds (2 1/4%).....	2,484,333	2,484,333	—	—
Balance, surplus.....	\$17,647,372	\$2,531,411	\$9,333,382	\$10,773,389

—V. 110, p. 473.

**Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.—Report Yr. End. Dec. 31.**

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net profits.....	\$3,726,033	\$2,713,948	\$1,967,020	\$2,068,598
Cash dividends.....	(12%) 720,000	(12) 720,000	(14) 600,000	(20) 600,000
Fed'l taxes (1917) add.....	265,864	—	—	—
Res. Fed. tax. cur't year.....	1,500,000	1,250,000	—	—
Insurance fund.....	100,000	—	—	—
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,406,033	\$478,083	\$1,367,020	\$1,468,598

\* After deducting estimated allowance for Federal income war taxes. On Feb. 1 1917 the capital stock was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000, a cash dividend of 100% being paid May 1.

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	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, improvem't & equipment.....	7,534,278	6,414,815	6,000,000	6,000,000
Merchandise.....	5,970,534	5,544,034	2,662,901	3,370,354
Cash, accounts receivable and other investm'ts.....	3,445,974	3,329,118	2,098,054	1,646,372
Total.....	16,950,786	15,287,967	10,760,955	11,016,726
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Capital stock.....	—	—	6,000,000	6,000,000
Accounts payable.....	—	—	2,662,901	3,370,354
Deprec. reserve.....	—	—	2,098,054	1,646,372
Insurance fund.....	—	—	299,740	186,604
Res. Fed. tax.....	—	—	1,681,451	1,250,000
Surplus.....	—	—	4,240,549	2,834,907
Total.....	16,950,786	15,287,967	16,950,786	15,287,967

—V. 108, p. 885.

**Stanley Works, New Britain.—New Director.—**  
Walter H. Hart has succeeded as director the late L. Hoyt Pease.—V. 98, p. 693.

**(F. B.) Stearns Co., Automobile Mfrs., Cleveland.—**  
Guy T. Rockwell, in Cleveland "Plain-Dealer" of Feb. 20, reporting on the annual meeting held Feb. 19 says:  
"Construction work has advanced so that about 80% of the entire plant is now available and present indications are that the company will build more cars this month than were ever built in the Stearns factory in any previous month." President George W. Booker stated, "Our future business looks very good. Our inventory will enable us to keep going for some time and we are working on a schedule calling for 5,000 cars this year."  
It is understood that directors of the company expect to maintain the present rate of dividend of \$1 a share quarterly on the no par value stock, which is at the rate of 32% for the old stock of \$25 par value (as against 16% p. a. prior to the recent exchange of shares.—Ed.).  
Original holders of Stearns stock who have retained their interests have received eight shares of new stock for each one of their old shares of \$100 par value. They received four for one when the par of the stock was cut to \$25, and recently they were given two for one when the stock was changed to a no par value basis.  
The new directorate as elected yesterday is as follows: George W. Booker, J. R. Kraus and S. H. Tolles of Cleveland; Philip Wick and Paul Wick of Youngstown. All present officers were re-elected.  
The Cleveland Stock Exchange reports as outstanding 93,816 shares of Common stock and \$417,400 7% Pref., as against \$1,172,700 Common stock and \$417,400 Pref. stock on Jan. 15 1920. All dividends Q-J.—V. 106, p. 303; V. 104, p. 2122.

**Sunbeam Chemical Co., Chicago.—Pref. Stock.—**  
Geo. H. Taylor Jr. & Co., Chicago, are offering at 100 and div. \$500,000 7% S. F. Partic. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Callable at \$105. Div. Q-F. Company was organized in 1917 in Illinois, originating and manufacturing the nationally known product "RIT." In addition, manufactures, at its own aniline dye plant at Cable, Wis., large quantities of aniline dyes and allied chemicals. Gross sales for 1919 were in excess of \$1,400,000 and it is estimated 1920 should exceed \$2,000,000.

**Taylor-Wharton Iron & Steel Co.—Annual Report.—**

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net earnings.....	\$521,162	\$1,637,830	\$1,619,570
Interest.....	238,365	266,167	211,063
Tax reserve.....	14,456	240,000	410,880
Reserves.....	—	350,000	458,363
Preferred dividends.....	(7%) 131,341	(8 1/4) 163,341	(7) 131,341
Common dividends.....	(6%) 196,000	—	—
Balance, surplus.....	\$41,000	\$618,322	\$408,733

—V. 108, p. 1171.

**Tobacco Products Export Corp.—Subscriptions, &c.—**  
See Tobacco Products Corp. under "Reports" above.—V. 109, p. 2445.

**Tonopah Mining Co.—Earnings.—**

	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net earnings.....	\$402,206	\$782,061	\$825,259
Dividends.....	(30%) 300,000	(37 1/2) 375,000	(50) 450,000
Depreciation.....	—	70,502	110,502
Balance, surplus.....	\$102,206	\$336,559	\$114,757
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$4,381,247	\$4,199,443	\$3,862,884

—V. 110, p. 772.



Transcontinental Oil Co.—Contract, &c.—

In connection with the announcement that company has entered into an arrangement with Arkansas Natural Gas Co. to take over the 6-inch pipe line built for the Sinclair Company and put in operation from the Homer Field to Minden and also the 4-inch pipe lines running from the company's leases to the leading racks at Minden it is learned that Arkansas Natural Gas Co. will now have a certain market of about 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 per month. The Arkansas Natural Gas Co.'s tank farm and 22 55,000 barrel tanks located at Minden and the field also have been taken over, and the operation of that company's siding and loading racks at Minden will be conducted by the Transcontinental Oil Co. who has contracted with the Arkansas Natural Gas Co. for the entire capacity of the 5-inch and the two 4-inch lines.—V. 110, p. 772.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916), Net profits, Floor taxes, Federal taxes, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Profit & loss, surplus.

\* After deducting \$575,712 additional Federal taxes for 1918. Sales in January showed an increase of 1,500,000 over January 1919.—V. 110, p. 174, 473, 877.

United Gas Improvement Co.—To Create \$15,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. Stock, of which \$6,103,000 is to be Issued.—

The stockholders will vote May 3 1920 (1) on increasing the authorized capital stock from 1,221,456 shares, par \$50 each (all Common), to 1,521,456 shares, par \$50 each, all of which increase shall be 7% Cum. Preferred (a. & d.) stock, to be redeemable, all or in part, at \$55 and div., and to have the same voting rights as the Common stock; (2) on authorizing the issue of 123,000 shares of said Pref. stock to be issued and disposed of as determined by the directors, provided, however, that said shares shall first be offered by the stockholders pro rata for subscription at par; the balance of the authorized shares of said Pref. stock to be issued from time to time, but only when and as authorized at a subsequent stockholders' meeting. [A Philadelphia dispatch states that Drexel & Co. have underwritten the subscription by the stockholders of the \$6,103,000 Pref. stock.]

Digest of Letter of President Samuel T. Bodine, Phila., Mar. 3 1920.

It is the policy of State utility commissions and municipal authorities to discourage the establishment of competing companies where the existing company gives good service and extends its plant to care for new business offered at remunerative rates. As all of the properties in which the company is interested are located in prosperous and growing communities, this policy involves the annual provision of considerable sums for working capital and for extensions. Prior to the war these funds were mainly provided by the investment of the undivided profits of the company, and by the sale to the public of securities of the local companies. War conditions have narrowed the market for securities of gas and electric companies, largely because of the increased cost of labor, materials, &c., have not been fully offset by increases in rates allowed by public authorities.

The directors believe that it is wise to now make provision against a possible continuance of these conditions for two or three years by creating a security so attractive to our stockholders and others that it will find a ready market, and it is believed that the proposed issue of Pref. stock will constitute such a security.—V. 110, p. 568, 269.

United Retail Stores Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: For Initial Half Year ended Jan. 31 1920, Net profits before Federal taxes, Dividend, Balance surplus, Jan. 31 1920.

United Service Co., Scranton, Pa.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916), Gross earnings of subsidiary cos., Net after taxes, Int. & div. on obligations held by public, Amortization and reserves, Pref. dividends, Common dividends.

Balance, surplus, \$90,772; United Service Co. stock outstanding Dec. 31 1919; Common, \$1,281,200. Companies included in above report: Ohio Service Co., Warren Light & Power Co., Warren Electric Co., Jefferson Electric Co., Washburn Water & Light Co., East Penna. Gas & Electric Co.—V. 108, p. 1615.

United States Steel Corp.—United States Supreme Court Holds Company Is Not a Trust.—

See under "Current Events" on a preceding page of this issue.

Obituary—Bonds Called.

James Gayley, formerly First Vice-President, died Feb. 25. Two thousand six (\$2,006,000) Sinking Fund 5% Ten-Sixty Year Gold bonds (numbers ranging from 80 to 199,343) have been called for payment May 1 at 110 and interest at J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.—V. 110, p. 473, 666.

Warren Brothers Co., Boston.—Report for Cal. Years.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916), Net profits, First Pref. divs. (6%), Second Pref. divs. (7%), Balance, surplus.

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Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, Assets (Real est., plant, &c., Patents & good-will, Coll. notes, bds., Treasury stock, Cash & Liberty bds., Notes & accts. rec., Retained money and city securities, Material and reserve on contracts, Prepaid accts., &c.), Liabilities (First Pref. stock, Second Pref. stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Depreciation, &c., reserve, Surplus).

Total, 9,998,143 8,927,960. \*Includes accrued interest. The President's report dated Feb. 24, 1920 says in substance: The current indebtedness has increased \$1,171,894, due, first, to the lateness in securing contracts, together with the unprecedented wet weather, resulting in a large amount of money being held back until said contracts are finished; 2d, the large increase in cost of labor and materials; 3d, the area of work under construction is greater than ever before.

Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916), Gross business, Net after Federal taxes.

Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co.—Plan of Union or Merger with Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc.—

The committee named below has submitted a plan for the union or merger of the above named companies into a Virginia corporation which will be called Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., or by a similar name. The new company will acquire, subject to their liabilities, the good will, uncompleted

contracts, business and all other assets of both companies, except such assets as may be required to make any cash payments necessary to consummate the plan.

The plan provides that there shall be retired for cash (a) Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., Inc., 12,000 shares (par \$100) 6% Cum. Pref. stock at \$85 per share and divs. (b) 24,500 shares (par \$100) Common stock at \$55 per share, and (c) Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., 2,500 shares (par \$100) 8% Cum. Pref. stock at par and divs.

The plan contemplates that there will be exchanged for stock of the new company (a) Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., Inc., 20,000 shares 6% Cum. Pref. stock; (b) 15,500 shares Common stock, and (c) Dwight P. Robinson & Co., Inc., 6,000 shares (no par value) Common stock.

Proposed Capitalization of New Company— Auth. & Issued. 7% Cum. First Pref. stock (par \$100) 2,000,000 5% (partic. in divs with Com. up to \$8 per share) Non-Cum. 1,250,000 2d Pref. stock (par \$100) 3,000,000 Common stock, without par value 9,000,000

Stockholders of both companies desiring to participate in the plan are requested to deposit their stock on or before March 17 with the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, New York, depository. Committee—Guy E. Tripp, Chairman; Homer Loring, John R. McGinley, with Geo. A. Kennedy, Sec., 57 Broadway, New York.—V. 109, p. 80.

West Penn Steel Co., Brackenridge, Pa.—New Stock.—

The stockholders will vote April 29 on increasing the present total authorized amount of \$875,000 to \$5,875,000, such authorized increase to be in Common shares and to be issued in such amounts and at such times as the directors deem advisable to meet the needs of the company. In circular of Feb. 21 President and Chairman Joel W. Burdick says: "Earnings in the past have been used to such an extent in plant extension and in development of the company's growing business that its assets have so far outgrown its capitalization that a readjustment has become desirable. Moreover, it is the opinion of your directors, in view of the heavy Federal taxation imposed upon its prosperity, that there should be some modification of its past policy of reinvesting so large a proportion of its earnings in expanding its plant, and that in part at least in the interest of its stockholders future financing for this purpose should be provided by new capital. [Mr. Burdick on Feb. 27 informed the "Chronicle" that no plans have matured for the issuance of the new stock.]

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Table with 2 columns: 1919, 1918, Plant, less \$446,229 depr., Cash, Liberty & Victory bonds, Due from employees' acct., Accts. & notes receivable, Inventories, Paid insurance, Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Reserves for renewals & tax, Surplus, Total each side.

Wheeling Steel & Iron Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, Value of shipments, Net earnings, Total income, Deprec., taxes, &c., Bond, &c., interest, Dividends, Federal taxes & conting.

Balance, surplus, def. \$3,253,351; Total surplus, \$5,846,074; Federal taxes deducted in 1919 were taxes for 1918 undetermined at the close of the year. These taxes were paid out of surplus.—V. 109, p. 1364.

Wickwire-Spencer Steel Corp.—Merger Completed, &c.—

The stockholders of the Clinton-Weight Wire Co. on Feb. 3 authorized the name of the company to be changed to the above name, and also authorized the acquisition by merger of the Wickwire Steel Co. The above change of name and merger have now been completed. Holders of Clinton-Weight Wire Co. Common stock certificates are requested to present the same to the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, or to Merwin & Trust Co., New York, to be exchanged for new certificates issued under the new name. All of the outstanding First Pref. shares of Clinton-Weight Wire Co., amounting to approximately \$3,500,000 (par \$100), have been called for payment April 1 at 110 and div. at Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Compare V. 110, p. 270, 474, 568.

Wiley-Bickford-Sweet Co., Hartford, Conn.—Pref. Stk.

Bonney & Moor, Merchants Securities Corp., Worcester, Mass., and Godwin-Beach & Co., Hartford, are offering at 100 and div. \$500,000 8% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. Divs. Q.-M. Red. as a whole on any int. date at 110 and div., or in part for sinking fund by lot at 105 and div. on 30 days' notice. Capitalization: Auth. and outstanding, Pref., \$500,000; Common, \$300,000. Company.—Incorp. in Mass. in March 1916, combining the old-established firms of Wm. H. Wiley & Son Co. of Hartford, Conn., and Bickford & Sweet of Worcester. Specializes in manufacture of felt, wool and fabric shoes; felt, cretonne, knitted and saten slippers, over-gaiters, leggings, wool socks; also operates a knitting department in which it manufactures dress fabrics, bathing suits, sport coats and knitted scarfs. Earnings.—Net earnings for calendar year 1919 were \$247,258, and for the past five years the earnings have averaged before taxes, but after deprec., 5 times the annual dividend on this Pref. stock, and after taxes over 3 times this amount. President, Lyman A. Wiley.

Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp.—Initial Dividend on the Common Stock—Annual Report.—

The annual report issued this week states that the improvements in the physical property of the corporation which have been carried out and the accumulation of working capital that has been realized since the organization of the corporation in April 1916, have now proceeded to an extent to warrant, in the opinion of the board of directors, the declaration of an initial quarterly dividend on the Common stock. The directors therefore, declared on March 4 a dividend of \$1.50 per share, payable on April 15 to holders of record April 5.

Cal. years

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, Billings to customers, Cost of sales, deprec., &c., Profit from mfg. and trading, Other income, Gross income, Int. on Holly mfg. bonds, Int. on Jeannette Iron Works bonds, Adjust of value of for. currency assets, Reserve for Fed. taxes, Net income, Pfd. "A" divs., Pfd. "B" divs., Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Transferred to reserve, Profit and loss surplus.

Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.—U. S. Supreme Court Voids N. Y. State Income Tax on Non-Residents.—

See under "Current Events" on a preceding page of this issue.—V. 109, p. 1707.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Resignation.—

Louis J. Campbell has resigned as Vice-President to become President of the Electric Alloy Steel Co.—V. 110, p. 369, 666.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Reginald L. Hutchinson, formerly with Gude, Winmill & Co., has become associated with J. M. Byrne & Co.

## Reports and Documents.

### AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31 1919.

New York, March 1 1920.

To the Stockholders:

Herein is respectfully submitted a statement of the operations and the relations to each other of the properties in which your Company has direct or indirect financial interest and which taken together make up the Bell Telephone System.

This is followed by the usual report containing the balance sheet and statement of your Company's direct earnings, with full explanations, and other information of special interest at this time.

#### THE BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

##### GENERAL.

In the mind of the public, the Bell Telephone System means the great national network of toll lines, local exchange lines, switchboards, buildings and other telephone property which together afford facilities for connection between any two telephone stations out of over eleven millions in the cities, towns and rural districts of the United States. In this System your interest is large and controlling.

Your Company owns directly the long trunk toll lines joining together the territories operated by its associated companies and through their local plant and service bringing all telephone stations into direct connection with other parts of the System. It owns directly and indirectly 89 per cent of the stock of these associated companies. The companies of which it owns practically all of the profit-sharing stock produce 75 per cent of the revenue. Of the others, it owns a majority in three and a substantial minority in two. These companies are the successors of the original licensees under the Bell patents and they are now in contract relations with this Company. Under these contracts this Company furnishes to the associated companies the telephone instruments used by them, and also licenses the associated companies under the many important patents now owned or controlled by it, and agrees to license them under all patents hereafter acquired. The contract also provides that this Company shall continue its research and development work for the benefit of the associated companies, and shall render to each of them services in connection with its executive, financial, legal, engineering, accounting and other operating functions.

Your Company also owns other obligations of the associated companies.

The direct obligations of the associated companies in stock, bonds and notes owned by your Company are shown in its balance sheet. In some localities our associated companies have no exchanges, but connect with local companies, which we call connecting companies, occupying these fields. This Company has no permanent direct financial interest in these connecting companies but, through its stock ownership in the associated companies, is indirectly interested where the associated companies hold their securities.

This Company also owns over 97 per cent of the profit-sharing stock of Western Electric Company, Incorporated, which is the manufacturing and supply organization of the Bell System, and it also holds a minority interest in The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, with which its toll lines connect.

The System, although made up of many separate corporate entities, operates as one organization and enjoys the benefits of one organization: Unity of purpose, standardization of material and methods, a single manufacturing, purchasing and supply department, and a uniform policy.

The approach to a single ownership in these corporations has been of advantage both to stockholders and the public, independently of operating advantages. No local public utility has unvarying good fortune. In times of bad fortune, its stockholders participate and the utility is likely to be hampered in giving service. With a utility of national scope, occasional local variations in conditions, if only

temporary, have hardly an appreciable effect either on service or revenue as a whole.

The General Organization of this Company is the headquarters organization of the System. Later in this report, the activities of its various departments will be described. Without such a central organization, the accumulated experience of all of the associated companies could not be made available for the service of any one. By co-operation, all experience is not only made available but is so applied as to make a comprehensive and co-ordinated system, capable of giving universal service. The personnel is stronger and more specialized than any individual company could maintain; and the records and data are invariably more extensive. Questions which can be dealt with once for all by a central organization are so handled as to avoid the duplication and multiplication of effort which would follow if each associated company undertook to perform these functions for itself.

The organizations of the associated companies and of the Long Lines Department of this Company are the operating organizations for their territories.

Initiative is encouraged in all parts of the System, but it is the special function of the headquarters organization to select, by study and trial, the best methods, materials and plans for the benefit of all.

With a view to showing the operations of the Bell System with inter-company accounting eliminated, combined earnings statements and balance sheets have been given in previous reports and are continued this year.

For only the last five months have the telephone earnings of the System been the earnings of the stockholders, the previous seven months having been under Federal Control at a fixed compensation; for that reason a statement of this five months' period is given, as more significant as to present earnings than the complete earnings statements for the year.

In normal times we should consider the margin of undivided profits at the rate shown in the five months' statement ample. It compares favorably with any other similar period in the System's history; but the times are not normal and we are asking the Commissions to protect this necessary service to the public by allowing such a margin as will provide for any contingency above whatever returns to the investor may prove necessary to attract capital. We fully expect some increased rates and we are prepared for some increased expenses.

During the first seven months of the year, the properties being under Federal Control, the principal source of earnings was the just compensation fixed by the contract with the Government. This compensation for the period of Federal Control was fixed at an equitable rate, "based on the then existing conditions and prospects," but was not earned by the Government because doubt, and finally litigation, as to the Government's powers to fix rates delayed the increases in the revenue in process before the State Commissions and necessary to meet unavoidably increasing expenses. In order to obviate the delay and expense of a long accounting, a basis of settlement with the United States was proposed and has been accepted.

Rates of pay to employees have been most carefully considered and have been increased to meet the present standards and, except possible in a few cases which are still under consideration, we believe are fair and sufficient to attract the high class of personnel which is necessary to and has been characteristic of our service.

We can say now, as has been said in previous reports, that the actions of the rate-controlling bodies have, in general, been such that we could accept them. As has always been the case, there are exceptions, but the tendency is toward more equitable and more sound treatment. It is becoming more clearly understood that, in a utility like ours which in order to give service must extend with the growth of the community, the test of rates—assuming economy and efficiency—is the return which will attract capital.



In our effort to maintain our service at highest efficiency our policy has been to provide margins of surplus in plant, and reserves of men and women in training, ample to enable us promptly to respond to any unforeseen demands for facilities. No man and no corporation had a right to expect to come through the great war untouched. Our greatest loss was the loss of these margins for plant growth and reserves of men and women in training. During the war the restriction on the use of capital and material, coupled with the unprecedented demand for service, compelled us in some places to exhaust our plant margins and left us at the beginning of 1919 with an actual shortage of plant to meet the then demands. By the end of the year, except in a few localities, the usual facilities were restored.

We lost heavily during the war in men and women trained for work and in young men in the minor supervisory positions. Handicapped by this lack of plant and of employees, especially supervisory officials, we entered upon the year of the greatest demands upon us. Unavoidably, therefore, the service, particularly in congested centres, has been impaired. It is now improving but it cannot be brought to the pre-war standard until conditions approaching those before the war again obtain. To do as well as has been done, no body of men and women ever labored more loyally in the public service than have the thousands in this service during the past year.

Important contributions have been made during the year by our Department of Development and Research in the direction both of economy of plant and of increase in the scope of service.

The war has emphasized the value to the country both of purely scientific and of industrial research. This Company has long recognized the importance of both. The discoveries of Faraday and Henry made the inventions of Bell and Morse possible. The Company has in the past and again this year made contributions to scientific institutions for the purposes of research, under arrangements which insure benefits to the System and to the public.

Reference has been made in previous reports to the suit of W. A. Read and Company. As an incident of that litigation, telephone properties in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois representing an investment of about \$60,000,000 were sequestered and placed under the control and operation of Receivers. It was decided that it was for the benefit of the stockholders that the suit be settled in order that the properties might be restored to our management, and action was taken accordingly. This settlement is being amply justified by results.

At present there is no litigation of major importance.

#### PLANT.

*Maintenance.*—At all times, both during the period of Federal Control and since, the maintenance of the property has been adequate and in accordance with the standards of the Bell System, so that it has not been permitted to deteriorate, and to-day the physical property is in normal condition. During the war period and for a number of months thereafter, in the matter of apparatus adjustments and other minor troubles occurring from time to time on individual subscribers' lines or trunk lines and temporarily interfering with the service, it was not possible to remove these troubles as promptly as under pre-war conditions. These troubles, however, were always taken care of as promptly as possible and never permitted to accumulate, and the delay in removing them did not represent any deterioration of the plant but merely indicated that the service was interrupted for a little longer period than under normal conditions. This delay in immediately removing difficulties of the character referred to above has been one of the minor causes contributing to the difficulty of giving our usual high grade service through the war period.

During the past year the damage to plant from sleet storms and other severe weather conditions has been somewhat less than the average. The necessary repairs have in each case been thoroughly made.

*Additional Plant.* While at all times the maintenance of the plant has been adequate, the war embargoes on all forms of telephone equipment and materials resulted in the using up of the normal margins of spare plant and equipment at many points, and the close of the war therefore found substantial shortage in many localities. With the lifting of the embargoes and the restoration of more normal conditions, steps were immediately taken to make up these shortages. Over and above these, the intense commercial activity of the country during the past year and the consequent abnormal demand for additional tele-

phone service made necessary a large amount of new construction. Under the direction of the Engineering Department plans already prepared were put into execution, and additional plans were prepared and arrangements made for manufacture and installation, in order to provide the additional plant needed in the minimum time and to obtain the maximum efficiency from the plant already available. The results of this work are already reflected in the restoration of normal plant conditions in many sections of the country, and the general problem of relief will be solved as rapidly as possible.

*Automatic Switchboards.* During the past year the Engineering Department has been engaged in planning and directing the introduction of machine switching or automatic switchboards into the Bell System. It is our plan to study each improvement in apparatus to determine how it can most economically be made a part of the plant. Such studies show that in the large cities machine switching equipment should be employed for extensions necessary to provide for growth and for reconstruction to replace worn-out equipment. Our experience has shown that by this procedure we are enabled constantly to change to new types of apparatus as they are developed, with the least amount of disturbance to the service, in the minimum time and without disturbing effects upon the employees or on the financial situation. Thus loss and waste incident to sudden change are avoided, apparatus not sufficiently proven in is not incorporated into the plant, and the entire physical property of the System is by easy evolution keeping abreast of the development of the art of telephony.

By the use of these automatic switchboards as we have planned to introduce them, increased capacity will be provided with proportionately small increases in the number of operators required and with a simplification of the service conditions in the large cities. While these automatic switchboards are more expensive in first cost than the manual switchboards, it is expected that the decreased operating expense of the automatic will do much to offset the increasing cost of giving telephone service.

*Toll Cables.* During 1919 the extension of the toll cable system from Philadelphia to Harrisburg was completed. Taken in combination with the cables already working between Boston and Washington, this gives a through toll cable route from the important points on the Eastern seaboard to as far west as Harrisburg. Plans are completed and work is under way for the extension of this cable west from Harrisburg, and by the end of 1920 the toll cable system will reach as far west as Pittsburgh. The general plans have been completed for extending the cable from Pittsburgh to Chicago. If the demands for additional toll circuits continue, as seems likely at the present time, it is expected that this cable will be completed to Chicago by 1923. The installation of these toll cables results in economies over a period of years, due not only to the reduced annual charges on additional circuits as required and less expense for routine maintenance, but also to the fact that the losses resulting from storm damage to open wire are avoided, as are also losses in revenue and reaction on the service during storm periods. These new toll cables are therefore doing much to stabilize the toll plant and reduce expenditures, as well as further to improve the service.

*Key West-Havana Telephone Cables.* In co-operation with the Cuban-American Telephone & Telegraph Company, plans have been made for the extension of the telephone service of the United States across the Florida Straits by means of one or more telephone cables to be laid from Key West to Havana. The manufacturing arrangements for these cables and the new apparatus required in connection therewith are now in process. These cables will bring all of the principal places in the United States into telephonic communication with Havana and other important places in Cuba, and constitute an important extension of the telephone service of the Bell System.

*Labor-Saving Construction Machinery.* Of special interest at this time because of the shortage of unskilled labor is the application of labor-saving devices to telephone plant construction. Pole hole digging and pole setting machinery mounted on and using power from auto trucks has been tried out and is available for use. Many other mechanical labor saving devices are being constantly studied and adapted to the needs of our business.

#### SERVICE.

The war and its after effects have produced marked reactions on the telephone service rendered by the Bell System.

In every branch of business, including public service corporations, and in all home and domestic arrangements involving the employment of labor, these reactions have been serious, and from the nature of the case the telephone companies could not escape the country-wide tendencies at work. Good telephone service depends upon many factors, among which the principal are:

**Adequate Telephone Plant.** Unless there are sufficient switchboards and subscribers' trunk and toll lines to take care of the calls as they originate, the service is necessarily impaired both by the delay and by the effect on the operators upon whom this delayed traffic piles up. During the war adequate telephone plant could not be provided for growth. The Government had to commandeer both materials and labor needed to build telephone plant, and divert them to the military establishments both here and abroad and to other purposes essential to the winning of the war. Since the armistice, much has been done in restoring the plant to normal conditions, but there has not been sufficient time to complete the work. It requires from eighteen to twenty-two months to engineer, build, install and cut into service a modern telephone central office, and if substantial building operations are involved, under present conditions, the time may extend to two or two and one-half years.

**Adequate Traffic Supervisory Forces.** Large traffic supervisory forces are necessary for the management of central offices, for the general supervision and direction of the work done in them, for the traffic engineering work and for other related traffic activities. This supervisory force was heavily drawn on during the war to furnish trained men to the Signal Corps of the Army, to the Navy, and to other war activities. In addition, much of the time and effort of the remaining supervisory forces were diverted to the special needs of telephone service for the Government and war industries. While the work which these men did contributed in an important manner to the winning of the war, there was necessarily a reaction upon the general telephone service. These supervisory forces are now restored to their usual activities, and their efforts are showing results.

**The Operators.** It was impossible during the war to obtain an adequate supply of operators, and many experienced people left the telephone companies to enter the service of the Government or the many industries which had to be created or greatly enlarged for the prosecution of the war. The difficulty in this matter became increasingly great toward the end of the war, and the situation was further complicated by the influenza epidemic and by the commercial activity which has resulted in a large growth of telephone traffic during the past year.

Among telephone operators there was a labor turnover of about 25,000 in the best pre-war year, 1915, and this rate was low in comparison with other large employers of labor. Under war conditions the labor turnover increased greatly in all industries, and among our operators it reached a rate of 80,000 a year. The adding of so many inexperienced people to the operating forces has reacted seriously on the service, particularly in the larger cities where it takes a long time for new employees to become expert. The turning point has been passed, and during 1919 we added more people to the operating forces than we lost during that period.

The building up of the operating forces has been facilitated by the long established and well recognized policy of the companies of fair dealing with their employees and of providing for their comfort. The Bell System was a pioneer in providing the best buildings with not only every necessity, but every comfort for the operators, including ample quarters comfortably furnished, in which the operators can spend their time when not on duty, and dining rooms where the best quality of food is provided at less than cost; in introducing a liberal plan for pensions, sickness and disability benefit payments; and in general in making every practicable provision for the safety, health and comfort of the employees. Wages have been increased to the greatest amount which the revenues would permit. While the cost of living and other factors vary in different places, telephone operators' wages generally are today higher in proportion to the cost of living than they were in 1915.

Every resource of the Bell System is being brought to bear upon the service problem. In all cases the falling off in the quality of telephone service has been stopped, in more than half the cities of the country the service has already been restored to normal, and with few exceptions an improvement has already been effected at the remaining places. It is clear from what has already been accomplished and from the increasing experience of the new operating forces that we may look forward during the year 1920 to a return to substantially normal service conditions throughout the Bell System.

#### EARNINGS.

Under the conditions which obtained before the war, we should have considered the rate of earnings since Federal Control as entirely satisfactory. You have, therefore, a right as stockholders to congratulate yourselves on the properties having come through the war unimpaired as to earnings.

Whether the present rate of earnings is sufficient for present times and conditions is debatable. In the Bell Telephone System taken as a whole, more than in any other utility, profits are conserved within the System for the benefit

of the public and the stockholders. There are inter-company profits on use of patents, on expert engineering advice, etc., and on manufactures, but either through the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. payment or the dividends of the manufacturing company, these profits come into the treasury of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the financing company of the System. Except for the dividends on the small amount of stock of the associated companies in the hands of the public, all profits of the Bell Telephone System ultimately come to the treasury of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and all surplus over and above dividends is turned back into the System through investment in plant, particularly the long lines plant furnishing the intercommunication essential to universal service. Whether the total of the dividends paid is too much or too little is to be determined only by the market value of the shares and other securities of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The earnings must be enough to establish such market values as will make new shares or securities readily saleable.

There is a class of utilities which can give service by maintaining and operating without extending their plants. They can put such limits as they may elect upon the clientele they will serve. If a selfish public refuses remunerative rates, the reaction is only upon the utility as long as the plant is maintained and operated.

An essential part of telephone service is readiness to serve new patrons as well as old. Readiness to serve involves ability to extend and inability to extend means an insufficient service; and consequently, a reaction upon the public as well as upon the company.

Therefore, with telephone service more than any other utility, the necessity of earnings which will attract capital is a necessity of the public as well as of the utility. This principle is generally recognized. As a rule, we have found the public willing to pay fair rates and the rate-controlling bodies ready to authorize them.

#### WAR SERVICE.

For the Bell System, not including Western Electric Company, Inc., the latest statistics of war service are of interest:

Entered into war service of the United States.....	15,010
On duty overseas.....	7,500
Wounded in action.....	550
Died in service.....	235
Given decorations, medals or citations.....	361
*Re-employed.....	9,798

\*Practically all who have applied for reinstatement to date have been re-employed.

#### PERIOD OF FEDERAL CONTROL.

In the Act of Congress giving the President authority to take over and operate the telephone and telegraph properties of the wire companies, the period of control was to be terminated by the ratification of peace. The armistice, therefore, foreshadowed the return of the properties to their owners.

At the beginning of the year, the properties were under the control of an Operating Board appointed by the Postmaster-General and made up of men of experience and ability selected from different companies and systems. They operated through the existing organizations. So far at least as the Bell Telephone System is concerned, they made no change in the organization, the methods or the personnel. They were confronted by increased costs and a necessity of making frequent adjustments of wage scales to meet increased cost of living and increased wage standards, in the face of doubt as to where lay the power to authorize changes in rates for service.

The resulting failure to earn the compensation was inevitable. The power of the Postmaster-General to fix rates for service was finally established by a decision of the United States Supreme Court in June 1919, less than two months before the return of the properties.

By Act of Congress approved July 11 1919 it was ordered that the properties should be turned back to private control on July 31 1919 and that rates established by the Postmaster-General, unless previously changed by proper regulating bodies, should endure until December 1 1919. The return made no change in operations. The compensation stopped and the earnings became the stockholders' earnings instead of the Government's.

Immediately after the return, negotiations were opened for a settlement of accounts. It was realized that unless a settlement could be made for a fixed amount, the operations of the Company would be hampered by a process of accounting, auditing and checking likely to continue for years. It was found that certain items were debatable. After mature consideration, it was decided that a prompt settlement would justify the concession of all debatable points. A proposition was made and accepted.

#### STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL DATA.

There are in the United States approximately 11,000 separate telephone companies. Of them 36 are associated companies of the Bell System, 9,403 independent companies whose telephone stations are connected with the Bell System, and about 1,500 independent companies whose telephone stations are not connected with the Bell System. There are also a large number of rural lines and associations operated mainly on a mutual or co-operative basis and not rated as companies. Of these lines and associations there are 26,184 which connect with the Bell System.



At the end of the year the number of telephone stations which constituted the Bell System in the United States was 11,795,747 of which 7,739,159 were owned by associated companies of the Bell System and 4,056,588 by local, co-operative and rural independent companies or associations having sublicense or connection contracts, the so-called connecting companies.

In addition to these there are about 873,000 stations owned by independent companies not connected with the Bell System.

The following tables set forth the development of the Bell Telephone System in the United States at the end of the year and its growth during the year:

TELEPHONE STATIONS.

	Number at End of Year.	Increase during Year.
Bell owned.....	7,739,159	537,402
Bell connecting.....	4,056,588	192,346
Total.....	11,795,747	729,748

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS—BELL-OWNED EXCHANGES.

	Average Number Daily Since Federal Control.
Exchange connections.....	29,561,000
Toll connections.....	1,239,000
Total.....	\$30,800,000

EMPLOYEES—ASSOCIATED BELL COMPANIES.

Number at December 31 1919.....	209,860
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MILES OF WIRE AT END OF YEAR.

	Aerial.	Under-ground.	Total.	Increase during Year.	Per Cent Increase of Copper Wire to Total Wire.
Bell Owned.....	7,206,497	13,436,993	20,643,490	696,260	95.2%
Exchange.....	2,277,265	1,242,244	3,519,509	185,589	90.8%
Toll.....	9,483,762	14,679,237	24,162,999	881,849	94.6%
Bell Connecting.....			427,570	7,375	

60.5 per cent of the Bell-owned wire mileage—excluding submarine cable—is in underground cables, and this percentage is steadily increasing. The underground conduits represent a cost of \$119,600,000 and the cables in the conduits \$166,700,000, a total in underground plant of \$286,300,000.

NET PLANT ADDITIONS—BELL OWNED.

	Amount.
Real Estate.....	\$8,553,892
Equipment.....	35,631,942
Exchange Lines.....	18,168,106
Toll Lines.....	14,794,627
Construction Work in Progress.....	43,702,555
Total.....	\$73,446,032

The above amount of net plant additions compares with the additions of the previous 19 years as follows:

NET PLANT ADDITIONS DURING 20-YEAR PERIOD.

1900.....	\$31,619,100	1907.....	\$52,921,400	1914.....	\$50,045,300
1901.....	31,005,400	1908.....	26,637,200	1915.....	32,863,700
1902.....	37,336,500	1909.....	28,700,100	1916.....	66,224,700
1903.....	35,368,700	1910.....	53,582,800	1917.....	118,599,500
1904.....	33,436,700	1911.....	55,660,700	1918.....	77,922,600
1905.....	50,780,900	1912.....	75,626,900	1919.....	73,446,000
1906.....	79,366,900	1913.....	54,871,900		
		Total.....	\$1,066,017,000		

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES.

To understand or correctly determine the actual costs and charges of the telephone service, and the ultimate distribution of the revenue, a consolidation must be made of the accounts of the Bell Telephone System which includes the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its associated holding and operating companies in the United States, but does not include connecting independent or sublicense companies, or the Western Electric Company, Inc., except as interest and dividends from these companies are included in non-operating revenues.

A consolidated income statement follows with all inter-company duplications eliminated so that the figures represent the business of the System as a whole in its relations to the public.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN UNITED STATES.

INCOME STATEMENT, 1918 AND 1919.

(Duplications Excluded.)

	1918.	1919.
Total Income, including Compensation.....	\$75,058,885	\$79,650,186
Deduct Interest.....	23,111,118	27,692,621
Balance Net Profits.....	\$51,947,767	\$51,957,565
Deduct Dividends.....	39,734,719	39,839,927
Undivided Profits.....	\$12,213,048	\$12,117,638

For the last 5 months of 1918 and the first 7 months of 1919 when the properties were under Federal Control, the Bell System revenues consisted mainly of compensation from the United States Government, the operating revenues and operating expenses being revenues and expenses of the Government and not of the Bell System. This necessarily makes a comparison between the detailed items of revenues and expenses for the years 1918 and 1919 of no significance. For this reason the income statement for the years 1918 and 1919 is shown above in a condensed form only. There is also shown a statement of earnings and expenses in detail from August 1, 1919—when the properties were returned to their owners—to December 31 1919. This five months' statement reflects the operating results since Federal Control, and is significant in a general way of the status of the Bell

System as to earnings and expenses after putting into effect the principal rate and wage adjustments made necessary by war changes in price levels.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN UNITED STATES.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES, AUGUST 1 1919 TO DECEMBER 31 1919.

(Duplications Excluded.)

	Five Months ending Dec. 31 1919.
Exchange Revenues.....	\$112,429,046
Toll Revenues.....	53,473,831
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	2,067,035
Total Operating Revenues.....	\$167,969,912
Depreciation.....	27,306,134
Current Maintenance.....	25,420,188
Traffic Expenses.....	48,462,131
Commercial Expenses.....	15,820,469
General and Miscellaneous Expenses.....	7,101,306
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$124,110,228
Net Operating Revenues.....	\$43,859,684
Uncollectible Revenues.....	8,618,044
Taxes.....	10,471,628
Operating Income.....	\$32,870,012
Non-operating Revenues—Net.....	4,978,488
Total Gross Income.....	\$37,848,500
Rent and Miscellaneous Deductions.....	\$2,112,944
Interest Deductions.....	12,182,817
Total Deductions.....	\$14,295,761
Balance Net Income.....	\$23,552,739
Deduct Dividends.....	16,583,542
Surplus Earnings.....	\$6,969,197

During the period of Federal Control, the provision for depreciation and obsolescence was at the annual rate of 5.72% of the book value of the plant, excluding intangible capital, right of way and land. This is the average annual rate charged during the three years prior to Federal Control. In the five months since Federal Control \$27,306,134 has been accrued for depreciation or at the rate of 5.78% annually.

BALANCE SHEETS.

The following are the combined balance sheets of the Bell Telephone System in the United States for the years ending December 31 1918 and 1919:

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN UNITED STATES.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS 1918 AND 1919.

(Duplications Excluded.)

	Dec. 31 1918.	Dec. 31 1919.
Assets:		
Telephone Plant.....	\$1,142,498,152	\$1,215,944,184
Supplies, Tools, &c.....		38,035,034
Receivables.....	122,953,290	84,409,519
Cash.....	115,054,876	72,879,842
Stocks and Bonds.....		118,806,351
Total.....	\$1,380,506,318	\$1,530,074,930
Liabilities:		
Capital Stock.....	\$513,017,040	\$512,121,868
Funded Debts.....	430,992,459	546,202,760
Bills Payable.....	47,064,765	1,774,207
Accounts Payable.....	38,196,095	72,158,014
Total Outstanding Obligations.....	\$1,029,270,359	\$1,132,256,849
Employees' Benefit Fund.....	9,244,000	9,244,081
Surplus and Reserves.....	341,991,959	388,574,000
Total.....	\$1,380,506,318	\$1,530,074,930

All intangible assets have been excluded in the above balance sheets so that the combined Surplus and Reserves are shown in an amount considerably less than the aggregate of these items as they appear on the books of the separate companies.

At December 31 1918, the major part of the supplies, cash and current receivables of the Bell System companies were in the possession and control of the United States Government, and were included in the accounts of the companies as receivables from the Government. They are accordingly shown in one amount with other corporate items without detail classification. No basis of comparison of these items as between the years 1918 and 1919 exists. The item of Accounts Payable (\$38,196,095) for December 31 1918 represents only corporate payables, there being excluded all current payables associated with Federal operation of the Bell System properties, and similarly no basis of comparison exists with Accounts Payable at December 31 1919. The item Receivables (\$84,409,519) for December 31 1919 includes \$9,483,715, comprising compensation with interest accrued thereon due and unpaid by the United States Government as of that date.

The true value of the telephone plant of the Bell System is much greater than the book value of the plant as shown in this balance sheet. Actual appraisals which have been made from time to time by rate making bodies for rate fixing purposes have clearly demonstrated the conservatism of the book values. The minimum replacement value of the property is far in excess of the book value.

Before the war the reproduction cost of the Bell Telephone System was substantially in excess of the book value and at present prices there is little doubt but that the reproduction cost exceeds the book value by several hundred millions.

The plant has been adequately maintained. Obsolescence moreover has in great part been taken care of and there is a large and increasing reserve against any emergency. Surplus and reserves have increased \$46,582,041 during 1919 and are now 32 per cent of the book value of the telephone plant.

The capital stock, bonds and notes payable of the Bell Telephone System outstanding in the hands of the public

at the close of the year 1919 were \$1,060,000,000, while the net assets devoted to earning a return on these outstanding securities amounted to over \$1,448,500,000. This is due to the fact that surplus and reserves of over \$388,500,000 have been invested in productive property. On this amount equal to approximately one-third of the investment in plant, it is not necessary to pay capital charges. As a result a relatively low return on the total net assets is sufficient to earn fixed charges and dividends.

STABILITY OF THE TELEPHONE BUSINESS.

Not only does the telephone business grow steadily even in times of business depression, as is shown by the diagram on the back cover of this report, but that it does not suffer any substantial retardation in its normal growth during such periods, appears from the chart on the following page [pamphlet report].

The telephone business varies very slightly from its normal growth as compared with the fluctuations of general business. This is an element of security and enables the business to be carried on with a lower margin of surplus earnings than would be safe in general industrial undertakings.

WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

The sales of the Western Electric Company, Incorporated, for the year 1919 aggregated \$135,000,000, of which \$70,000,000 were to the associated Bell Companies and \$65,000,000 were to other customers. The decrease of \$10,000,000 as compared with 1918 is entirely attributable to the cessation of Government requirements. The earnings were sufficient to provide the usual reserves and pay the regular dividends with a fair margin. Starting the year with unfilled orders aggregating only \$26,200,000 and a poor prospect of new business, the company gained steadily from month to month, ending the year with the largest month's sales in its history and unfilled orders aggregating \$47,000,000.

The estimates for 1920 indicate a continuing increase in business, to take care of which will tax the company's facilities to the utmost. Important additions to the manufacturing plant at Hawthorne are under way, part of which will be occupied during the year, and the balance will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

REPORT OF AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

EARNINGS.

The earnings of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for 1919 include, for the five months since Federal Control which ended July 31st, in addition to the net receipts of the long-distance lines, interest and dividends from investments in other than associated companies, and interest on bonds and notes of and advances to associated companies, only that part of their earnings which is received by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company out of their divisible surplus earnings as dividends. For the seven months of Federal Control the earnings include this Company's portion of the Bell System compensation under the contract with the Government in the place of net receipts from the long-distance lines and interest and dividends from associated companies for that period. Payments under the general service contracts with associated companies were made during seven months by the Government and during five months by the associated companies.

The disbursements of interest and dividends represent the charges on the securities issued by this Company mainly to finance the associated companies and the long-distance lines.

A statement of the earnings and expenses for the years 1918 and 1919 is shown at the end of this report.

Due to the fact that in 1918 compensation accrued during five months and in 1919 during seven months in the place of net receipts of the long-distance lines and interest and dividends from associated companies, a comparison of detailed items of earnings between the two years is not significant, but the total earnings for the year 1919 were \$70,502,682 18, an increase of \$9,446,519 48 over those for the previous year.

The net earnings for the year were \$60,243,387 53. This result is after making provision for the federal income tax payable in 1920. The interest charges were \$15,847,596 26, dividends \$35,356,334 46, and the resulting balance \$9,039,456 81, of which \$5,000,000 was appropriated to reserve for contingencies and \$4,039,456 81 was added to surplus.

For the fourth quarter of the year, which is the first complete fiscal quarter since the telephone properties comprising the Bell System were returned to the owners by the United States Government, the earnings available for dividends were \$12,085,481 77 or \$2.73 per share of stock. On an annual basis this rate of earnings is equivalent to nearly \$11 per share of stock.

The following table shows the earnings per share available for dividends on the stock for each year since 1900:

1901.....	\$10 99	1906.....	\$9 86	1911.....	\$10 01	1916.....	\$9 77
1902.....	8 92	1907.....	11 89	1912.....	9 86	1917.....	9 48
1903.....	9 19	1908.....	11 64	1913.....	9 59	1918.....	9 97
1904.....	8 63	1909.....	10 85	1914.....	9 38	1919.....	10 05
1905.....	9 91	1910.....	10 34	1915.....	9 52		

The Company and its predecessor have paid dividends to the public at the rate of at least \$7.50 per share each

year for the past thirty-eight years; during the past thirteen years the rate has been uniformly \$8.00 per share.

BALANCE SHEET.

A comparative balance sheet of this Company for December 31 1918 and December 31 1919, is given at the end of this report. During the year investments in stocks of associated companies increased \$5,134,446 24; investments in bonds and notes of and advances to associated companies increased \$57,880,433 88, of which \$40,000,000 was to enable associated companies to retire their notes endorsed by this Company maturing February 1 1919. The total of \$63,014,880 12 represents the increased permanent investment of this Company in the associated companies of the Bell System.

Investments in stocks of other Bell System companies consist of the stocks of the Western Electric Company, Incorporated, The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, the 195 Broadway Corporation, which owns the land and building in which this Company's offices in New York City are located, the Atlantic and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, a holding company described elsewhere in this report, and the Cuban-American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is to lay telephone cables between Key West and Havana.

Special Demand Notes amounting to \$12,000,000 are notes of the Atlantic and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company which are described elsewhere in this report.

The investment in Telephones, representing telephone receivers and transmitters which are furnished by this Company for the use of the associated companies, increased \$2,298,920 35 during the year.

Real Estate consists of a building in Indianapolis carried at \$509,267 36 which it is expected shortly will be sold to our associated company in that territory, and real estate in New York City amounting to \$2,628,851 65 which was acquired by this Company for the purpose of providing, in due time, for a necessary extension to our present offices.

The Long Lines Plant increased \$6,727,716 32, representing additions made during the year to the plant of this Company to care for the growth of its long-distance telephone business.

The item of \$8,812,799 03, Trustees-Employees' Stock Purchase Plans, represents the amount of capital stock of this Company in the hands of Trustees less payments made by the employees, to be delivered to them upon completion of their installment payments under the Employees' Stock Purchase Plans.

Accounts Receivable from the United States Government amounting to \$9,483,715 52 is the balance due this Company for the Bell System as compensation during Federal Control with interest at 5% to December 31 1919. Of this amount \$7,858,620 83 is payable to the associated companies when collected, the difference being the amount belonging to this Company.

Accounts Receivable in Suspense amounting to \$10,227,973 34 represents interest due this Company by the Central Union Telephone Company, an associated company, the payment of which was withheld during the receivership which terminated during the year. This interest has not been fully earned by the Central Union Telephone Company. It has been possible since the termination of the receivership to transfer out of suspense part of the amount carried therein at the close of 1918 and it is expected that the amount remaining will be further reduced during the year 1920.

Temporary Cash Investments of \$36,574,185 40 represent this Company's ownership of \$31,500,000 four and one-half per cent United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness and \$5,119,550 of Liberty Loan Bonds and Victory Notes.

During the year capital stock increased \$34,100. Of this \$500 was issued for cash at par in accordance with the terms of the offer to stockholders of record at December 11 1916. The balance of \$33,600 was issued in the conversion of convertible bonds.

\$46,000 of the convertible 4½ per cent gold bonds of 1933 were converted into stock during the year at the ratio of \$120 of bonds, or \$100 of bonds and \$20 of cash, for one share of stock. There remained outstanding at the end of the year \$13,027,500 of these bonds out of a total of \$67,000,000 issued in 1913.

The seven-year 6 per cent convertible gold bonds maturing August 1 1925, become convertible into stock after August 1 1920, on the basis of \$100 of bonds and \$6 of cash for one share of stock.

As stated in last year's report, \$40,000,000 five-year 6 per cent gold notes dated February 1 1919, were sold in order to provide funds for the payment of an equal amount of 6 per cent notes of associated companies maturing on that date bearing the endorsement of this Company.

The usual financing in anticipation of expected growth of the Bell System was taken care of by the sale of \$50,000,000 three-year 6 per cent gold notes dated October 1 1919.

The increase in Other Current Accounts Payable is accounted for mainly by the inclusion of the Accounts Payable of the Long Lines Department which at December 31 1918 under Federal Control were the obligation of the United States Government, and by amounts left with this Company by some of the associated companies until required by them.



All discounts on bonds and note issues are deducted in determining the net surplus as shown in the balance sheet. Notes of associated and other Bell System companies endorsed by this Company reported at the foot of the Balance sheet at December 31 1919, consist of \$8,500,000 of notes of the 195 Broadway Corporation, due July 1 1920, which corporation as elsewhere stated owns the real estate in New York City where the Company's offices are now located; and \$803,000 of demand notes of associated companies.

CAPITAL STOCK.

For the \$441,981,200 capital stock \$478,520,607 97 has been paid into the treasury of the Company; the \$36,539,407 97 in excess of par value represents premiums on stock which are included as part of the Company's surplus.

The book cost of the assets underlying the capital stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, including its interest in the assets of its associated companies, amounts to more than \$185 for each share of stock. This amount would be much greater if present costs of replacement were taken into account.

The number of shareholders, not including employees purchasing stock under the plan of easy payments, was 120,460 on December 31 1919, an increase of 8,040 during the year. That the distribution continues to be more general appears from the following:

- 111,271 held less than 100 shares each;
  - 8,840 held from 100 to 1,000 shares each;
  - 321 held from 1,000 to 5,000 shares each;
  - 15 held 5,000 shares or more each (omitting brokers, holders in investment trusts, etc.).
- Of the holders of less than 100 shares each, 42,778 held 5 shares or less each; 91,329 held 25 shares or less each.

The average number of shares held was 37. There are more women shareholders than men.

About four and one-half per cent of the stock was at December 31st in the names of brokers and only one and one-half per cent of the stock is held in Europe.

To the 120,460 stockholders of record shown above there should be added some 9,000 employees of the Bell System in all parts of the country who are paying for stock out of their wages at the rate of \$2 per share per month. (19,506 employees have already paid in full for their stock, and are now stockholders of record). Counting these and also those persons whose stock is held for them in investment trusts and the like, there were probably at least 140,000 actual owners of stock in this company at December 31 1919.

A second stock purchase plan effective in 1920, by which employees of one year's service or more in the Bell System are aided to become stockholders of this Company to the extent of a limited number of shares each, for which they are to pay out of their wages at the rate of a few dollars a month, was announced the latter part of the year. Over 50,000 employees in all parts of the country have applied for shares under this plan.

[In the pamphlet report, President Thayer furnishes full particulars regarding the matters involved in the allegations of C. H. Venner, who for the past fifteen or twenty years has made a practice of obstructive litigation in the case of pending security issues by leading corporations. The validity of the company's stock issues in excess of \$50,000,000 Mr. Thayer shows has been passed on by the courts, while the special demand notes which Mr. Venner called in question have been the subject of a special investigation by a committee whose report is quoted at length by President Thayer. The committee say in brief that they have found nothing to criticize.]

INCREASE OF CAPITAL STOCK.

The limit of the authorized share capital, with a reasonable reserve against the conversion of the convertible bonds issued, has been reached. The issue coming due in 1925 becomes convertible August 1 1920. In order to provide against the remote contingency of complete conversion and to provide for further issue of capital stock, if and when it shall be found desirable, it is recommended that the authorized share capital of this Company be increased from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000.

For the Directors,  
H. B. THAYER, President.

CURRENT NOTICES

—H. Pendleton Rogers, member of the New York Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade, J. Theus Munds, member New York Cotton Exchange; William Stackpole, member New York Stock Exchange; Francis D. Winslow and Lyman B. Kendall, announce the formation of the firm of Munds, Rogers & Stackpole for the transaction of a general brokerage and investment business at 25 Broad St., New York City.

Messrs. J. Theus Munds, H. Pendleton Rogers and Lyman B. Kendall, special partner, were formerly of the firm of Maury, Rogers & Auchincloss, the Stock Exchange firm which has been dissolved, and Messrs. Francis D. Winslow and William Stackpole were members of Winslow & Co., also dissolved.

—Edmund B. Bartlett formerly with Taylor, Ewart & Company of Chicago, and prior to that, Los Angeles manager of Stephens & Company and Augustus Knight; associated for the past eight years with H. T. Holtz & Company also of Chicago, have entered the bond business under the name of Bartlett, Knight & Company, 29 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, to deal in government, municipal and high grade corporation bonds. Mr. Knight is President of the Bond Men's Club of Chicago.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS 1918 AND 1919.

	1918.	1919.
Earnings (See Note)—		
Dividends	\$19,527,451 00	\$16,461,674 20
Interest and other revenue	18,022,220 18	19,953,436 96
Telephone Traffic (Net)	4,726,095 86	5,955,048 12
Compensation—Account Govt. Contract	18,780,395 66	28,132,622 89
Total	\$61,056,162 70	\$70,502,682 18
Expenses	6,763,145 98	10,259,294 65
Net Earnings	\$54,293,016 72	\$60,243,387 53
Deduct Interest	10,391,694 89	15,847,596 26
Balance	\$43,901,321 83	\$44,395,791 27
Deduct Dividends	35,229,698 96	35,356,334 46
Balance	\$8,671,622 87	\$9,039,456 81
Carried to Reserves	\$5,000,000 00	\$5,000,000 00
Carried to Surplus	3,671,622 87	4,039,456 81
Total	\$8,671,622 87	\$9,039,456 81

Note.—Comparison of detailed items of earnings for 1918 and 1919 is not significant, as explained above.

W. S. GIFFORD, Vice-President and Comptroller.

ANNUAL EARNINGS AND DIVIDENDS.

Year—	Net Revenue.	Dividends Paid.	Added to Reserves.	Added to Surplus.
1900	\$5,486,058	\$4,078,601	\$937,258	\$470,199
1901	7,398,286	5,050,024	1,377,651	970,611
1902	7,835,272	6,584,404	522,247	728,621
1903	10,564,665	8,619,151	728,140	1,217,374
1904	11,275,702	9,799,118	586,149	890,435
1905	13,034,038	9,866,355	1,743,295	1,424,588
1906	12,970,937	10,195,233	1,773,737	1,061,967
1907	16,269,385	10,943,644	3,500,000	1,825,744
1908	18,121,707	12,459,156	3,000,000	2,662,551
1909	23,096,889	17,036,276	3,000,000	3,059,113
1910	26,855,893	20,776,822	3,000,000	3,079,071
1911	27,733,265	22,169,450	2,800,000	2,763,815
1912	32,062,945	26,015,588	2,800,000	3,247,357
1913	32,920,090	27,454,037	2,500,000	2,966,053
1914	32,334,814	27,572,675	2,500,000	2,262,139
1915	34,618,638	29,100,591	2,500,000	3,018,047
1916	38,013,277	31,122,187	2,500,000	4,391,090
1917	38,471,106	32,481,614	2,500,000	3,489,492
1918	43,901,322	35,229,699	5,000,000	3,671,623
1919	44,395,791	35,356,334	5,000,000	4,039,457

W. S. GIFFORD, Vice-President and Comptroller.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1918 AND 1919.

	Dec. 31 1918.	Dec. 31 1919.
Stocks of Associated Companies	\$485,657,616 78	\$490,792,063 02
Bonds and Notes of and Advances to Associated Companies	104,256,700 00	162,137,133 88
Stocks of other Bell System Companies	52,104,228 83	53,562,188 73
Special Demand Notes	21,583,412 10	12,000,000 00
Telephones	18,988,928 58	21,287,848 93
Real Estate	509,267 36	3,138,119 01
Office Furniture and Fixtures	288,162 33	336,621 60
Long Lines Plant	75,450,890 26	82,178,000 58
Trustees—Employees' Stock Purchase Plans	1,226,000 25	8,812,799 03
Current Accounts Receivable		
Due from United States Government account Compensation	7,469,934 16	9,483,715 52
Other Current Accounts Receivable	15,300,559 94	8,737,763 55
Accounts Receivable in Suspense	*1,002,156 16	10,227,973 34
Deferred Assets	5,642,974 94	38,574,185 40
Temporary Cash Investments	31,675,902 78	27,512,170 11
Cash and Deposits		
Total	\$821,156,734 47	\$926,781,088 60

\* Cash turned over to Postmaster-General as Working Capital.

LIABILITIES.

	Dec. 31 1918.	Dec. 31 1919.
Capital Stock	\$441,947,100 00	\$441,981,200 00
Capital Stock Installments	238 00	—
4% Collateral Trust Bonds, 1920	78,000,000 00	78,000,000 00
5% Collateral Trust Bonds, 1916	78,333,900 00	77,434,900 00
5% Western T. and T. Co. Bonds, 1932	9,985,000 00	9,985,000 00
4% Convertible Bonds, 1936	2,589,000 00	2,589,000 00
4% Convertible Bonds, 1933	13,073,500 00	13,027,500 00
6% Convertible Bonds, 1925	48,353,624 00	48,367,200 00
6% 3-Year Gold Notes, 1922	—	50,000,000 00
6% 5-Year Gold Notes, 1924	—	40,000,000 00
Notes Payable to Bankers	4,000,000 00	—
Dividend Payable January 15th	8,838,942 00	8,839,612 00
Interest and Taxes Accrued not Due	4,775,914 16	6,408,390 08
Current Accounts Payable:		
Compensation Due Associated Companies when Collected from United States Government	—	7,858,620 83
Other Current Accounts Payable	1,944,742 06	6,363,800 72
Employees' Benefit Fund	2,000,000 00	2,000,000 00
Reserve for Depreciation and Contingencies	43,900,076 83	47,262,123 43
Surplus (including Capital Stock Premiums and excluding Debt Discount and Expense)	83,414,697 43	86,663,741 54
Total	\$821,156,734 47	\$926,781,088 60

Note.—Associated and other Bell System Companies' notes endorsed by this Company (amounting to \$53,000,000 on December 31 1918 and to \$9,303,000 on December 31 1919) are not included in either Assets or Liabilities.

W. S. GIFFORD, Vice-President and Comptroller.

—Clark, Dodge & Co., 51 Wall St., this city, have prepared for distribution a comprehensive analysis of the railroads under the Cummins-Esch act, giving a hypothetical interpretation of the possible effect on earnings of the new rate-making provisions, with a view to making a comparative study of values. The circular contains a theoretical application of the rate-making provisions of the act to 57 railroad properties. Copies of this analysis will be mailed by the bankers to inquirers.

—The new investment firm of Hitt, Farwell & Park started business last Monday in ground floor offices at 37 Liberty St. this city. The partnership membership includes Rodney Hitt, Grosvenor Farwell, Charles F. Park, Jr., C. Arthur Ambrose, William B. Scarborough and Robert C. Hill, special. The new firm will transact a general investment business in bonds and stocks.

Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Accountants and Auditors, at 79 Wall Street, announce that they have admitted Norman G. Chambers, C. P. A., to partnership in their firm. Mr. Chambers will be in charge of and devote all his time to the special department that the firm maintains for the handling of the Federal and State Tax matters for its clients.

—Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis, announce the opening of a Chicago office in The Rookery Building, 209 S. LaSalle St., under the management of J. D. Carroll.

## E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS &amp; COMPANY, Inc.

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1919.

## WINDING UP OF WAR CONTRACTS.

*To the Stockholders:*

Your company's contracts with the Allied Foreign Governments contained no cancellation clauses. They were practically completed at the time of the signing of the Armistice, because the United States Government had bought our entire output, sold for delivery in 1919, with instructions to us as to what portion was assigned by them to the foreign Allies.

Contracts with the U. S. Government, which provided for cancellation, include a clause intended to hold the company harmless from all loss (except prospective profits), due to cancellation. These contracts were promptly canceled soon after the signing of the Armistice, leaving the computation of the amount of damages caused by the cancellation to be determined as soon as might be.

A large amount of accounting was required to prepare the claims and since they were submitted, negotiations have been conducted with the several Government Claim Boards, which are reviewing and auditing the accounts. The total amount of the claims of this company against the U. S. Government, because of canceled war contracts, is \$27,595,377 18. Against this amount the company holds advance payments, received on account of the output canceled, amounting to \$20,758,088 03. The claims have been carefully prepared, with a view of asking only for such damages as are eminently fair and just, so that they will eventually be approved and paid by the Government. However, settlement has not yet been made and may not be completed for some time because of the Government's system which requires a very complete audit of all items.

The strictly war plants of the company, as reported last year, were sold en bloc to the Du Pont Chemical Company, so that this company has been relieved of the burden of liquidating that investment in detail.

Progress can be reported in the task of converting the munition making company of the years 1914 to 1918, inclusive, into a producer of peace-time necessities. The personnel and assets had grown during the war period to such an extent that it was evident to the management that they could not be fully utilized in the industrial explosive business. The reports of the years 1916, 1917 and 1918 indicate that this condition had been anticipated and the company's scope broadened to utilize, as far as may be, its greater assets and personnel in the after-war period.

## UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL ACCUMULATED DURING WAR.

As a result of entering into the production and distribution of py-ra-lin, paints, pigments, chemicals and dyes to supplement your company's commercial explosives manufacture and the very considerable growth in the volume of the business in these undertakings, I am able to report that further curtailment in the number of employees on the company's pay-rolls from that indicated in last year's report has not been found necessary. On December 31 1919 there were of salaried employees 7,870 and of wage earners 23,710, a total of 31,580.

By far the largest investment in new undertakings has been made in the motor industry by an investment in the stock of the General Motors Corporation, and, although we are only stockholders in that corporation, the friendly relations with its management have enabled us to receive the indirect benefit of many valuable employees who would otherwise have had to be dispensed with, because the extraordinary growth in that industry has demanded large numbers of capable men.

The next in size has been in our new dye plant at Deepwater Point, N. J., across the Delaware from Wilmington, where we are manufacturing successfully a large number of the complicated dyes formerly made in Germany only. Your company has made a conspicuous success in the synthetic manufacture of indigo and camphor on a very large scale and is now making satisfactory profits thereby. Research laboratories have been established and many chemists are employed in this very important new branch of our industry.

## SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

The widening of the scope of our activities has made it desirable that certain of our investments be carried in subsidiary companies. The chart shown on the centre pages of this report indicates the relationship of these companies more clearly than a verbal statement. Stocks which your company owns in other companies, excepting those which are consolidated with the parent company in forming the statement of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company and subsidiaries, viz.: E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company of Pennsylvania, E. I. du Pont de Nemours Export Company and Rokeby Realty Company, are included in the statement of Assets at cost values; similarly the income statement includes only dividends received from such stocks so that the consolidated statement of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company with subsidiaries in no way reflects the undivided profits accruing to such stocks.

In the past the undistributed earnings on investment stocks shown in our balance sheet was not a considerable item, so that the usual practice of omitting reference to them was followed. This year, however, the amount has risen to such proportions as to be very material in measuring the earning capacity of your company.

For the year 1919 the estimated undivided profits accruing to the principal stockholdings of the company not reflected in the Consolidated Income Statement of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company amount to \$16,105,713, which is equivalent to \$27 37 per share on common stock.

Also, in this connection, it is interesting to note that the estimated excess in net asset values of the principal stockholdings of the company, over and above the values at which such stocks are carried on the books, amounted to \$33,126,623 at December 31 1919, which is equivalent to \$56 29 per share of common stock.

## GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION INVESTMENT.

The largest of these items is that accruing by reason of the earnings of the General Motors Corporation. Your company owns through its subsidiary, Du Pont American Industries, 238,504 shares of General Motors Corporation common stock, and 159,115 shares of Chevrolet Motor Co. common stock. Since the Chevrolet Motor Co. owns stock in the General Motors Co. in an amount which makes each share of Chevrolet Motor Co. represent 1.3195 shares of General Motors Corporation stock, this investment really represents 209,952 shares of General Motors Corporation common stock. The total cost of these 448,456 shares to the company was \$48,758,252 53.

No dividends were received from these securities in 1919 by the Du Pont Company, though \$2,669,430 was received by its subsidiary, the Du Pont American Industries, whereas it is estimated, based on the first eleven months of 1919, that the earnings accruing to this stock for the year 1919 will be \$13,815,549 53 over and above the dividends received by the Du Pont American Industries.

It is opportune here to call your attention to the origin of this investment. Your Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Raskob, with extraordinary foresight, interested himself as early as 1915 in the General Motors Corporation to the extent of becoming a large stockholder and director in that company, and by exercising great perseverance was able to convince the directors of your company that the very unusual step of making a huge investment in an industry largely foreign to its business was warranted by the opportunities afforded thereby.

The earnings on General Motors Corporation stock for the year 1919, after setting aside a suitable amount for excess profits tax, will be about \$37 a share, and the value of your company's investment as measured by the present market quotations has more than doubled since its acquisition. This statement is perhaps stronger than any commendation of Mr. Raskob's work which could be made in this report.

## BONUS PLAN.

Your directors have continued the Bonus Plan, approved by the stockholders at their meeting in March 1917. The earnings of the company, by reason of the cessation of hostilities and the newness of its activities in other than the ex-



plosives line, resulted in a much reduced amount for distribution among the employees; however, 1,356 employees were awarded bonuses of common and of debenture stock for 1919 at a cost of \$857,536 89.

**STOCK SUBSCRIPTION PLAN.**

The Stock Subscription Plan has been continued and 9,000 shares of debenture stock offered to employees who were with us during the years 1918 and 1919 (subscriptions received aggregated 11,271 shares, and your officers have deemed it wise to accept them all). The continuance of the Bonus and Stock Subscription Plans has been of aid in increasing the number of employee stockholders.

The number of stockholders and those of them employed by the company is shown in the following tabulation covering a number of years. The record from 1917 to 1914, inclusive, is of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company; that for the later years, of its successor, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company:

1907—	809, of whom	218, or 27%	were employees
1908—	955, "	200, or 26%	" "
1909—	1,335, "	524, or 39%	" "
1910—	1,695, "	764, or 45%	" "
1911—	2,163, "	990, or 45%	" "
1912—	2,697, "	1,440, or 53%	" "
1913—	2,935, "	1,047, or 36%	" "
1914—	3,093, "	1,184, or 38%	" "
1915—	3,840, "	1,122, or 29%	" "
1916—	4,221, "	1,448, or 34%	" "
1917—	5,409, "	2,445, or 45%	" "
1918—	7,203, "	3,220, or 45%	" "
1919—	8,137, "	3,613, or 44%	" "

\* Decrease due to loss of employees through organization of the Hercules Powder Company and Atlas Powder Company.

**PENSION PLAN.**

The company has continued the Pension Plan which has proven itself to be of great value in caring for employees who after long and faithful service are unable to continue their work. It is felt that this plan is of material aid in attracting and holding a most desirable class of men; that is, those who have a thought for the future.

In the past the cost of pensions, as paid out, has been charged to current operations. Your officers, however, feel that although there is no legal obligation to continue this plan into the future, we will find it expedient so to do, and it is accordingly desirable to set up a reserve to take account of such portion of prospective future pension payments as are required by pensions already granted. An amount of \$1,400,000 has, therefore, been set aside out of profits as a contingent liability to cover this item.

**DIVIDEND RECORD.**

During the year 1919 the regular dividend at the rate of 6% per annum has been paid on the debenture stock, and your directors have authorized the distribution to the com-

mon stockholders of four quarterly cash dividends of 4½% each, a total of 18%. No special dividend was declared at the end of the year out of the large undivided profit, for the reason that the company's business requires the use of all the assets in hand. The complete dividend record of the company and its predecessor—E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company—follows:

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS POWDER COMPANY.			
1904	14%	1912	12%
1905	3½%	1913	8% <sup>a</sup>
1906	6½%	1914	8%
1907	7%	1915	22% <sup>b</sup>
1908	7%	1916	6%
1909	7½%	1917	6%
1910	12%	1918	6% <sup>c</sup>
1911	12%	1919	6% <sup>c</sup>
E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY.			
1915	30%	1918	26% <sup>e</sup>
1916	100%	1919	18%
1917	51% <sup>d</sup>		

<sup>a</sup> Does not include 48.474% paid in securities of Atlas Powder Company and Hercules Powder Company.

<sup>b</sup> Does not include distribution of two shares of common stock of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company for each share of common stock of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company.

<sup>c</sup> Based on par value of \$10.

<sup>d</sup> Includes 1% Red Cross dividend paid June 23 1917.

<sup>e</sup> Includes Red Cross 2% dividend, 1% United War Work dividend and 5% dividend in Preferred Stock of Du Pont Chemical Company, \$5 par value.

Messrs. Haskins & Sells, of New York, Certified Public Accountants, have audited the books and records of the company and their certificate, together with the usual balance sheets and income statements are also shown.

Respectfully submitted,  
**IRENEE DU PONT, President.**

**DIRECTORS.**

- |                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pierre S. du Pont, <i>Chairman.</i> | C. A. Meade     |
| F. D. Brown                         | C. A. Patterson |
| H. F. Brown                         | C. L. Patterson |
| E. G. Buckner                       | F. W. Pickard   |
| R. R. M. Carpenter                  | H. M. Pierce    |
| W. S. Carpenter Jr.                 | J. J. Raskob    |
| F. L. Connable                      | C. L. Reese     |
| Wm. Coyne                           | W. C. Spruance  |
| A. Felix du Pont                    | F. G. Tallman   |
| Alexis I. du Pont                   |                 |

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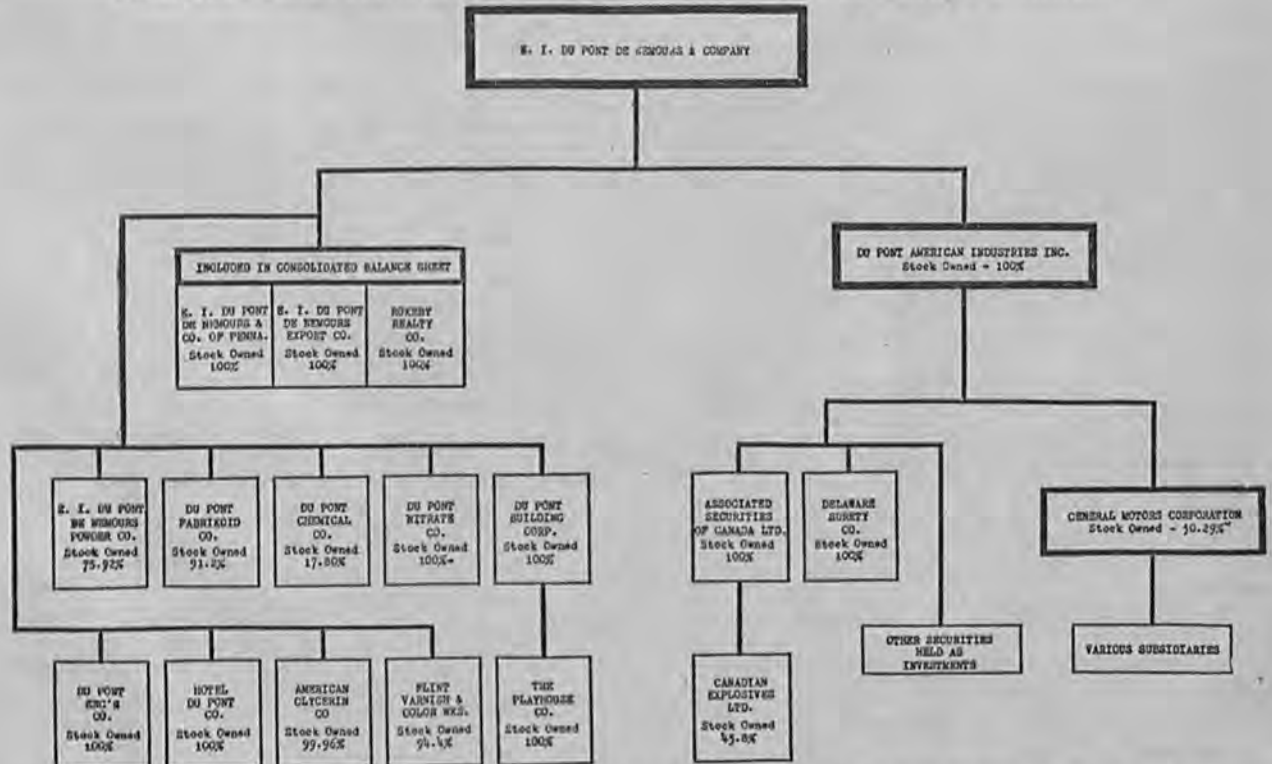
*E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, Delaware.*

We have audited your general books and accounts and those of your subsidiary companies for the year ended December 31 1919, and, subject to not having examined the minutes of your governing bodies,

We hereby certify that the accompanying Consolidated General Balance Sheet as of December 31 1919 and related Summary of Consolidated Income and Profit and Loss for the year ended on that date are correct.

**HASKINS & SELLS.**

**SUBSIDIARIES AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDINGS OF E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY.**



**NOTE.**—Percentage of stock ownership relates only to Common Stock held, except in the case of Du Pont Chemical Co. In this case it is in respect to total outstanding stock of that company.

\* Includes holdings through Chevrolet Motor Co.

December 31 1919.

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY WITH SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31st

ASSETS—	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Cash, Accounts Receivable, Material and Finished Product.....	\$64,894,106 81	\$82,325,103 43	\$145,028,674 47	*\$222,633,581 86
Investments in short-term notes and quickly marketable securities.....	49,332,874 22	57,172,510 85	30,679,886 67	1,705,918 65
Securities held for permanent investment.....	21,295,367 92	26,540,679 55	16,885,099 89	18,842,595 79
Realty, not including Plant Real Estate.....	516,697 85	504,023 39	508,420 70	545,998 98
Permanent Investment in manufacturing property, patents, &c.....	122,224,173 95	51,309,323 10	70,291,113 63	65,118,201 79
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$258,263,220 75</b>	<b>\$217,851,640 32</b>	<b>\$263,393,195 36</b>	<b>\$308,846,297 07</b>
<b>LIABILITIES—</b>				
Accounts and Bills Payable, including Accrued Dividends on Debenture Stock.....	\$9,108,627 58	\$7,883,623 00	\$22,750,517 19	\$38,337,762 70
Deferred Liabilities and Credit Items, including estimated Federal Taxes.....	4,102,673 95	19,461,171 41	22,125,661 51	20,478,956 65
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$13,211,301 53</b>	<b>\$27,344,794 41</b>	<b>\$44,876,178 70</b>	<b>\$58,816,719 25</b>
<b>CAPITALIZATION—</b>				
Debenture Stock issued.....	\$60,774,033 33	\$60,813,950 00	\$60,813,950 00	\$60,813,950 00
Debenture Stock (held in reserve).....	45,006 11	45,006 11	45,006 11	-----
Common Stock issued.....	58,854,200 00	58,854,200 00	58,854,200 00	58,854,200 00
Common Stock (held in reserve).....	31,425 90	31,425 90	31,425 90	-----
<b>Total Capitalization.....</b>	<b>\$119,704,665 34</b>	<b>\$119,744,582 01</b>	<b>\$119,744,582 01</b>	<b>\$119,668,150 00</b>
Advance Payments on Contracts and Reserves for Depreciation, Accidents, &c.....	\$116,379,036 81	\$42,195,226 28	\$54,617,863 45	\$62,060,537 15
Surplus.....	8,968,217 07	28,567,037 62	44,154,571 20	68,300,890 67
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$258,263,220 75</b>	<b>\$217,851,640 32</b>	<b>\$263,393,195 36</b>	<b>\$308,846,297 07</b>

\* Includes advances to and open current accounts with affiliated companies amounting to \$50,179,521 50.

† Includes \$12,643,703 36 for adjustment of materials and supplies to market value December 31 1918. A portion of this amount may be recovered through claims arising from cancellation of contracts.

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY WITH SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.  
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31 1919.

ASSETS.	
Cash, Accounts Receivable, Claims (less advances applicable thereto), Materials and Finished Product.....	\$108,777,340 25
Investments in short-term notes and quickly marketable securities.....	1,523,098 08
Securities held for permanent investment.....	63,536,896 87
Realty, not including Plant Real Estate.....	966,707 32
Permanent Investment in manufacturing property, patents, &c.....	65,745,525 82
Deferred Debit Items.....	433,052 40
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$240,982,620 74</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Accounts and Notes Payable, including Accrued Dividends on Debenture Stock.....	\$16,246,214 01
Deferred Liabilities and Credit Items, including estimated Federal Taxes for year 1919.....	6,572,202 40
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$22,818,416 41</b>
<b>Capitalization:</b>	
Debenture Stock issued.....	\$60,813,950 00
Common Stock issued.....	58,854,200 00
<b>Total Capitalization.....</b>	<b>\$119,668,150 00</b>
Reserves for Depreciation, Accidents, Pensions, Contingencies, &c.....	26,754,749 92
Surplus.....	71,741,304 41
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$240,982,620 74</b>

NOTE.—For estimated additional net asset value not reflected in the above Consolidated Balance Sheet, see page 6 [pamphlet report.]

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY WITH SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.  
COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT, YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31st.

	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Gross Receipts from sales.....	\$131,142,015 35	\$318,845,684 76	\$269,842,464 75	\$329,121,607 64
Net Earnings after providing for Amortization.....	\$57,399,899 61	\$82,013,019 90	\$49,112,952 66	\$47,221,367 68
Profit and Loss on sale of Real Estate, Securities, &c., and Extraordinary Adjustments.....	440,857 92	94,672 65	145,708 93	*4,123,292 96
<b>Net Receipts.....</b>	<b>\$57,840,757 53</b>	<b>\$82,107,692 55</b>	<b>\$49,258,661 58</b>	<b>\$43,098,074 72</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS—</b>				
Earnings capitalized in reorganization October 1st 1915.....	\$29,955,799 36	-----	-----	-----
Interest on Funded Debt.....	583,450 00	-----	-----	-----
Debenture Stock Dividends.....	1,715,032 50	\$3,648,222 00	\$3,648,822 00	\$3,648,822 00
Common Stock Dividends.....	24,130,222 00	58,854,200 00	30,015,642 00	15,302,092 00
Dividends on Subsidiary Company Stocks.....	6,450 00	6,450 00	6,664 00	841 25
<b>Total Deductions.....</b>	<b>\$56,390,953 86</b>	<b>\$62,508,872 00</b>	<b>\$33,671,128 00</b>	<b>\$18,951,755 25</b>
Surplus for the year.....	\$1,449,803 67	\$19,598,820 55	\$15,587,533 58	\$24,146,319 47
Accumulated Surplus to date.....	\$8,968,217 07	\$28,567,037 62	\$44,154,571 20	\$68,300,890 67

\* Indicates loss.

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY WITH SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.  
SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1919.

Net Sales.....	\$111,620,953 05
Net Earnings.....	\$105,437,932 24
Reduction of Reserves accumulated during war period in excess of requirements, less provision for anticipated Pensions.....	6,206,236 33
Profit and Loss on sale of Real Estate, Securities, &c.....	*144,197 64
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>17,682,991 74</b>
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Debenture Stock Dividends.....	\$3,648,822 00
Common Stock Dividends.....	10,593,756 00
<b>Total Deductions.....</b>	<b>14,242,578 00</b>
Surplus for the Year.....	\$3,440,413 74
Surplus January 1 1919.....	68,300,890 67
<b>Surplus December 31 1919.....</b>	<b>\$71,741,304 41</b>

\* Indicates loss.

NOTE.—For estimated Undivided Profits accruing to the principal stockholdings of the company, not reflected in the above Income Statement see page 6 [pamphlet report.]



## SUPERIOR STEEL CORPORATION

REPORT FOR THIRD FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

Pittsburgh, Pa., February 2, 1920.

To the Stockholders of the Superior Steel Corporation:

The results of the operations of the third fiscal year of your Company ended December 31, 1919, are reflected by the statement submitted herein.

During the past year we have gone through very delicate conditions, due to the necessary reconstruction of business after three years of war times. We think our Stockholders have reasons to feel elated over the results obtained during the past year, owing to this reconstructive condition.

We also had to contend with the general labor troubles in the steel industry, as well as the coal strike, and this Balance Sheet shows that your Company has gone through all of these serious difficulties in a very satisfactory manner.

The demand for our product is greater than we ever experienced, and the future indicates that very good results will be obtained during the coming year.

The Plant is in the very best physical condition, a large number of additions and improvements have been made during the past year, and further improvements and extensions are in the course of erection. These improvements mentioned will increase our production about 25%, and should be completed about the middle of the year.

Respectfully,  
E. W. HARRISON, President.

## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER, 1919

ASSETS		
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Cash in Banks and on hand.....		\$499,050 88
U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, including Accrued Interest.....		101,701 37
Notes and Accounts Receivable, Net of Reserves.....	\$459,064 93	729,612 07
Inventories—Finished and Partly Finished Products.....	1,968,301 58	
Materials and Supplies.....		2,427,366 51
<b>Investments—</b> U. S. Government Liberty Loan Bonds.....	\$624,221 84	
U. S. Government War Savings Certificates.....	870 00	
W. H. Shinn Coal Co., 1st Mortgage 6s, due 1922-1923.....	10,000 00	635,091 84
		\$4,392,822 67
<b>DUE FROM EMPLOYEES ON LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.....</b>		15,579 80
<b>TREASURY STOCK, ETC.:</b>		
1,111 Shares First Preferred at cost.....	\$110,211 16	
1,405 Shares Second Preferred at cost.....	133,809 38	
750 Shares Common at cost.....	35,568 75	
Common Stock purchased for Employees balance to be collected.....	4,237 59	
Cash in Sinking Fund for purchase of Preferred Stock.....	453 63	284,280 42
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES:</b>		
Prepaid Insurance Taxes, Etc.....		22,610 9
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:</b>		
Land, Buildings, Power Plant and Furnaces.....	\$718,223 54	
Machinery and Equipment.....	1,700,706 29	
	\$2,418,929 83	
Less Reserve for Depreciation.....	705,918 14	1,713,011 69
<b>GOOD-WILL.....</b>		2,500,000 00
		\$8,928,305 52
LIABILITIES		
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Accounts Payable.....	\$645,649 68	
Dividends Payable in February.....	155,548 00	
Reserve for Taxes (including Federal Taxes for 1919, estimated).....	650,507 38	\$1,451,705 06
<b>CAPITAL AND SURPLUS</b>		
<b>CAPITAL REPRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA:</b>		
First Preferred Convertible 8 Per Cent—Total authorized and issued, 35,000 shares, par value, \$100; Total outstanding, 24,315 shares.....	\$2,431,500 00	
Second Preferred Convertible 8 Per Cent—Total authorized and issued, 20,000 shares, par value \$100; Total outstanding, 18,475 shares.....	1,847,500 00	
Common Stock—Authorized, 115,000 shares, par value, \$100; Issued, 60,000 shares, Book Value at Formation of the Company.....	\$1,250,514 70	
Sinking Fund used to retire First and Second Preferred Stock.....	1,215,833 33	
	2,466,348 03	
	\$6,745,348 03	
<b>SURPLUS.....</b>	731,252 43	7,476,600 46
		\$8,928,305 52
SUMMARY OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1919		
<b>SALES.....</b>	\$7,744,921 28	
Less Discounts Allowed.....	83,643 48	
Net sales.....	\$7,661,277 80	
Cost of Sales.....	5,946,933 99	
Gross Profits.....	\$1,714,343 81	
Miscellaneous Income.....	124,233 41	
Gross Income.....	\$1,838,577 22	
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME:</b>		
Administrative Expenses.....	\$101,015 02	
Selling Expenses.....	127,924 64	
Taxes.....	35,004 97	
Plant Depreciation.....	180,000 00	
Idle Plant Expenses.....	12,722 63	
Reserve for Accounts Receivable.....	25,000 00	
Contributions to Armenian Relief.....	500 00	
	482,167 26	
Net Income.....	\$1,356,409 96	
SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1919		
Surplus, 1st January, 1919.....	\$501,034 40	
Discount on Preferred Stock Purchased.....	1,895 89	
Net Income for the year ended 31st December, 1919.....	1,356,409 96	
	\$1,359,340 25	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS OF EARNINGS:</b>		
Dividends.....	\$588,404 00	
Sinking Fund, First Preferred Stock.....	105,000 00	
Sinking Fund, Second Preferred Stock.....	60,000 00	
Reserve for Federal Income and Excess Profits Taxes.....	374,683 82	
	1,128,087 82	
Surplus 31st December, 1919.....	\$731,252 43	

We have examined the accounts of the SUPERIOR STEEL CORPORATION as of 31st December, 1919, and we hereby certify that, in our opinion, the above balance sheet correctly sets forth the Company's financial condition at that date.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY, Accountants and Auditors.

Pittsburgh, Pa., 22nd January, 1920.

## KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—AS AT DECEMBER 31 1919.

New York, N. Y., February 19 1920.

To the Stockholders of Kelly-Springfield Tire Company:

Submitted herewith is Statement of Income for the year ending December 31 1919, together with Balance Sheet as of the same date.

The Net Income of the Company for 1919, after providing for estimated Income and Excess Profits Taxes of approximately \$814,275 27 is \$2,422,522 39, as compared with the Net Income of \$1,707,735 04 for the year 1918 after the payment of \$2,657,492 10, the amount of the Income and Excess Profits Taxes for the year 1918, which were paid in 1919.

The new plant at Cumberland, Md., is in the course of construction and the engineers advise us that it will be in operation during this year.

VAN H. CARTMELL, *President.*

## STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

Gross Profit on Sales.....	\$7,034,284 04	
Less—		
Selling, Administration and General Operating Expenses.....	3,776,734 75	
Net Profit on Sales.....		\$3,257,549 29
Deductions from Income—		
Interest paid and other miscellaneous charges.....	\$137,232 54	
Extra compensation on profit-sharing basis.....	158,058 04	
Less—		
Interest received and other income.....	295,290 58	
	274,538 95	
Net Income for year, before providing for Income and Excess Profits Taxes.....		20,751 63
		<u>\$3,236,797 66</u>

## BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31st 1919.

## ASSETS.

CURRENT ASSETS—		
Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	\$1,679,946 02	
Accounts Receivable, less Reserves.....	1,970,441 86	
Notes Receivable:		
Customers.....	\$23,586 89	
Others.....	40,000 00	
Inventories of Merchandise, Materials and Supplies (at cost or market, whichever is lower).....	63,586 89	
Liberty Loan Bonds and accrued interest thereon, at cost (Market Value).....	7,073,642 74	
	\$1,359,039 46	1,438,029 61
COMMON STOCK, PURCHASED FOR RESALE TO EMPLOYEES—		\$12,225,647 06
Cost.....	\$1,532,432 72	
Less—		
Employees' subscription payments, and loan (being liquidated by employees' payments).....	1,444,524 29	
SUNDRY INVESTMENTS (at cost).....		87,908 43
DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE OPERATIONS—		69,500 00
Unexpired Insurance, interest and other prepaid expenses.....		55,870 94
CAPITAL ASSETS—		
Property and Equipment Accounts, Patent Rights, &c. (less reserves for depreciation).....		11,357,102 68
		<u>\$23,796,029 11</u>

## LIABILITIES.

CURRENT LIABILITIES—		
Accounts Payable.....	\$351,652 46	
Accrued Taxes (other than Federal), Accrued Wages and other accruals.....	110,730 82	
Reserve for extra compensation on profit-sharing basis.....	158,058 04	
Dividend, 1½% on 6% Preferred Stock, payable January 2nd 1920.....	49,756 50	
DEFERRED CREDIT—		\$670,197 82
Advance on final payment from City of Cumberland, Md.....		25,000 00
CAPITAL STOCK—		
6% Cumulative Preferred Stock:		
Issued.....	\$3,758,200 00	
Less—		
Redeemed and Canceled.....	\$441,100 00	
In Treasury, purchased for cancellation.....	80,000 00	
Outstanding.....	521,100 00	
8% Cumulative Preferred Stock:		\$3,237,100 00
Issued and Outstanding.....		
Common Stock:		\$5,860,200 00
Issued and Outstanding.....	\$5,350,800 00	
Warrants Issued.....	11,178 25	
	5,361,978 25	
SURPLUS—		14,459,278 25
Appropriated Surplus, Par Value of 6% Preferred Stock canceled or acquired for cancellation [under Certificate of Incorporation].....	\$521,100 00	
General Surplus, as per Statement attached [subject to provision for Federal Income and Excess Profits Taxes].....	8,120,453 04	
		<u>\$23,796,029 11</u>

New York, February 19th 1920.

We have audited the books of Kelly-Springfield Tire Company for the year ended December 31st 1919, and have found the same to be correctly kept and satisfactorily vouched.

The inventories have been accurately and conservatively stated and adequate provision has been made for depreciation of plants and equipment. We certify that the attached Balance Sheet and Statement of General Surplus are correctly prepared from the books of account, and, subject to provision for Federal Taxes due and accrued, are, in our opinion, properly drawn up to show the true financial condition of the Company on December 31st 1919 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

TOUCHE, NIVEN & CO  
Public Accountants, Auditors.

## STATEMENT OF GENERAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 1919.

BALANCE, December 31st 1918.....	\$9,197,858 19
Deduct—	
Income and Excess Profits Taxes paid for 1918.....	\$2,657,492 10
Additional Income and Excess Profits Taxes paid for 1917.....	17,459 46
Expenses on issue of 8% Preferred Stock, including underwriting commission.....	180,726 52
Return of excess Cumberland bonus receipts collected in 1918.....	1,772 03
	2,857,450 11
Add—	
Reserve for Depreciation of Inventories and Reserve against Sundry Claims restored to Surplus.....	\$6,340,408 08
	192,594 35
NET INCOME for year ended December 31st 1919, as per Statement of Income attached, before providing for Income and Excess Profits Taxes.....	\$6,533,002 43
PROFIT from purchase of Preferred Stock for retirement.....	3,236,797 66
	10,007 70
APPROPRIATIONS—	\$9,779,807 79
For Dividends:	
On 6% Preferred Stock.....	\$199,026 00
On 8% Preferred Stock, issued August 15th 1919.....	117,204 00
On Common Stock:	
In Cash.....	800,409 00
In Stock.....	454,778 25
Special Surplus Account (for retirement of 6% Preferred Stock, under Certificate of Incorporation).....	\$1,671,417 25
	87,937 50
	1,659,354 75
BALANCE, December 31st 1919.....	<u>\$8,120,453 04</u>



## LOFT INCORPORATED

400 Broome Street, New York.

## REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1919.

New York City, February 27 1920.

To the Stockholders of Loft Incorporated:

I beg to submit herewith a balance sheet of LOFT INCORPORATED OF DELAWARE as at close of business December 31 1919, and an income account for the five months ended that date as prepared and certified to by our Auditors, Messrs Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery.

Your attention is directed to the fact that during the five months since the Company has been operating it has earned \$845,673 51, before allowing for Federal Income and Excess Profit taxes, which amounted to \$243,505 14, leaving net profits after taxes of \$602,168 37 to be transferred to the Company's surplus account.

For your general information I am also submitting a statement of the combined results of LOFT INCORPORATED OF DELAWARE for the last five months of 1919 and its predecessor Company for the first seven months of 1919. You will note the combined earnings of both companies for the entire year before taxes were \$1,655,543 14, and after allowing for Federal taxes of \$508,679 22 the net profits were \$1,146,863 92

Very truly yours,

C. B. UNDERHILL, *President.*

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31 1919.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand, in bank and at bankers.....	\$1,220,073 77	Accounts payable, trade creditors.....	\$157,272 16
Notes receivable, including accrued interest.....	22,466 37	Accounts payable, building contractor.....	31,546 68
Accounts receivable.....	\$25,412 77	Accrued liabilities, including Federal taxes on candy sales, salaries, wages, etc.....	267,223 30
Less—Reserves.....	3,521 79		
	21,890 98		\$456,042 14
Inventory of merchandise and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower.....	1,481,236 97	Reserve for Income and Excess Profits taxes.....	689,844 68
		Other Reserves.....	118 296 99
Total Current Assets.....	\$2,745,668 09	Total Liabilities and Reserves.....	\$1,264,183 81
Investments.....	24,657 24		
Prepaid and deferred charges.....	72,117 97	Capital.	
Plant:		Capital stock:	
Land, buildings, machinery, equipment, etc.....	\$2,857,445 48	650,000 shares without nominal or par value.....	\$6,500,000 00
Less—Reserve for depreciation.....	59,660 34	Surplus:	
	\$2,797,785 14	Profits, 5 months to December 31 1919 before	
Land and buildings thereon in course of construction.....	331,171 70	Federal taxes.....	\$845,673 51
	3,128,956 84	Less—Reserve for said taxes, above period.....	243,505 14
Good-will, leases, trade-marks and established business.....	2,394,952 04	Net profits for 5 months to December 31 1919.....	\$602,168 37
		Total Capital and Surplus.....	7,102,168 37
	\$8,366,352 18		\$8,366,352 18

We have examined the accounts of LOFT INCORPORATED, and we certify that, accepting the correctness of the valuation of good-will, leases, &c., the above balance sheet and the appended income account, in our opinion, correctly set forth the financial position of that company as of December 31 1919 and the results of its operations for the five months to December 31 1919.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. &amp; MONTGOMERY,

*Accountants and Auditors.*

New York, February 26 1920.

## INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 31 TO DECEMBER 31 1919.

Sales, net.....	\$3,069,364 53
Cost of merchandise sold, including raw materials, labor and factory expenses and depreciation of \$59,722 14, retail store expenses and administrative and other general charges.....	2,263,813 34
	\$805,551 19
Miscellaneous income and results from operations of buildings.....	40,122 32
Profit for the 5 months to December 31 1919, before deducting Federal taxes.....	\$845,673 51
Reserve for said taxes for the 5 months' period.....	243,505 14
Net profits, 5 months from July 31 to December 31 1919.....	\$602,168 37

## INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO DECEMBER 31 1919.

(The following Income Account includes the operations of Loft Incorporated for the 5 months to December 31 1919, as stated above, and the operations of its predecessor company for the 7 months to July 31 1919. It is presented herewith in order to show the combined results of both companies for an entire year.)

Sales, net.....	\$6,049,389 12
Profits for the year 1919, before Federal taxes.....	\$1,655,543 14
Reserve for said taxes for the year 1919.....	508,679 22
Net profits, year 1919.....	\$1,146,863 92

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, March 5th 1920.

Although manufacturing is still active the tendency towards conservatism is becoming more pronounced in most sections. In the aggregate, if is true, there is quite a good business, taking the country over, and production still falls short of the requirements for consumption. But the note of caution is undoubtedly spreading. A matter, too, that is worth at least passing notice is that failures, contrary to the experience of a very prolonged period, are more numerous than they were last week and in the same week last year, though if is also true that they are far fewer than in the three years previous. But stocking up with high priced goods is evidently a somewhat more venturesome proceeding than it was a few months back, to say nothing of the war period. Also, what is described as the worst storm of the winter has latterly swept over the mountain and plains States of the West isolating towns in Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota, and crippling rail and wire communication in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, North Texas and Minnesota. All this has naturally delayed the delivery of merchandise. The cold weather, with rains or snow, has penetrated to the South. Actual sales of textile goods have fallen off noticeably. Retail trade is also somewhat smaller. In New York even a month after the blizzard of Feb. 4 and Feb. 5, many of the streets are badly clogged with snow. In many sections buyers are purchasing only to supply immediate needs, looking for lower prices before very long. The talk everywhere is of coming deflation. Besides, there is persistent shortage of cars. This, of itself, restricts trade; nobody knows when purchases can be delivered, to say nothing of the big snow storms in the West, Far West and New England. There is a tendency towards restriction of bank credits; bank reserves are not at all satisfactory. Big prices absorb colossal amounts of capital, probably far beyond anything in the history of the United States. And the country is supposed to have about reached the end of its tether so far as expansion is concerned.

On the other hand the Supreme Court decision in the matter of the United States Steel case has had a favorable effect. The return of the railroads to their owners is also regarded as a cheering factor, for it means more efficient service. "Spot" cotton here is up to 40.90c. per pound, the highest since the Civil War. The demand for iron and steel is brisk. Building is active. There is an unprecedented business in candy, supposedly owing to prohibition. The sales of automobiles, motor trucks and accessories, even at rising prices, are large; also in some sections of dry goods notions, books and shoes. The condition of the country is sound, all the more so from the spread of conservatism, with its implication that the commercial community of this country, taken as a whole, is disposed to be more and more on its guard.

The Allies are said to be considering the granting of a loan to Germany. The Italian Food Minister declares that all nations, especially Italy, are faced with the absolute necessity of reducing consumption to avoid bankruptcy. There is less fear of interference with the early spring building program, owing to the reassuring statements of officials of the Building Trades Employers Association, and the Building Trades Council, representing 115,000 workers in the New York building industry. It is encouraging to hear that the recent assemblage of railroad workers at Washington probably marked the end of aggressive methods by brotherhoods and allied unions as distinctly as the collapse of Boston police strike marked the crest of the radical labor wave. The change is due to a realization by union leaders that their methods were losing the public sympathy. The output of American shipyards in 1919 exceeded that of all others combined and almost tripled the production of the British Isles, according to Lloyd's Register. The United States built 1,051 mercantile ships of 4,075,385 tonnage in 1919, compared with 612 ships of 1,620,442 tonnage by Great Britain. Washington bakers are to be called upon to explain their operating costs and methods of doing business in a plan to reduce the cost of living in that city as an example to the rest of the country.

Bread will be advanced again in Manhattan, the bakers announce, a sixteen-ounce loaf to cost 12 cents. Speculators are said to hold a large supply of wheat and possibly face big losses unless they can dispose of their holdings prior to harvesting of the 1920 crop. With the expiration of the guarantee banks are expected to recall millions they have loaned on warehouse receipts. In urging food legislation to put a curb on soaring prices, Governor Smith of New York declares efforts to control and reduce the high cost of living thus far have failed to improve the situation. The Commercial Federation of America has been organized in St. Louis by representative business men of the Middle West with the avowed purpose of fighting radicalism. The American Farm Bureau Federation, composed of 1,060,000 members in 28 States, at its meeting in Chicago on Mar. 4,

denounced the attempt to ally the agriculturists of America with the radicals of the industrial world. This has the right ring. American orders valued at \$50,000,000 have been received by a German potash syndicate, according to the "Vossische Zeitung" of Berlin, deliveries being extended over a period of years and payment to be made in dollars. France prohibits export of raw hides. America has been the chief buyer of French hide and leather since the war.

The "World's" correspondent in Russia, says the Soviet Government is not worrying over the depreciation in currency, as it plans to abolish money altogether, but that it keeps about 1,000,000,000 rubles in gold to pay for foreign goods. Nebraska and Colorado have latterly been in the throes of the worst blizzard in 30 years. Snow is twelve to twenty-five feet in the La Plata mining district.

STOCKS OF MERCHANDISE IN NEW YORK.

	Mar. 1 1920.	Feb. 1 1920.	Mar. 1 '19.
Coffee, Brazil.....	566,064	504,624	337,615
Coffee, Java.....	18,584	9,170	5,347
Coffee, other than Brazil.....	514,848	417,211	442,875
Sugar.....	35,864	34,977	55,680
Hides.....	Not published		
Cotton.....	18,511	24,153	86,942
Flour.....	6,600	11,800	5,700

LARD higher; prime western 21@21.60c.; refined to the Continent 24.25c.; South American 24c.; Brazil in kogs, 25c. Futures were irregular advancing then reacting despite noticeable firmness of prices for hogs. The trouble was that cash demand was largely lacking. Also the Chicago monthly stock statement showed lard supplies had increased nearly 10,000,000 lbs. and ribs an increase of nearly 3,000,000 lbs. But later on prices advanced with hogs and corn despite dullness and liberal supplies. To-day prices declined but they are higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	cts. 20.65	20.55	21.22	21.40	21.72	21.57
July delivery.....	21.17	21.37	21.77	21.90	22.27	22.15

PORK unchanged; mess \$41 @ \$42; family, \$50 @ \$53. May pork closed at \$35.20, a rise for the week of 70c. Beef steady; mess \$16 @ \$18; packet, \$17 @ \$19; extra India mess, \$40 @ \$42; No. 1 canned roast beef \$8.25. Cut meats quiet but steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 24 1/4 @ 26 1/4c.; picnic 4 to 10 lbs., 15 1/2 @ 16 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 26 @ 28c. Butter creamery lower at 63 @ 64c. Cheese, flats, 15c @ 31c. Eggs lower at 51 @ 57c.

COFFEE on the spot has been fairly active and higher; Rio No. 7, 15 1/4c.; No. 4 Santos, 24 1/4 @ 24 3/4c.; fair to good Cucuta, 22 1/2 @ 23c. Futures advanced on covering of shorts with trade buying, higher sterling and a better spot business in mild coffee. Some 25,000 bags of Hayti, it seems, were sold and 15,000 bags resold supposedly to France at 18c., whereas, earlier in the week it had been offered at 17 1/2c. The stock at Rio, including Government holdings, is 449,000 bags, against 676,000 last year and at Santos, also, including Government holdings, 3,785,000 bags, against 3,983,000 a year ago. This inclusion of Government coffee is welcome light on the statistical position. To-day prices were higher and they are up for the week. Closing prices were as follows: March.....14.80@14.85 | July.....15.44@15.45 | December.....15.24@15.25  
 May.....15.19@15.20 | September.....15.26@15.27 | January.....15.19@15.20

SUGAR in good demand and higher; Cuban 96 degrees test 11.29c.; Porto Rican 10.25c. Later Arbuckle bought it seems 50,000 bags, prompt Cuba at 10 1/2c., cost and freight, fixing the spot basis of 11.54c. New Orleans took a cargo it was understood at the same price; Canada purchased 18,000 to 20,000 bags of San Domingos at 10 1/2c. c. i. f. and 700 tons of Demerara at 10 1/4c. c. i. f. Receipts at Cuban ports last week reached 162,623 tons against 152,070 in the previous week and 167,980 last year; exports 132,248 tons against 80,058 tons in the previous week and 85,854 last year; stocks 383,296 tons against 352,921 a week previous and 526,997 last year. Centrals grinding 186 against 185 a week before and 191 last year. The beet root crop of the U. S. is put at 14,526,000 bags against 15,248,000 in 1918-19, 15,276,000 in 1917-18 and 16,403,000 in 1916-17. Granulated 14 @ 16c.

OIL—Linseed quiet but steady; ear lots \$1 77 for March delivery, \$1 72 for April-May and \$1 62 for June-November. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls., 18 1/2 @ 19c. Cochin 19 @ 19 1/2c. Olive lower at \$2 90 @ \$3; corn ear lots 23.56c. Cod domestic \$1 12; Newfoundland 1 \$16 @ \$1 18. Cottonseed, crude immediate \$17 50. Spirits of turpentine \$2 08. Common to good strained rosin, \$17 75.

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. Washington is talking of a possible restoration of a Federal control over the oil industry following a failure of the Shipping Board to get bids on more than 1,500,000 bbls. out of 24,000,000 bbls. of oil needed for the year beginning Apr. 1st at prices 76% to 90% higher than last year. The Board may have to buy in the open market at prevailing prices. It has asked the Interior Department to take the royalty on oil produced under the new oil land leasing bill in oil rather than in cash, which would provide it is estimated 4,000,000 bbls. for next year. The latest big storm this week in Wichita County of Texas blew down fifty derricks in the Burkburnett oil fields. During Feb. 211 new oil companies were started establishing a new high record for any one month since the outbreak of the war, although the total authorized capitalization showed a sharp



drop. Oil City, Pa., wired: February had fewer oil wells completed by 87 and a smaller production by 96,572 bbls. than January, in fields east of the Rockies, due mainly to its being a shorter month. The completions number 2,027 wells, with total initial output of 355,825 bbls. Oklahoma is the only division to report an increase in completions, having 115 more wells than in January. Oklahoma, Wyoming and the Gulf Coast report an increase in new production. The Oil City "Derrick" says the February showing is much better than expected.

RUBBER has been firmer at times on plantation grades, with a better demand chiefly on speculation. Smoked ribbed sheets later 45 1/2c. and 48c. @ 49 1/4c. for forward deliveries. Para dull and weaker at 42c. for up-river fine. Central dull and nominally 32c. for Corinto.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been steady in most cases and although trading has been rather small the outlook is believed to be brightening. Sterling exchange has been 50 cents higher than the recent "low." Steamship operators and exporters are inclined to think that the new order of the Shipping Board cancelling its freight tariffs will stimulate shipping business. Lower rates quoted by foreign vessels, which could not be met by operators of American vessels because of the fixed charges, can be now. Some believe that freight rates from all Atlantic ports to the Orient will be maintained, or perhaps increased, if tonnage does not become more plentiful on the West Coast. Charters included coal from Virginia to west coast of Italy at \$23; coal from Atlantic Range to west coast of Italy at \$24; sugar from Cuba to Antwerp, Amsterdam or Rotterdam 142s. 6d. March; linseed from River Plate to southern United Kingdom ports up river loading 200s.; linseed from Buenos Aires-La Plata to the United Kingdom 145s.; lumber from a Gulf port to South America \$50 per mile; steamer 6,500 to 6,800 tons from Cuba to United Kingdom 50s.; steamer 4,000 tons from Cuba to the United Kingdom 50s.; steamer 650 dead-weight, French coal trade 90s., six months March; clipped oats from Buenos Aires or La Plata to Adelaide or Melbourne 100s.; coal from Virginia to Naples \$23; coal from Virginia to a French Atlantic port \$20 50; six months' time charter in West India trade \$9; deals from a Provincial port to the United Kingdom 360s.; lumber from a Gulf port to two Windward Island ports 300M. \$26.

TOBACCO has been quiet of late after the recent heavy purchases by manufacturers. They now appear to be pretty well supplied for the time being. Nevertheless the tone remains steady, and even firm as some regard it, with the outlook for 1920 considered favorable. Fifty tobacco growers at Louisville, Ky., have organized the Tobacco Growers' and Dealers' Protective Association with the object of maintaining present tobacco prices. They have made plans to bring into the organization 10,000 growers and dealers in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. It will make inquiry as to whether the mandate of the Supreme Court dissolving tobacco trusts has been observed.

COPPER in better demand and steady; electrolytic 19c.; Tin is higher at 62 1/4c. Lead in good demand at unchanged prices, but offerings are light; spot New York 9 @ 9 1/4c. Zinc inactive but steady; at 8 3/4 @ 9c. for spot St. Louis.

PIG IRON is in brisk demand for spot and near delivery and steady. Now and then offerings are larger. Shipments are often delayed by car shortage, however. For the second half of 1920 the inquiry is less pressing. English interests want 50,000 tons of steel-making iron. It will be hard to get. Coke is still scarce and the prospects for betterment are not good. There is a big demand in Alabama and Missouri for coke, but cars are so scarce that furnaces are hard put to it to get what they urgently need.

STEEL is in sharp demand and firm. The recent Supreme Court decision against the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation helps the general situation. Something like 100,000 cars are said to be wanted. Canada like the United States, also wants both cars and locomotives. Some see signs of an increase in the supply of cars. But it is not marked as yet, by any means, but any improvement at all is noticeably welcome. East India is buying railroad equipment on a noteworthy scale. Japan wants considerable 30-gauge sheets, but that gauge is difficult to get, and it is almost as hard to secure 26 and 28-gauge.

COTTON

Friday Night, Mar. 5 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 133,449 bales, against 176,942 bales last week and 189,730 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 5,467,746 bales, against 3,816,490 bales for the same period of 1918-19, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919, of 1,651,256 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	9,539	4,958	6,419	18,858	6,311	7,849	53,934
Texas City	8,356				6,039	1,140	15,535
Port Arthur, &c.						261	261
New Orleans	6,933	1,762	3,407	6,518	6,646	5,747	31,013
Mobile	301	206	225	1,146	404	90	2,378
Pensacola							6
Jacksonville							17,991
Savannah	1,875	2,925	3,748	2,079	2,599	4,765	17,991
Brunswick							2,500
Charleston	493	37	290	59	248	1,183	2,310
Wilmington	80	7	7	25	16	139	274
Norfolk	504	88	1,394	1,275	703	460	4,424
N'port News, &c.							39
New York			500	46			546
Boston	419	70		328			164
Baltimore							1,142
Philadelphia			75		40		115
Totals this week	28,500	10,053	16,065	30,334	23,006	25,491	133,449

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1919 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to March 5.	1919-20.		1918-19.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1918.	1920.	1919.
Galveston	53,934	1,777,127	25,684	1,293,820	328,377	315,877
Texas City	15,535	294,008	1,719	58,369	66,691	19,923
Port Arthur, &c.	261	1,801				
New Orleans	31,013	79,015	247	53,747	399,048	450,584
Mobile	2,378	952,015	24,857	1,031,010	24,171	22,483
Pensacola		234,144	2,543	108,127		
Jacksonville	6	13,094	700	9,422	6,176	11,506
Savannah	17,991	1,051,700	10,233	718,920	189,268	215,616
Brunswick	2,500	135,800	500	53,950	14,000	9,500
Charleston	2,310	363,663	3,256	131,828	196,796	69,419
Wilmington	274	119,677	2,559	75,246	42,482	47,714
Norfolk	4,424	291,822	5,166	210,432	90,610	103,126
N'port News, &c.	39	4,020	78	2,987		
New York	546	15,599	251	7,416	51,347	83,493
Boston	981	19,874	316	19,678	5,994	12,847
Baltimore	1,142	81,581	329	16,352	4,750	7,105
Philadelphia	115	17,041	60	90	7,154	3,261
Totals	133,449	5,467,746	78,501	3,816,490	1,426,894	1,362,448

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Galveston	53,934	25,684	18,497	27,668	37,331	60,938
Texas City, &c.	15,796	1,966	723	1,849	5,522	10,609
New Orleans	31,013	24,857	31,544	17,398	18,834	56,458
Mobile	2,378	2,543	2,521	845	1,561	1,255
Savannah	17,991	10,233	38,472	2,389	11,694	28,406
Brunswick	2,500	500	100	1,500	5,000	4,000
Charleston	2,310	3,256	2,050	1,157	824	10,082
Wilmington	274	2,559	3,010	489	535	9,577
Norfolk	4,424	5,166	7,007	6,915	7,434	15,351
N'port N., &c.	39	78	108	168	1,939	487
All others	2,790	1,659	5,155	4,690	3,709	19,036
Total this wk.	133,449	78,501	109,187	65,068	94,383	216,199
Since Aug. 1.	5,467,746	3,816,490	4,621,051	5,601,125	5,495,422	8,309,361

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 128,812 bales, of which 55,951 were to Great Britain, to France and 72,861 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending March 5 1920.				From Aug. 1 1919 to March 5 1920.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	13,840		12,535	26,375	1,088,678	80,129	275,872	1,444,679
Texas City					166,328	20,934		187,262
Houston					57,852			57,852
Pt. Nogales							174	174
El Paso							11	11
New Orleans	29,820		3,730	60,556	336,052	92,019	458,865	886,925
Mobile					72,539	23,298	2,379	98,216
Pensacola					19,013			19,013
Jacksonville					21,614		100	21,714
Savannah		15,035	15,035	236,077	142,311	172,224	452,886	861,157
Brunswick					84,931	19,119	22,725	126,805
Charleston	10,826			10,826	29,363	16,847	87,925	134,138
Wilmington					76,980	1,350	37,762	117,092
Norfolk					9,941	14,559	95,374	119,871
New York	716		1,060	1,776	4,192	1,257	3,671	8,120
Boston	743			743	3,280	500		3,789
Baltimore					100	100	20,405	20,805
Philadelphia							375	375
Providence							65,184	65,184
San Fran.		3,119	3,119				921	921
Los Angeles							128,584	128,584
Seattle							24,522	24,522
Tacoma			10,282	10,282			7,630	7,630
Port'l'd, Ore.								
Total	55,951		72,861	128,812	2,369,940	443,463	1,668,072	4,481,478
Tot. '18-'19.	40,120	33,372	48,821	122,313	1,429,217	482,606	1,125,657	3,037,480
Tot. '17-'18.	70,882	6,535	29,770	107,187	1,845,448	406,763	906,593	3,158,501

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

March 5 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	68,726		7,910	41,719	13,000	131,355
New Orleans	4,759	1,964	12,484	61,307	2,041	82,555
Savannah	14,000	7,000	10,500	11,500		43,000
Charleston					1,000	1,000
Mobile	10,910	1,175		62,488	58	14,631
Norfolk					500	500
Aew York b.	360	500		2,500		3,360
Other ports b.	13,000			2,000		15,000
Total 1920	111,725	10,639	30,894	121,514	16,599	291,371
Total 1919	69,945	5,702		14,413	3,450	143,510
Total 1918	33,999	29,000		34,307	34,000	131,306

\* Including 7,500 for Japan. a Including 1,500 for Japan. b Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has latterly been more active at rising prices, partly owing to a sharp demand to cover hedges in March, May and July. This forced March up to 39.25c. on the 4th inst., May to 36.25c. and July to 33.42c. At the same time October and December, which have been sluggish, moved upward, October touching 30.70c. and December 30c. October especially active. This revival of interest in the next crop was due to reports of cold, rainy weather in parts of the South and, what is more, to the fact that crop preparations are some weeks backward. Even to the far south of Florida fruits and vegetables have been badly damaged by unusual severity of the weather. At Miami it was 34 degrees for the first time on record. Some cotton planted in southern Texas has certainly not been helped by recent cold weather in that direction. Also there is insistence on the scarcity of labor over much of the belt. But the old crop has been the principal feature. A good while back there was much hedging, notably last fall, at discounts in the forward months at, roughly, something like 3 to 6 or 7 cents per lb., or even more than that. Such a course looked a bit hazardous at the time to some members of the trade, but the basis was rising, and it was supposed that it would continue to rise and so equalize matters. But that has not happened. Recently the demand for spot cotton has fallen off. Efforts have noticeably slackened with a fall in exchange. Even with rates about 45 cents higher than the recent low of 3.18 for sterling there is no sensible increase in the outgo of cotton from this country. This means that the hedges found themselves in a dilemma. It is out of the question to fill their engagements here at the discounts originally incurred, and, on the other hand, they were confronted with a rapidly rising market here if they attempted to cover in the open market. But plainly their only course was to cover at the New York Cotton Exchange. And that is what they have been doing at a steady rise in prices, which put March to a premium of 360 points over May and May to 315 points over July. October at times has been 877 points under March. And there is said to be considerable hedge short interest in October. Latterly spot markets have shown a little more life and certainly they have been stronger. They have naturally sympathized with the strength of March and near deliveries at New York.

Liverpool of late has generally been a good buyer here. Spot houses have bought to some extent. So has Wall Street. It trailed after the March deal. And for a time Liverpool was stronger after showing some early depression. It fell to-day with the rise in sterling in New York. Outsiders have been generally more disposed to buy March and May. Reports in regard to the state of affairs at Alexandria, Egypt, have within a day or two become more cheerful. And there are rumors that the Allies will grant credits to Germany. It is recognized that if Germany could get the raw material it would be a big thing for its textile industries. It has 11,000,000 cotton spindles, and before the war ranked third among the world's cotton manufacturers. Latterly trade interests have bought May here to some extent.

On the other hand Liverpool for a time was quite depressed, owing partly to a bad break in prices at Alexandria, Egypt. A number of failures were reported there, one of them for £80,000. And it was found necessary to fix a minimum price of 135 for March and 114 for November though significantly enough "no limit for higher prices." At one time, too, it was said that the market there had broken through these minimum limits. Spot sales at Liverpool have been small, ranging from 4,000 to 6,000 bales a day. And Manchester has been quieter. Here print cloths have also been less active and prices have been weaker especially from second hands. Yarns have declined. Raw silks have been quiet and more or less depressed. Wool has been dull and burlaps lower.

And although farm work is undoubtedly backward at the South some reports are to the effect that efforts will be made to increase the acreage. Wages are undoubtedly high, but the South is wealthy. One farmer, it is said, actually paid the debts of a family amounting to \$1,200 in order to secure the services of its members. In other words the farmer seems determined to get labor, and the more progressive will branch out with tractors and so forth. Fertilizers will undoubtedly be more extensively used than for years past. They will include German potash. That is one of the most valuable fertilizers known at the South. And it is of interest to add that the production of potash in Germany in January reached the new high record of 550,000 tons. Large numbers of German soldiers returning to the country have gone to work in that industry. Germany wants American coal and will send potash among other things to this country in order to get it. Finally the technical position has weakened here. That is only natural after the almost panicky covering earlier in the week. It is said now that the March option is burnt powder and that the short interest in May has been largely liquidated. It is also stated that some eastern holders sold the actual cotton here when March got up to 39.25c. Wall Street and Japanese interests have been selling here. Also it is understood some southwestern spot people, some of whom, it is understood have had a favorable opinion of March and May options for some time past and have acted accordingly. To-day prices advanced for a time owing to rising exchange.

predicted large gold imports, improving prospects of a loan to Germany, cold or rainy weather at the South, buying of October by Liverpool and other interests, a drop in call money to 6% and hedge covering on March and May. A reaction followed. The technical position is considered weaker. Prices are higher for the week, especially on March and May. Middling uplands on the spot closed at 40.90, a rise for the week of 125 points. The certificated stock is very small and gradually decreasing.

The membership of R. M. Simpson in the New York Cotton Exchange sold on March 3 to J. T. Gwathmey for \$20,500, a decline of \$2,000 from the last previous sale and of \$5,000 since last December.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Feb. 28 to March 5—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	40.00	40.25	40.50	40.75	40.65	40.90

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on March 5 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1920 c.	40.90	1912 c.	10.35	1904 c.	16.25	1896 c.	7.62
1919	26.15	1911	14.40	1903	10.10	1895	5.62
1918	33.60	1910	14.75	1902	9.12	1894	7.56
1917	18.05	1909	9.85	1901	8.94	1893	9.19
1916	11.55	1908	11.55	1900	9.81	1892	7.09
1915	8.65	1907	11.35	1899	6.56	1891	8.88
1914	13.00	1906	11.20	1898	6.31	1890	11.31
1913	12.70	1905	7.85	1897	7.19	1889	10.19

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 35 pts. adv.	Very steady	400	---	400
Monday	Quiet, 25 pts. adv.	Very steady	---	---	---
Tuesday	Steady, 25 pts. adv.	Steady	454	---	454
Wednesday	Steady, 25 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	---
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Steady	---	---	---
Friday	Quiet, 25 pts. a.v.	Steady	---	---	---
Total			854	---	854

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Feb. 28.	Monday, March 1.	Tuesday, March 2.	Wed. day, March 3.	Thurs'day, March 4.	Friday, March 5.	Week.
March—							
Range	37.65-25	37.85-25	38.00-75	38.57-08	38.88-25	38.80	18 37.65/18
Closing	37.95	38.23	38.67	38.97	38.90	---	39.15
April—							
Range	---	---	36.00	---	---	---	---
Closing	35.60	35.70	36.30	36.00	36.35	36.60	36.00
May—							
Range	34.77-07	34.60-17	34.70-65	35.32-06	35.50-25	35.52	95 34.60/125
Closing	34.93-38	34.98-03	35.56-60	35.89	35.62-65	35.82	35
June—							
Range	---	---	33.00	---	---	---	---
Closing	32.80	33.00	33.20	33.60	33.60	33.50	---
July—							
Range	32.10-43	32.05-58	32.05-57	32.30-95	32.55-42	32.73	15 32.05/42
Closing	32.27-32	32.40-44	32.50-53	32.86-88	32.90-93	32.93	94
August—							
Range	---	31.10-31	31.65-75	---	---	---	---
Closing	31.21	31.35	31.50	31.60	31.85	31.85	31.10 75
September—							
Range	30.50	30.65-78	---	30.50-15	---	---	---
Closing	30.50	30.70	30.70	31.00	31.20	31.20	30.50 15
October—							
Range	29.75-03	29.70-12	29.75-05	29.77-15	30.15-70	30.10	50 29.70/70
Closing	29.86-95	30.01-02	30.00-01	30.10	30.30-32	30.28	29
November—							
Range	---	---	---	---	29.93	---	---
Closing	29.45	29.50	29.55	29.70	29.80	29.75	29.93
December—							
Range	29.15-50	29.12-40	29.15-52	29.21-55	29.45-00	29.38	75 29.15/00
Closing	29.28	29.36	29.37-40	29.50-52	29.53-55	29.48	50
January—							
Range	29.00-02	28.94-05	28.76-98	28.78-00	29.20-30	28.84	30 28.76/30
Closing	28.93	29.03	28.95-00	29.00-05	29.10	28.88	90
February—							
Range	---	---	---	28.75	---	---	---
Closing	---	---	---	28.70	---	---	28.70 75

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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 Mar. 5.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Feb. 28.	Monday, Mar. 1.	Tuesday, Mar. 2.	Wed. day, Mar. 3.	Thurs'day, Mar. 4.	Friday, Mar. 5.
Galveston	41.50	41.50	Holiday	41.75	41.75	42.00
New Orleans	40.25	40.25	40.25	40.50	40.50	40.50
Mobile	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
Savannah	39.50	39.50	39.50	40.00	39.50	39.50
Charleston	39.00	39.00	39.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Wilmington	38.50	38.25	---	39.00	---	39.00
Norfolk	38.75	38.75	38.75	---	39.00	39.00
Baltimore	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.25	40.25
Philadelphia	40.25	40.50	40.75	41.00	40.90	41.15
Augusta	39.50	39.50	39.75	39.75	40.00	40.00
Memphis	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00
Dallas	---	41.65	Holiday	42.40	---	---
Houston	40.00	40.00	Holiday	40.25	40.25	40.25
Little Rock	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00	39.00

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. 28.	Monday, Mar. 1.	Tuesday, Mar. 2.	Wed. day, Mar. 3.	Thurs'day, Mar. 4.	Friday, Mar. 5.
March	39.00	38.99	39.30	39.33	39.16	39.25-30
May	35.67-73	25.74-75	36.13-16	36.50-58	36.34-38	36.10-40
July	32.94-96	32.95-97	33.11-15	33.42-48	33.43-47	33.40-44
October	29.92-96	29.94-98	30.00-05	30.03-05	30.20-25	30.15-16
December	29.15-18	29.20-25	29.30	29.36-44	29.37	29.35-40
January	28.45	28.45-55	28.65	28.70	28.80	28.80
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Nominal
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Nominal



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.

March 5—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Stock at Liverpool	1,067,000	503,000	461,000	774,000
Stock at London	10,000	15,000	20,000	26,000
Stock at Manchester	178,000	83,000	58,000	68,000
Total Great Britain	1,255,000	601,000	539,000	868,000
Stock at Hamburg	-----	-----	-----	*1,000
Stock at Bremen	-----	-----	-----	*1,000
Stock at Havre	300,000	154,000	122,000	305,000
Stock at Marseilles	-----	5,000	1,000	6,000
Stock at Barcelona	77,000	91,000	29,000	116,000
Stock at Genoa	195,000	59,000	11,000	64,000
Stock at Trieste	-----	-----	-----	*1,000
Total Continental stocks	572,000	309,000	163,000	494,000
Total European stocks	1,827,000	910,000	702,000	1,362,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	54,000	18,000	45,000	86,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe	536,080	304,757	138,000	244,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe	69,000	32,000	75,000	70,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	157,000	396,000	360,000	140,000
Stock in Bombay, India	995,000	*891,000	*570,000	740,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,426,894	1,362,448	1,504,999	1,249,606
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,266,918	1,520,370	1,268,932	1,126,179
U. S. exports to-day	21,849	19,374	12,162	8,774

Total visible supply 6,353,741 5,453,949 4,676,093 5,026,559

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

America	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Liverpool stock	877,000	301,000	298,000	658,000
Manchester stock	145,000	53,000	25,000	57,000
Continental stock	507,000	*274,000	*142,000	*442,000
American afloat for Europe	536,080	304,757	138,000	244,000
U. S. port stocks	1,426,894	1,362,448	1,504,999	1,249,606
U. S. interior stocks	1,266,918	1,520,370	1,268,932	1,126,179
U. S. exports to-day	21,849	19,374	12,162	8,774
Total American	4,780,741	3,834,949	3,389,093	3,785,559
East India, Brazil, &c.	-----	-----	-----	-----
Liverpool stock	190,000	202,000	163,000	116,000
London stock	10,000	15,000	20,000	26,000
Manchester stock	33,000	30,000	33,000	11,000
Continental stock	65,000	*35,000	*21,000	*82,000
India afloat for Europe	54,000	18,000	45,000	86,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	69,000	32,000	75,000	70,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	157,000	396,000	360,000	140,000
Stock in Bombay, India	995,000	*891,000	*570,000	740,000
Total East India, &c.	1,573,000	1,619,000	1,287,000	1,241,000
Total American	4,780,741	3,834,949	3,389,093	3,785,559

Total visible supply	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Middling uplands, Liverpool	29,15d.	10,24d.	23,59d.	11,94d.
Middling uplands, New York	40,90d.	26,45c.	33,20c.	18,00c.
Peruvian, good, Liverpool	86,50d.	30,58d.	31,93d.	26,75d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	49,00d.	32,00d.	39,00d.	18,50d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool	24,10d.	14,71d.	22,00d.	11,45d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	24,36d.	14,96d.	22,28d.	11,63d.

\* Estimated.

Continental imports or past week have been 76,000 bales. The above figures for 1920 show a decrease from last week of 64,685 bales, a gain of 899,792 bales over 1919, an excess of 1,677,648 bales over 1918 and a gain of 1,327,182 bales over 1917.

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 March 5 1920.				Movement to March 7 1919.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Mar. 5.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Mar. 7.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Als., Eufanta.	15	5,261	---	2,562	15	4,270	---	2,930
Montgomery	200	65,331	626	15,000	76	58,392	252	25,916
Selma	304	36,523	2,048	1,658	337	34,654	408	20,603
Ark., Helena	930	30,003	343	8,177	400	24,109	408	6,000
Little Rock	1,797	171,676	2,959	47,542	2,319	133,059	2,783	42,831
Pine Bluff	400	80,230	900	32,000	2,307	108,253	197	47,110
Gal., Albany	---	9,300	31	2,337	8	9,975	---	4,449
Athens	1,155	134,938	1,600	37,298	1,697	105,243	1,355	39,190
Atlanta	5,262	216,002	4,929	32,787	3,767	152,157	2,884	24,284
Augusta	3,856	451,842	13,059	142,778	5,331	325,287	5,445	191,090
Columbus	---	33,749	1,450	17,447	25	50,598	100	30,200
Macon	2,377	190,288	5,041	33,780	3,134	167,103	2,562	40,172
Rome	390	50,093	935	12,485	465	39,864	465	14,300
La., Shreveport	950	71,472	1,294	50,000	846	109,388	74	50,572
Miss., Columbus	---	16,527	---	2,828	40	17,582	60	4,480
Clarkdale	2,733	122,780	6,595	41,999	2,300	113,090	2,900	47,800
Greenwood	---	105,138	---	27,500	1,700	115,478	1,200	44,800
Meridian	150	32,874	450	4,678	693	34,186	70	14,550
Natchez	261	25,076	278	7,568	295	36,908	622	15,710
Vicksburg	387	17,446	730	10,998	415	20,445	449	10,154
Yazoo City	116	32,523	392	8,593	600	35,443	670	17,700
Mo., St. Louis	8,793	554,551	8,881	10,242	8,549	410,196	8,402	25,629
N.C., Greensboro	1,365	40,462	657	9,760	306	27,032	---	9,106
Raleigh	103	9,389	244	144	120	5,397	---	217
O., Cincinnati	2,600	41,700	2,400	18,000	4,344	101,453	2,844	20,000
Okla., Ardmore	---	11,635	---	10,397	966	39,921	1,720	9,700
Chickasha	---	24,652	103	3,550	100	29,900	552	1,348
Hugo	---	37,395	---	6,247	300	234,340	300	5,700
Okla., Okla. City	1,613	117,142	3,761	33,019	1,725	63,595	1,028	22,490
S.C., Greenville	---	15,104	---	7,900	---	13,362	---	10,058
Greenwood	24,420	912,372	15,696	314,157	13,249	676,292	10,572	378,459
Tenn., Memphis	---	1,436	---	1,010	---	1,268	173	1,379
Nashville	---	47,133	---	4,674	17	7,071	104	514
Tex., Abilene	---	6,072	---	1,906	27	16,165	---	5,993
Brenham	---	37,770	---	6,052	1,691	38,172	---	8,028
Clarksville	2,030	67,205	316	19,376	1,649	73,532	1,229	16,471
Dallas	---	30,681	---	5,000	763	23,000	---	823
Honey Grove	44,255	1,656,721	39,829	200,352	21,946	1,419,592	23,697	288,392
Houston	1,200	110,723	1,237	15,000	3,375	94,304	3,525	14,850
Paris	---	40,997	106	1,207	295	36,342	211	4,084
San Antonio	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total 41 towns	108,155	5,661,317	118,124	2,669,618	86,492	4,831,918	79,739	1,520,370

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 9,969 bales and are to-night 253,452 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 21,663 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:

Mar. 5 Shipped—	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	8,881	559,618	8,402	439,841
Via Mounds, &c.	1,278	336,539	6,825	332,577
Via Rock Island	250	15,565	1,114	17,034
Via Louisville	4,274	69,806	1,124	85,873
Via Cincinnati	300	22,263	1,719	50,921
Via Virginia points	1,392	132,912	486	94,112
Via other routes, &c.	12,408	283,334	16,397	448,328
Total gross overland	28,783	1,420,037	36,067	1,426,686
Deduct shipments—	---	---	---	---
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	2,784	134,095	959	43,536
Between interior towns	1,502	57,495	1,374	40,971
Inland, &c., from South	4,820	180,904	3,787	156,557
Total to be deducted	9,106	372,494	6,570	241,064
Leaving total net overland	19,677	1,047,543	29,497	1,185,622

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 19,667 bales, against 29,497 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 138,081 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Mar. 5	133,449	5,467,746	78,501	3,816,490
Net overland to Mar. 5	19,677	1,047,543	29,497	1,185,622
Southern consumption to Mar. 5-a	71,000	2,172,000	60,000	2,273,000
Total marketed	224,126	8,687,289	167,998	7,275,112
Interior stocks in excess	*9,969	464,871	6,753	823,754
Came into sight during week	214,157	---	174,751	---
Total in sight Mar. 5	---	9,152,160	---	8,098,866
Net. spinners' takings to Mar. 5	36,979	2,035,620	21,896	1,416,612

\* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1918—Mar. 8	186,254	1917—Mar. 8	9,237,572
1917—Mar. 9	148,175	1916—Mar. 9	10,296,283
1916—Mar. 10	169,369	1915—Mar. 10	9,458,989

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our telegraphic advices from the South this evening denote that while rain has been quite general during the week, the rainfall has been light or moderate in the main. Farm work is apparently making better progress.

Galveston, Tex.—There has been rain on one day of the week to the extent of forty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 45, the highest being 64 and the lowest 34.

Abilene, Tex.—We have had no rain during the past week. The thermometer averaged 56, ranging from 24 to 78.

Brownsville, Tex.—It has rained on one day during the week, to the extent of sixteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 78, averaging 57.

Dallas, Tex.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 54, highest, 84, lowest 24.

Palestine, Tex.—We have had rain on one day during the past week, to the extent of forty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer averaged 51, ranging from 26 to 76.

San Antonio, Tex.—There has been rain on one day the past week, to the extent of two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 30 to 84, averaging 57.

New Orleans, La.—There has been rain on three days of the week, to the extent of two inches and sixty-nine hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 50.

Shreveport, La.—There has been rain two days during the week, to the extent of two inches and sixty-four hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 27 to 69.

Mobile, Ala.—Farm work is now progressing fairly well. It has rained on three days during the week, to the extent of one inch and ninety-eight hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 47, the highest being 70 and the lowest 25.

Selma, Ala.—We have had rain on three days during the past week, to the extent of one inch and seventy-five hundredths. The thermometer averaged 37, ranging from 18 to 64.

Savannah, Ga.—It has rained on two days during the week, to the extent of fifty-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer ranged from 30 to 64, averaging 44.

Charleston, S. C.—Rain on four days of the week. The rainfall has been one inch and fifty-six hundredths. Average thermometer 44, highest 61, lowest 27.

Charlotte, N. C.—It has rained during the week to the extent of one inch and seventy-six hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 36, the highest being 61 and the lowest 17.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.—The Alexandria Cotton Company, Ltd., Boston, has the following by mail from Alexandria under date of Jan. 23:

The spot market has been much quieter than during the past few weeks, but this must be attributed to some extent to the exorbitant demands of sellers, who prefer holding off the market to selling their cotton at the present level of prices; native merchants are at present buying in the interior at rates about five to ten cents per pound above the market rates in Alexandria. The demand from abroad has been only moderate, and should it continue so for some time a change in the present attitude of sellers is very probable. The arrivals from up-country have now reached about 4,680,000 cantars and, basing ourselves on estimates received relative to cotton in ginning factories or with cultivators in the villages, we maintain our opinion that the output of 1919 crop will amount to about six million cantars.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—

The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1919, 1918. Sub-columns: Week, Season. Rows include Visible supply Feb. 27, American in sight to Mar. 5, Bombay receipts to Mar. 4, 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, 2,172,000 bales in 1919-20 and 2,273,000 bales in 1918-19...

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Feb. 12 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table with columns: February 12, Receipts at, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Sub-columns: Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include Bombay, Exports from, etc.

\* 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. 11 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Feb. 11, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Rows include Receipts (cantars), Export (bales), etc.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. The statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Feb. 11 were 120,154 cantars and the foreign shipments were 19,914 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable from Manchester to-night states that the market is quiet but strong, with a very moderate movement of both yarns and cloth. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1920, 1919. Sub-columns: 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 ds. Shirts, Common to Finest, Col'd Mfd. Up's. Rows include Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 128,812 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from the mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with columns: NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, TACOMA. Rows list ship names, destinations, and dates.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Table with columns: Great Britain, Ger-many, Bel-gium, Italy & Greece, Japan, Mex-ico, Total. Rows include New York, Galveston, Savannah, etc.

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 columns: Liverpool, 1.50c; Manchester, 1.55c; Antwerp, 90s; Ghent, via Antwerp, 90s; Havre, 1.00c; Rotterdam, 90c; Genoa, 1.00c; Christiania, 2.30c. Rows list destinations and rates.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with columns: Sales of the week, Of which speculators took, Of which exporters took, Sales, American, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Of which American, Total imports for the week, Of which American, Amount afloat, Of which American. Rows include Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5.

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 columns: Spot, 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 columns: Feb. 28, March 5, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February.

BREADSTUFFS

Flour has been quiet, aside from Government purchases of 340,000 barrels. Before long larger receipts are expected. Kansas flour has been offered at times at somewhat easier prices in some cases. On the other hand exporters have bought hard clear to some extent. Recent sales have reduced the stocks of this description. It has latterly been more steady as wheat has advanced at times at Kansas City even when it remained stationary at Minneapolis. Taking the situation on the whole, however, buyers do not seem at all anxious. On the contrary they still seem to be pretty well supplied. In the northwest of late the market has been quiet but steady. At Minneapolis wheat for a time at any Friday Night, Mar. 5 1920.



rate was quiet and there were even reports that it was rather weaker. On the whole flour business of this country is quiet and the mills do not seem as a rule to be at all aggressive in the matter of prices. But rye flour has been firmer owing to a sharp advance in rye grain. Of late wheat has risen 5c. at Minneapolis and 1 to 3c. at Kansas City. The Government paid for its 340,000 bbls. an average price of \$10 62 per bbl., Baltimore basis and \$10 on the Pacific Coast. This business was much larger than expected. It is stated that the flour output continues on the whole to decrease. The spring wheat mills last week turned out only about 34% of the estimated capacity; Kansas hard winter wheat mills about 63% while the Toledo group of soft winter wheat mills showed a slight increase to 51%.

Wheat has been irregular. The visible supply in this country decreased last week 2,521,000 bushels against 2,987,000 in the same week last year. The total is now 50,878,000 bushels against 118,219,000 a year ago. Prices have been rather irregular. At one time at Kansas City there was a rise of 3 to 10 cents. At the same time Minneapolis prices remained unchanged. The cash demand seems to have fallen off. The dullness of flour certainly does not help wheat now. Latterly the tone, however, has been somewhat firmer, and on the 3d inst. prices rose 5 cents on prime grades. Supplies are light except those of inferior grades.

C. F. Goodwin of Clement Curtis & Co. makes the reserves of wheat on March 1 14.6%, or 137,362,000 bushels, against 14.1%, or 129,258,000 bushels last year. He gave no estimate on condition of winter wheat on account of the prolonged winter. In the Southwest conditions under last December. The Northwest was hurt by winter killing. The Snow-Bartlett-Frazier report of farm stocks of grain March 1 makes wheat in first hands 15.3% of last year's crop, or 142,000,000 bushels. This is 16,000,000 bushels more than was so held a year ago, but is slightly less than the average of the past five years. With the exception of last year, when the official reserve was only 14.1%, the present return is the smallest percentage reported in many years. It adds that it is admittedly too early for a definite judgment upon growing wheat conditions, but local advices emphasize a feeling that a very poor wheat crop is in prospect over a large area. From Ohio to Missouri the important wheat territory is infested with hessian fly. Exposed fields and a long continued ice pack leads observers in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and portions of Missouri to expect severe winter killing. In Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska the fall and winter were lacking in moisture and the plant, while not permanently injured, will require ample moisture and good weather to secure a favorable start. In California rainfall has been deficient and a light crop is forecast. The indications are that the wheat crop will start with a heavy reduction from the already small acreage and with a marked absence of normal spring vigor, according to the above reports.

In France the weather has been favorable and all grain crops improved. In the United Kingdom the expectations are that bread will soon be raised to one shilling per four pounds in order to absorb additional costs. Italy, according to advices received, is reducing the bread ration. There are complaints of dryness coming from that country. Further rains fell in south and north Africa, but the early drought which was very severe, is said to have destroyed any hope of a surplus in wheat there. From Russia come conflicting reports. One report says that it is impossible to accumulate port stocks, which will make shipments unlikely, while at the same time it admits there are good Ukrainian supplies. Railroad transportation is lacking. In the Balkans the weather has been severe. In India harvesting has just started and reports so far are good. Latterly prices have advanced 5c. at Minneapolis and 1 to 3c. at Kansas City. To-day a rise of 5 to 10c. on prime grades was reported.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red	cts. 236 1/2	Sat. 236 1/2	Mon. 236 1/2	Tues. 236 1/2	Wed. 236 1/2	Thurs. 236 1/2	Fri. 236 1/2
No. 1 spring	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2	234 1/2

Indian corn has advanced on better buying. Farm reserves turn out to be smaller than had been expected. Shorts have covered freely. Meanwhile receipts at primary points have been only moderate. Contract stocks at Chicago are very small. Cash markets have been firm. Eastern roads are making strenuous efforts to clear up and relieve the congestion, which caused embargoes against shipments from the West. This may pull down the western stocks. The market had become oversold. The technical position therefore if nothing else called for a rally, and in a few days it amounted to about 8 cents per bushel. The consumption is 220,000,000 bushels larger than last year. Austria's purchase of 500,000 bushels of rye on Paris credits had some effect. It makes some believe that the Allied Governments are disposed to help the Central Nations to buy food. The reserves of corn are stated by Clement Curtis & Co. at 40.1% or 1,170,000,000 bushels compared with 34.2% or 855,000,000 bushels on the revised crop of the previous year. Country elevators report large holdings of corn, which it is estimated makes the total corn reserves this year 1,200,000 bushels. Snow of Bartlett Frazier & Co. says that the crop carried over is 25.4% or 1,011,000,000 bushels. Using the official estimate of the crop he makes the reserve 1,032,000,000 bushels. Crop distribution from Nov. 1 to Mar. 1, appears as 1,957,000,000 bushels against 1,737,000,000 bushels for the same period last year.

On the other hand not a few regard the advance as only temporary. They think everything at the present time points to a gradual decline in commodities in the process of deflating war inflated prices. The visible supply last week increased 170,000 bushels as against a decrease in the same week last year of 740,000 bushels. This brings the total up to 4,951,000 bushels, against 4,483,000 a year ago. Later it was said in Chicago advices that western roads will not allow their cars to be used for shipments east bound. It is said too that several lots of corn sold for export have been cancelled at the seaboard, at 8 cents less than it would cost to ship. Broom corn, Indian corn and certain related plants from all foreign countries will be denied entry into the United States owing to the discovery recently of the corn borer in imported corn. A membership in the Chicago Board of Trade has just sold at \$10,000 net to the buyer, a rise this week of \$200. To-day's prices for corn declined but they are higher than last Friday.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 yellow	cts. 169 3/4	Sat. 169 3/4	Mon. 169 3/4	Tues. 171 1/4	Wed. 172 1/4	Thurs. 175 1/4	Fri. 175
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**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery in elevator	cts. 136 3/4	Sat. 136 3/4	Mon. 136 3/4	Tues. 139 3/4	Wed. 140 3/4	Thurs. 143 1/4	Fri. 141 1/4
July delivery in elevator	131	131	133 1/4	133 1/4	134 1/4	136 3/4	135 1/4
September delivery in elevator	127 1/4	127 1/4	129 3/4	130 1/4	130 1/4	132 3/4	131 3/4

Oats advanced in company with corn. There was an active demand, too, following the relatively small estimates of farm reserves. They took not a few by surpris. Also, although exporters have not been buying oats much of late they are said to have bought half a million bushels early in the week; and it took the same quantity of rye. At least that was how most people understood it. No doubt the new export demand for oats is light. But supplies are small and offerings have been readily taken. The visible supply last week decreased 46,000 bushels, bringing it down to 10,401,000 bushels, against 27,663,000 bushels a year ago. In the middle of the week bids at Minneapolis for rye were 13 1/2 cts. over May on the track at Baltimore. This was a new "high" on the crop. The rye "visible" decreased last week 811,000 bushels and is now 17,896,000 bushels; barley fell off 344,000 bushels and is now 3,073,000 bushels. Oats reserves are stated at 31.5%, or 378,000,000 bushels, compared with 38.2%, or 588,000,000 bushels on the big crop of the previous year. Snow, says the oats reserve, is 31.3%, the smallest reported since 1902, when it was 30.6 and with that exception, is the smallest reported in many years. The total farm stock is figured at 370,000,000 bushels, or on the basis of the Government crop estimate, it is 390,000,000 bushels. It is practically 200,000,000 bushels less than last year, 290,000,000 bushels less than in 1918, and 121,000,000 bushels less than a five-year average. On the other hand, realizing sales caused reactions at times, especially as country offerings increased. There were reports of exporters reselling. To-day prices fell but the close higher than last week. Rye also declined but May ended 1 1/2 c. higher than a week ago; it was at one time 16c. higher than then.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

No. 1 white	cts. 103 1/2	Sat. 103 1/2	Mon. 104 1/2	Tues. 104 1/2	Wed. 104 1/2	Thurs. 104 1/2	Fri. 104 1/2
No. 2 white	103	103	104	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	103 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery in elevator	cts. 80	Sat. 80 1/2	Mon. 82 1/2	Tues. 82 1/2	Wed. 83 1/2	Thurs. 82 1/2	Fri. 82 1/2
July delivery in elevator	72 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	76

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

May delivery in elevator	cts. 159 1/4	Sat. 160 3/4	Mon. 165	Tues. 167 1/2	Wed. 170 3/4	Thurs. 167 1/2	Fri. 167 1/2
July delivery in elevator	155	159 1/4	160 3/4	163 1/4	167	163	163

The following are closing quotations:

<b>FLOUR.</b>		<b>Barley goods—Portage barley:</b>	
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	12 25@13 00	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	7 70@7 85
Rye flour	9 00@9 50	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 95
Corn goods, 100 lbs.	3 80@3 90	Oats goods—Carload,	9 60
Yellow meal	3 85@3 95	spot delivery	9 60
Corn flour	3 85@3 95		
<b>GRAIN.</b>		<b>Oats—</b>	
Wheat—		No. 1	104
No. 2 red	\$2 36 1/2	No. 2 white	103 1/2
No. 1 spring	2 34 1/2	No. 3 white	103
Corn—		Barley—	
No. 2 yellow	1 75	Feeding	1 56
Rye—		Malting	1 65
No. 2	1 88 1/2		

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. 100 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	256,000	510,000	1,916,000	2,105,000	210,000	210,000
Minneapolis	—	1,578,000	214,000	320,000	163,000	159,000
Duluth	—	69,000	—	6,000	12,000	238,000
Milwaukee	7,000	64,000	414,000	402,000	70,000	40,000
Toledo	—	95,000	25,000	42,000	—	—
Detroit	—	10,000	36,000	33,000	—	—
St. Louis	116,000	265,000	876,000	820,000	3,000	8,000
Peoria	79,000	17,000	757,000	348,000	14,000	6,000
Kansas City	—	1,196,000	424,000	372,000	—	—
Omaha	—	217,000	557,000	432,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	36,000	401,000	318,000	—	—
Total wk. '20	458,000	4,057,000	5,683,000	5,199,000	472,000	661,000
Same wk. '19	233,000	4,267,000	2,832,000	3,886,000	1,457,000	350,000
Same wk. '18	432,000	1,630,000	12,669,000	6,980,000	1,989,000	414,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919-20	14,159,000	349,184,000	123,068,000	143,243,000	23,214,000	23,124,000
1918-19	9,974,000	357,900,000	137,809,000	201,703,000	50,438,000	29,466,000
1917-18	9,886,000	139,084,000	123,318,000	210,339,000	34,341,000	18,637,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Feb. 28 1920 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	100,000	235,000	18,000	262,000	50,000	78,000
Portland, Me.	38,000	80,000	60,000	—	130,000	—
Philadelphia	27,000	170,000	81,000	65,000	—	66,000
Baltimore	27,000	109,000	89,000	86,000	—	555,000
Newport News	36,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans*	41,000	5,000	47,000	50,000	—	—
Galveston	19,000	109,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	40,000	36,000	—	91,000	14,000	—
St. John	—	89,000	30,000	—	—	—
Boston	13,000	9,000	2,000	89,000	—	1,000
Total wk. '20	352,000	843,000	307,000	643,000	194,000	700,000
Since Jan. 1 '20	3,484,000	10,323,000	3,355,000	6,203,000	2,501,000	6,509,000
Week 1919	523,000	2,928,000	343,000	2,191,000	236,000	721,000
Since Jan. 1 '19	5,665,000	20,315,000	2,374,000	15,553,000	2,755,000	3,053,000

\* 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. 28 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
New York	183,892	17,252	33,000	428,863	—	51,533	—
Portland, Me.	80,000	60,000	—	—	—	130,000	—
Boston	144,000	—	1,000	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	211,000	—	192,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	90,000	—	12,000	—	417,000	—	—
Newport News	—	—	86,000	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	153,000	32,000	21,000	6,000	—	—	—
St. John, N. B.	89,000	30,000	—	—	—	—	—
Total week	950,892	139,252	295,000	434,863	417,000	187,533	—
Week 1919	2,070,447	109,342	376,647	269,210	655,000	—	4,000

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1919 is as follows:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Feb. 28 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Feb. 28 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week Feb. 28 1920.	Since July 1 1919.
United Kingdom	122,197	5,243,482	797,892	46,766,932	107,252	1,524,793
Continent	149,893	7,124,742	153,000	73,514,565	—	59,778
So. & Cent. Amer.	2,000	755,119	—	109,666	—	191,000
West Indies	21,000	949,073	—	4,530	32,000	64,709
Brit. No. Am. Colonies	—	—	—	—	—	3,000
Other countries	—	113,346	—	25	—	4,679
Total	295,090	14,185,762	950,892	120,394,758	139,252	2,428,855
Total 1918-19	370,651	8,655,936	2,070,447	81,696,705	109,342	4,049,783

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Feb. 28 1920 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
North Amer.	2,827,000	244,588,000	195,908,000	136,000	1,813,000	7,298,000
Russia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Danube	—	—	—	—	—	—
Argentina	4,333,000	126,356,000	62,652,000	3,568,000	89,907,000	26,310,000
Australia	1,760,000	71,381,000	29,996,000	—	—	—
India	—	—	5,623,000	—	—	—
Oth. countries	—	1,911,000	2,647,000	—	1,750,000	2,817,000
Total	8,920,000	444,266,000	296,326,000	3,704,000	93,470,000	36,421,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Feb. 28 1920 was as follows:

L.	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	
United States—						
New York	509,000	54,000	229,000	397,000	214,000	
Boston	53,000	11,000	134,000	4,000	2,000	
Philadelphia	343,000	189,000	230,000	420,000	41,000	
Baltimore	493,000	335,000	603,000	2,032,000	37,000	
Newport News	—	—	97,000	148,000	—	
New Orleans	1,911,000	233,000	163,000	—	601,000	
Galveston	1,582,000	10,000	—	145,000	80,000	
Buffalo	8,165,000	54,000	370,000	367,000	302,000	
" afloat	1,426,000	—	—	2,182,000	—	
Toledo	986,000	46,000	86,000	188,000	—	
Detroit	32,000	10,000	115,000	49,000	—	
Chicago	9,730,000	1,340,000	3,643,000	1,825,000	656,000	
" afloat	—	—	—	231,000	—	
Milwaukee	1,040,000	481,000	585,000	350,000	164,000	
Duluth	1,656,000	139,000	139,000	6,832,000	84,000	
Minneapolis	8,874,000	100,000	3,000,000	4,933,000	824,000	
St. Louis	851,000	280,000	114,000	40,000	38,000	
Kansas City	10,502,000	319,000	382,000	195,000	—	
Peoria	5,000	102,000	176,000	—	—	
Indianapolis	428,000	460,000	48,000	7,000	—	
Omaha	2,394,000	915,000	287,000	343,000	40,000	
Total Feb. 28 1920	50,875,000	4,951,000	10,401,000	20,388,000	3,073,000	
Total Feb. 21 1920	53,396,000	4,781,000	10,447,000	20,670,000	3,417,000	
Total Mar. 1 1919	118,219,000	4,483,000	27,663,000	17,806,000	10,294,000	
Total Mar. 2 1918	9,739,000	8,949,000	13,947,000	1,225,000	4,343,000	
Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 4,000 bushels New York, 133,000 Boston, 907,000 afloat Buffalo, total, 1,044,000 bushels, against 3,000 bushels in 1919; and barley, New York, 31,000, Duluth, 2,000, Buffalo afloat, 151,000, total, 184,000 bushels, against 76,000 in 1919.						
Canadian—						
Montreal	567,000	12,000	232,000	4,000	52,000	
Ft. William & Ft. Arthur	8,360,000	—	3,494,000	—	1,263,000	
Other Canadian	2,320,000	—	1,025,000	—	451,000	
Total Feb. 28 1920	11,253,000	12,000	4,751,000	4,000	1,766,000	
Total Feb. 21 1920	11,150,000	19,000	4,688,000	5,000	1,736,000	
Total Mar. 1 1919	44,397,000	123,000	5,948,000	3,000	580,000	
Summary—						
American	50,875,000	4,951,000	10,401,000	20,388,000	3,023,000	
Canadian	11,253,000	12,000	4,751,000	4,000	1,766,000	
Total Feb. 28 1920	62,128,000	4,963,000	15,152,000	20,392,000	4,789,000	
Total Feb. 21 1920	64,546,000	4,800,000	15,133,000	20,675,000	5,183,000	
Total Mar. 1 1919	162,616,000	4,066,000	33,611,000	17,899,000	10,874,000	

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, March 5 1920.

The market for drygoods continues to be dominated by a growing tone of conservatism in nearly all branches of the trade and the result has been another quiet week with prices steady. Retail buyers throughout the country are unquestionably making their influence felt in every quarter of the market but it is yet to be determined whether their conservative inclinations are due to the high prices or a falling off in consumer demand. It is still the contention of a great many that weather conditions are solely responsible for the present dullness in the trade and they point for confirmation to the surprising steadiness of prices in the cloth and cotton yarn markets. They are boldly declaring that a market that won't go down can go up and declare that cotton goods have not yet reached their peak. There are others who, perhaps a bit farsighted, view the situation with an increasing degree of foreboding. While it is true that resistance to prices has manifested itself chiefly in suits, dresses, clothing and such goods, cutters of cotton goods are beginning to reflect the hesitation that has been noticeable for some time in other lines. Furthermore, it is becoming plain that drygoods buyers are very much inclined to hold off until the horizon has cleared a bit. The outlook in financial circles is not encouraging, especially in the matter of reserves and credits. Managers of the large merchandise establishments are becoming very firm in their demands that buying shall be confined to necessities with the result that jobbers are reporting spot business as lagging considerably. In instances where banking credit in business is vital the restrictions are doing much to lessen enterprise and if continued will no doubt cause some of the liquidation that many conservatively inclined merchants would like to see. It is to be remembered however, that banking pressure always tends to create talk of lower prices and justly so, but at the present time the demand for goods is such that should banking pressure be relieved within the near future prices may again be forced up. The disciples of this belief, though, are by no means in the majority. Business in the export division of the market has been rather quiet during the week and the lull may be attributed to general conditions that are affecting the trade in general. It is stated by one concern which does a large export business that many markets in close proximity to Mexico are obtaining goods there at much lower prices that would be possible in this country. There is likely to be considerable growth to this trade unless some readjustment in our own market is brought about enabling American exporters to compete.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—In the market for staple cottons, business has been generally quiet and it was noted that second hands were better able to sell goods for the second quarter of the year if they were willing to accept slightly lower prices. Buying as a whole has been light and mostly confined to filling in purposes. Brown sheetings have continued dull with a slight easing tendency. There has not been any change in bleached goods and not many are being forced. This is also true of most of the heavy weight colored cottons as they are well sold ahead and are not being offered any too freely. It has not been difficult, however, to find ready buyers for overruns beyond contract requirements. Lack of pressure of goods from mill centres is not as general as it was a short while ago but most offerings in the market still come from second hands. There appears to be a better tone to the inquiries for small lots from converters but the improvement is by no means marked. Jobbers report trade very quiet and in some instances state that their customers are in no hurry for shipments that are due this month owing to the fact that movement in their own territory has been retarded. Somewhat more snap was to be noted in the demand for print cloths during the latter part of the week but business transacted was pretty well restricted. Gray goods, 38-inch standards are listed at 23 1/2 cents.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The market for woollens and worsteds received its first indication of spring this week with the opening of a line of overcoatings and cloakings for fall 1920. Prices quoted on the lines are unlikely to hold off buyers, as the tendency has been to take the better qualities at higher prices rather than the lower grades. The final outcome of the fall trading depends largely on the result of the spring season in these goods. There is no longer any question as to hesitation in the market and it is traceable to questions concerning the breadth of purchasing power necessary to move a full line at highest prices. So far there appears to have been little let-up in demand for fine, high-priced dress fabrics.

FOREIGN DRYGOODS.—There has been no change in the local linen market this week, demand still exceeding supply by large proportions. Although prices for linens are now five or six times as high as they were before the war, there is a ready market here for anything that can be used to supply the demand. Handkerchiefs are especially scarce and manufacturers are finding it impossible to secure their needs. While the trade is growing skeptical regarding the present level of prices there seems to be little likelihood of recessions at the producing end. Mills in Belfast are now working only 25 hours a week and operators are becoming anxious lest unemployment will cause their skilled labor to seek more permanent work. Burlaps have been offered more freely during the week with a resultant improvement in the market. Light weights were procurable at 10.50 cents and heavy weights at 15.75 cents out of steamers.



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MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN FEBRUARY.

Our compilation of long-term municipal bonds disposed of during the month of February shows a decided decline in the aggregate as compared with the previous month, and even as compared with the corresponding month a year ago.

The important issues disposed of in February comprise: Massachusetts, \$2,700,000 5% serial bonds, Dec. 1920-1929, 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; San Luis Obispo County, Calif., \$1,500,000 5s at 100.183; Duval County, Fla., \$700,000 5s at 100, and Indianapolis School District, Ind., \$550,000 4 3/4s at 101.01.

Short-term securities disposed of during February amounted to \$44,155,000. This includes \$25,000,000 revenue bonds, bills, corporate stock and tax notes of New York City.

In Canada \$7,566,623 long-term bonds were sold during February, a decrease from last month's \$15,019,357.

In the following we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in February of the last five years:

Table comparing bond sales from 1920 to 1916. Columns: Year, Permanent loans, Temporary loans, Canadian loans, Bonds of U. S. Possessions.

\* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City, \$25,000,000 in Feb. 1920 \$47,162,000 in Feb. 1919, \$35,886,818 in Feb. 1918, \$23,750,000 in Feb. 1917, \$30,493,538 in Feb. 1916.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during February 1920 were 170 and 220, respectively. This contrasts with 155 and 193 for February 1919.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the output of long-term issues in this country for February and the two months for a series of years:

Table showing bond sales for February and two-month periods from 1920 to 1906. Columns: Year, Month of February, For the Two Months.

In the following table we give a list of February 1920 loans to the amount of \$29,148,340, issued by 170 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where the account of the sale is given.

FEBRUARY BOND SALES.

Table listing February bond sales with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price.

Main table listing bond sales with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Includes entries for Asheville, Ayleshire School District, Baltimore, Bartholomew County, etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists various municipal bond issues with their respective details.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Continuation of municipal bond listings from the previous table.

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for January. These additional January issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$82,814,022.

Total bond sales (for February (170 municipalities covering 220 separate issues) \$29,148,340

a Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and after the earlier year and mature in the later year. k Not including \$44,155,000 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. \* Taken by sinking fund as an investment. y And other considerations.

REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reasons for these eliminations may be found:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Lists items to be eliminated from previous months' totals.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists additional sales for previous months.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN FEBRUARY.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists debentures sold by Canadian municipalities in February.

Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during February 1920 \$7,566,623

ADDITIONAL SALES OF DEBENTURES FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists additional sales of debentures for previous months.

All the above sales of debentures (except as indicated) took place in January. These additional January sales make the total sales of debentures for that month \$15,019,357.

NEWS ITEMS.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Harbor Bonds Upheld.—The State Supreme Court on Feb. 20 affirmed the decision of the Superior Court of Los Angeles dismissing the suit brought by Mrs. Mary H. Morgan as a taxpayer to enjoin the city of Los Angeles from spending \$4,500,000 on harbor improvements. According to Charles L. Wilde, City Clerk, the suit was of a friendly nature to establish the validity of the \$4,500,000 bonds authorized in the early part of 1919. The San Francisco "Chronicle" says: "Mrs. Morgan contended that the election at which the city of Los Angeles was authorized to issue the bonds for harbor improvements had been irregular in that proper supplies had not been placed in the election booths and that a sufficient number of voters had not approved the issue and expenditures.

Oklahoma.—Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment Ratified.—On Feb. 27 the Oklahoma Legislature completed the ratification of the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment when the House of Representatives passed the resolution by a vote of 76 for to 4 against with 24 members absent. The Senate on the preceding afternoon had adopted the resolution by a vote of 25 for to 13 against. The action of the Oklahoma Legislature brings the total of indorsing States to 33 and leaves the approval of only 3 more necessary to make the Amendment part of the constitution. The States which have ratified the Suffrage Amendment are: Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Utah, California, Maine, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Oregon, Indiana, Wyoming, Nevada, New Jersey, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.



**West Virginia.—Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment Defeated.**—The resolution proposing the ratification of the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment failed of adoption in the Senate of the West Virginia Legislature on March 1 by a vote of 13 for to 15 against. The House of Delegates on March 3 adopted the resolution by a vote of 47 for to 40 against. On the same day the Senate voted not to reconsider its action by a vote of 14 to 14.

A resolution aimed to prevent consideration of the suffrage question by the Legislature at any future time was defeated by a vote of 18 against, to 10 for.

President Wilson took a hand in the suffrage contest, according to a special dispatch from Charleston dated March 2 to the New York "Times," which said in part:

Senator Burr of Jefferson County, representing the Fifth District, and Senator Frazier of Putnam County, representing the Sixth District, announced to-night that they had received communications from the President urging them to line up in support of the suffrage amendment. Both are Democrats and voted against suffrage yesterday, when the original ballot resulted in a 14 to 14 tie, later changed to 15 to 13 when one of the supporters of suffrage changed over in order to be able to move to reconsider.

Senators Burr and Frazier indicated to-night that they would remain with the opposition, despite the President's request, "in view of the fact that the people of West Virginia in a referendum vote in 1916 registered opposition to giving women a vote by a majority of 98,000."

**BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS**  
this week has been as follows:

**AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.**—No bids were submitted for the 5 issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$3,385,000, offered on March 5.—V. 110, p. 783.

**ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Pulaski County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 5% bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 110, p. 677—have been awarded to S. R. Morgan & Co. at 93.075. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1921 and 1922; \$18,000, 1923 and 1924; \$20,000, 1925 and 1926; \$22,000, 1927 and 1928; \$24,000, 1929; \$25,000, 1930; \$26,000, 1931; \$27,000, 1932; \$29,000, 1933; \$30,000, 1934; \$31,000, 1935; \$34,000, 1936; \$35,000, 1937; \$36,000, 1938; \$39,000, 1939 and \$12,000, 1940.

**ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.**—The offering of the \$32,000 funding and \$150,000 street gold bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%, which was to have taken place on March 1—V. 110, p. 783—has been postponed until Mar. 12.

**BAKERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—An issue of \$200,000 school bonds will be voted on Mar. 12, it is stated.

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$26,000 4 1/2% 10-year serial W. S. Fitzpatrick et al. Hawcrook Twp. road bonds which were offered on Feb. 3—V. 110, p. 484—have been taken by Elmer Jackson, contractor for the road, as no bids were received in answer to the call for bids.

**BAY CITY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bay City), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received by Lovell U. Grant, Clerk of Board of Education, until 2 p. m. Mar. 8 for the \$1,000,000 5% high-school bonds voted last July—V. 109, p. 193. Date Apr. 1 1920. Semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1922 to 1925, incl.; \$35,000, 1926 to 1928, incl.; \$45,000, 1929 to 1931, incl.; \$50,000, 1932 & 1933; \$60,000, 1934 & \$500,000, 1945. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bid, payable to the "Union School District of Bay City" required. These bonds are a direct obligation of Bay City Union School District.

**BAYONNE, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 14 1919 an issue of \$48,000 5% school bonds was purchased by the Sinking Fund Commission. Date Jan. 1 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1920 to 1931, incl., and \$1,500, 1932 to 1935, incl.

**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY (P. O. Dillon), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Apr. 23 the \$100,000 Federal aid road \$70,000 county high-school dormitory and \$50,000 central heat plant bonds—V. 110, p. 484—are to be voted upon.

**BELL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 2 the \$35,000 5 1/2% 1-10 year serial school building bonds, dated Jan. 5 1920—V. 110, p. 278—were sold to the State Compensation Insurance Fund of the State of California for \$35,167.50 (100.478) a basis of about 5.40%. Denom. \$3,500. Date Jan. 5 1920. Int. J. & J.

**BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A temporary loan of \$300,000 maturing 8 months from date, has been awarded, according to reports, to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston on a 5.90% discount basis.

**BONNEVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Idaho Falls), Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Apr. 2 \$300,000 additional court house and jail bonds are to be voted upon.

**BRIDGEPORT, Harrison County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$25,000 5 1/2% 1-10 year (opt.) street imp. bonds, has been purchased at par by the Bridgeport Bank, of Bridgeport.

**BRISTOW Creek County Okla.—BOND ELECTION.**—Reports say that at a special election the city will vote on a \$100,000 bond issue for a convention hall and a \$10,000 issue for park improvements.

**BROOKHAVEN, Lincoln County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The \$125,000 5 1/2% sewerage bonds offered on Feb. 10—V. 110, p. 580—have been sold to Speed & Kearney of Memphis, it is reported. Due yearly as follows: \$1,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; \$2,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$4,000, 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$75,000, 1940.

**CACHE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Utah.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Feb. 17 by 778 "for" to 327 "against" the \$400,000 5% school bonds—V. 110, p. 184—were voted. Due \$20,000 yearly beginning April 1, 1921.

**CALIFORNIA (State of).—BONDS BID IN BY THE STATE.**—It appears that the \$12,000,000 4 1/2% highway bonds, offered on Feb. 26—V. 110, p. 890—were bid in by the State of California. In a night dispatch from Sacramento the Los Angeles "Times" of Feb. 27 had the following with regard to the matter: "The State Board of Control as part of a plan to secure funds to continue the road building program of the State Highway Commission bid in at par \$12,000,000 at 4 1/2% State Highway bonds, offered for sale by State Treasurer Friend W. Richardson. There were no other bidders. The State Treasurer is not permitted to sell the bond below par. In turn the Board of Control in pursuance of a plan agreed upon after conferences with Atty. Gen. U. S. Webb and Gov. William D. Stephens will offer the bonds at the market in lots sufficient to keep going the urgent work of the Highway Commission. The difference between the cost and selling price will be supplied from funds at disposal of the Highway Commission. Arrangements already have been made. It was said, to sell to a San Francisco bank \$3,000,000 of these bonds on a 5% basis and this will supply funds at once for highway work that long has been delayed."

We are informed that \$3,000,000 bonds of the above \$12,000,000 issue have been sold to a syndicate composed of Blyth, Witter & Co., National City Co., and E. H. Rollins & Sons, who are now offering them to investors at a price to yield 5% interest.

**CAMAS COUNTY (P. O. Fairfield), Idaho.—BOND SALE.**—The Gold-Stack Co. of Minneapolis has purchased \$3,000 State highways and \$7,000 road 6% bonds at 102 and int. Other bidders were: High & Fritchman of Boise, \$250 premium; Keeler Bros., \$25 premium, and Wright-Swan & Co. of Denver, \$20 premium.

**CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for the 2 issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$9,300 offered on March 1—V. 110, p. 580.

**CARTHAGE Jasper County Mo.—BOND ELECTION.**—The "Joplin Globe" of Feb. 11 states that an ordinance providing for the submission at

the spring election of the proposition providing for the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for the installation of new machinery at the municipal water and electric plant, for the sinking of additional deep wells and extension of water mains, and for the installation of freeze-proof fire hydrants and other improvements, was passed by the City Council on Feb. 9. It also states that: "The proposition as submitted to the vote of the people will provide for the issuance of 5% bonds, payable in 20 years, \$25,000 of which may be paid at the city's option at the end of 5 years, \$25,000 at the end of 10 years, and \$50,000 at the end of 15 years."

**CARBON COUNTY (P. O. Price), Utah.—BOND OFFERING.**—At 11 a. m. March 6 \$150,000 6% 20-year highway bonds, mentioned in V. 110, p. 484, will be offered for sale. Certified check for \$1,500 required. H. O. Smith, County Clerk.

An issue of \$120,000 5% school bonds is also reported offered for sale March 9.

**CASHION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cashion), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—On March 27 \$24,000 school bonds are to be voted upon.

**CHATHAM, Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 8:30 p. m. March 8 by George K. Drumm, Village Clerk, for \$15,000 road bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the State Bank of Chatham. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to "Village of Chatham," required. Bids must be made upon blanks furnished by the Village Clerk.

**CHAVES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Dexter), N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION.**—On March 6 \$82,000 school bonds are to be voted upon. Howard Mielenz, Clerk.

**CLAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, Wetzel County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.**—Three issues of 5% road bonds were awarded at par as follows: \$15,000 bonds were sold on Dec. 8 1919 to the Bank of Hundred, Hundred, 5,000 bonds were sold on Feb. 1 1920 to the Bank of Littleton, Littleton, 10,000 bonds were sold on Jan. 6 1920 to the Corn-Thomson Engineering Co., Huntington.

Denom. \$100. Date Aug. 1 1919. Int. F. & A. Due in 25 years, subject to call \$4,200 yearly.

**CLERMONT COUNTY (P. O. Batavia), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 28 the Amelia State Bank of Amelia, the First Nat. Bank of Batavia & Bethel, the Citizens Bank of Felicity, the Loveland Nat. Bank of Loveland, the Milford Nat. Bank of Milford, the State Bank of Moscow of Moscow, the New Richmond Nat. Bank of New Richmond, the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Owensville, the Farmers & Merchants State and Peoples Bank of Williamsburg, purchased at par the following 5% road bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 678:

\$144,640 I. C. H. No. 30 bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$140. Due \$14,500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1929, incl. and \$14,140 Feb. 1 1930.

121,600 I. C. H. No. 9 bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$600. Due \$12,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1939, incl. and \$13,600 Feb. 1 1930.

**CLOVER FLAT SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—Recently Geo. F. Olo was the successful bidder for an issue of \$2,350 6% school-building bonds on his proposal of par and accrued interest. Date Jan. 19 1920. Interest annual. Due yearly from 1941 to 1952, inclusive.

**COLLIN COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller on Feb. 20 registered \$237,000 Road District No. 8 and \$50,000 Road District No. 22 5 1/2% serial bonds.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Lake City), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—On March 2 the \$500,000 5% gold road bonds, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 890—were awarded to the Florida State Road Department at par. Due 1/2c. 1 1947, optional at 1/2 at any interest paying date from 5 to 1 years after date, at 1/2 at any interest paying date thereafter.

**COLUMBIA, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$35,400 5% road bonds offered on Mar. 1—V. 110, p. 784—were awarded locally at par and interest. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$400, 1921-\$1,000, 1922 to 1942, incl.; and \$2,000, 1943 to 1950, incl.

**CONNEAUT, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. B. Colson, Sr., City Auditor, will receive proposals until 12 m. March 22 for the following 5 1/2% bonds:

\$45,000 00 electric light plant bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest semi-annual. Due Jan. 1 1930. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**CONRAD, Pondera County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election by 84 "for" to 6 "against" the \$180,000 water-works-system bonds—V. 110, p. 550—were voted.

**COVINGTON, Garfield County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—C. Edgar Harold of Oklahoma City was recently awarded \$10,000 water-works extension and \$15,000 public sanitary sewer extension 6% bonds at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1920. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 2 1935.

**CUDAHY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Cudahy), Milwaukee County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$90,000 5% tax-free serial bonds has been purchased by Edgar, Ricker & Co., and the Second Ward Securities Co. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the School Board. Due \$6,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl.

**CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL NO. 92 (P. O. Volborg), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—At 2 a. m. March 20 \$3,500 6% school bonds will be offered for sale. Denom. \$500. Cert. check of \$100 required. Chas. Vonderheide, Clerk.

**CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 17 by H. O. Bollich, Village Clerk, for the following 5 1/2% lateral sewer system bonds:

\$5,100 Wadsworth St. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$600. Date Sept. 1 1919. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1920 to 1928, incl., and \$600, Sept. 1 1929.

6,290 Front St. No. 2 bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$290. Date Nov. 1 1919. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$500, 1920 to 1926, incl. \$1,000, 1927 and 1928, and \$790, 1929.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Citizens Bank of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, other than the one submitting the bid, for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**DUNCAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Duncan), Greenlee County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—On April 5 the \$30,000 school bonds (V. 110, p. 784) will be offered for sale, it is reported.

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH (P. O. Baton Rouge), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph Gebelin, President of Police Jury, will receive bids until 12 m. Mar. 18 for \$450,000 5% coupon court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y., or at the Parish Treasurer's office. Due part yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1936, incl. Cert. check for \$13,500 required. Legally approved by Wood & Oakley, of Chicago, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt (exclusive of this issue), \$7,500. Assessed value, 1919, \$45,894,130. Population, 1910, 34,582; present (est.) 50,000.

**EAST FELICIANA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Reports say that bids will be received until Mar. 17 by D. C. Lunsford, Superintendent of the Parish School Board (P. O. Clinton), for \$10,000 5% 10-year serial school bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

**EASTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eastland), Eastland County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller registered \$50,000 5% 20-40-year bonds on Feb. 20.

**EAST LAS VEGAS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Las Vegas), San Miguel County, New Mex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. March 20 by W. G. Benjamin, Secy. Bd. of Ed., for \$100,000 15-30-year (opt.) school bonds not to exceed 6% int. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. at the First Nat. Bank of Las Vegas. Total bonded debt (incl. this issue), \$135,000; assess. val. (real and personal), \$4,000,000; population in 1920 (est.), 5,000. The above bonds were voted at auction Jan. 24—V. 110, p. 485.



**EAST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. March 23 (date changed from March 8—V. 110, p. 785) by Lincoln E. Rowley, City Clerk, for an issue of 5% sewer bonds, not to exceed \$855,000. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$21,000 1921 to 1945, incl., and \$22,000 1946 to 1960, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required.

**EAU CLAIRE, Richland County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 20 by H. W. McCreight, Secretary of the Commissioners of Public Works, for \$40,000 water works system bonds at not exceeding 6% interest authorized by a vote of 41 to 6 at an election held Aug. 5 1919. Auth. Sec. 3050, Vol. 1, Code of South Carolina Laws, 1912. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y., but may be changed should purchaser of bonds so desire. Cert. check for 2% required. Total bonded debt (excluding this issue), none; assessed value 1919, \$504,027; population 1920 (est.), 2,500; tax levy (per \$1,000) \$5.

**EDEN, Jerome County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.**—On March 15 \$5,000 6% funding bonds are to be offered for sale by A. B. Lucas, Clerk.

**EL MONTE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$55,000 5 1/2% 1-40-year serial sewer bonds awarded on Feb. 19 to the First National Bank of El Monte, for \$55,025, equal to 109,045 (V. 110, p. 890) are in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$375 and are dated March 1 1920. Interest semi-annual, payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Chase National Bank, New York. Due \$1,375 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1960, inclusive.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation.....	\$545,000
Estimated valuation.....	1,362,000
Total bonded debt.....	80,000
Population, 1,500.....	

**ENTERPRISE, Wallawa County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. March 11 by O. J. Roe, City Recorder, for the following 5% gold bonds authorized by a vote of 124 to 3 at an election held Dec. 18 1919: \$120,000 water works extension bonds. Cert. check for \$6,000 required. 50,000 street intersection paving bonds, Series B. Cert. check for \$2,500 required.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (P. & A.), payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. Due Feb. 1 1950, optional on or after Feb. 1 1930. Official circular states that no previous issues of bonds have been contested and that the principal and interest of all bonds previously issued have always been promptly paid at maturity and that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatening affecting the corporate existence or the boundaries of said municipality or the title of its present officials to their respective offices or the validity of these bonds.

*Financial Statement.*

Latest city tax rate for all purposes expressed in mills on the dollar, 10.7.	
Assess. val. of real estate & personal prop., equalized '19.....	\$1,612,579.39
Actual true value of all real estate & personal property (est.).....	2,140,105.00
Bonds previously issued and now outstanding as per de-	
clared statement.....	90,000.00
Indebtedness existing in other forms (warrant or floating debt).....	None
Total indebtedness of all kinds, including this proposed issue.....	260,000.00
Bonds previously issued for water and now outstanding.....	30,000.00
Total cash value sinking fund now on hand.....	6,419.48
Present estimated population, 3,500; predominating nativity, American.....	

**ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Erie), Erie County, Pa.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for the \$300,000 4 1/2% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) school bldg. bonds offered on March 1—V. 110, p. 678.

**BOND OFFERING.**—R. S. Seobell, Business Manager, will receive bids until 2 p. m. March 24 for an issue of \$597,000 tax-free school bonds, to bear interest at a rate of either 4 1/2% or 5%.

**ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem) Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.**—It is reported that the County Treasurer will receive bids until 12 m. Mar. 8 for \$100,000 5% hospital notes, dated Mar. 1 and maturing Sept. 1 1920.

**FARMER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Farmer), Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. O. Stone, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 2 p. m. March 20 for \$25,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$2,500. Interest semi-annual. Due \$2,500 in from one to ten years after date. These bonds were offered on Feb. 21 as 4 1/2%, but no bids were received.

**FERGUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 159 (P. O. Winnett), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.**—An issue of \$35,000 school bonds is soon to be voted upon.

**FLEMING, Logan County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—SALE.**—Subject to election April 6 \$12,000 8% 15-year electric plant bonds have been sold to International Trust Co. of Denver. Int. semi-annually. New York payment.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On March 1 the following 2 issues of 5 1/2% bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 678—were awarded to Hayden, Miller & Co., Harris Forbes & Co., and the National City Co., all of Cleveland, at their joint bid of \$529,884 95 (100.3102) and interest: \$375,000 8-year (aver.) bridge bonds, basis about 5.44%. Due \$85,000 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1935, inclusive. 153,200 5 1/2% (aver.) tuberculosis hospital bonds, basis about 5.38%. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$16,200 1921, \$15,000 1922 to 1929, incl., and \$17,000 1930.

**FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fremont), Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Chas. L. Sherwood, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 12 m. Mar. 15 for \$65,000 5 1/2% coupon school-building bonds. Date Mar. 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due \$500 on April 1 and Oct. 1 in 1921 and 1922; \$1,500 April 1 and Oct. 1 in the years 1923 to 1928 incl., and \$2,500 on April 1 and Oct. 1 in the years 1929 to 1937 incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the Croghan Bank & Savings Co., required.

**GETTYSBURG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gettysburg), Darke County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. March 18 by John H. Kuesley, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$100,000 5 1/2% school-erection bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date, day of sale. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 on March 1 and Sept. 1 1923 to 1927, inclusive; \$2,000 on March 1 and \$1,000 on Sept. 1 1928 to 1931, inclusive; \$2,000 on March 1 and Sept. 1 1932 to 1935, inclusive; \$3,000 on March 1 and Sept. 1 1936 to 1944, inclusive; and \$3,000 March 1 and \$5,000 Sept. 1 1945. Certified check on a solvent bank for 5% of amount of bids payable to the above Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within five days from date of award, at the Citizens National Bank, of Gettysburg.

**GIBSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Scottsburg RR. No. 3), Washington County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 21 the \$4,000 5 1/2% school-heating system bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 581—were awarded to Arthur McClintock at 99.25 and int. Due \$200 each six months from July 1 1920 to Jan. 1 1929. There were no other bidders.

**GLENN FERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glenn Ferry), Elmore County, Ida.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—Proposed \$14,000 school bonds have been defeated.

**GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43, Ore.—BONDS HELD IRREGULAR.**—Newspapers state that the Attorney-General has held an issue of \$1,000 school bonds irregular.

**HAMBLETON COUNTY (P. O. Morristown) Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. B. Neill, Chairman of the Road Commission, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Mar. 15 for \$50,000 5% State highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due Jan. 1 1945 optional \$15,000 on or after Jan. 1 1930, and \$25,000 on or after Jan. 1 1940. Cert. check or cash for \$5,000, required.

**HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—The official count of the vote cast at the election held Feb. 10—V. 110, p. 581—shows that the proposition to issue the \$650,000 electric-light bonds carried by a vote of 1,987 "for" to 705 "against."

**HAMILTON CITY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamilton City), Glenn County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—According to newspaper reports the election to bond this district for \$10,000 was held in the high school building. The issue carried by a large majority.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Greenfield) Ind.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for the \$22,660 4 1/2% Henry W. Eilermann et al Sugar Creek Twp. road bonds, offered on Mar. 1—V. 110, p. 891.

**HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. B. Hanrahan, County Auditor, will receive bids until 1 p. m. March 15 for \$35,000 5 1/2% road bonds. Auth. Sec. 2294, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$3,500 yearly on March 15 from 1921 to 1930 incl. Cert. check on some solvent bank for \$1,000 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**HANOVER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hanover), Jefferson County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,000 5% coupon school bonds, offered on Mar. 1—V. 110, p. 785—were awarded to Henry C. Thom, of Hanover. Due \$500 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1932, incl.

**HARTFORD CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Croton), Licking County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—TO BE RE-OFFERED.**—No sale was made of the \$90,000 5 1/2% coupon school bldg. bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 110, p. 387. The Board of Education will re-advertise the issue.

**HAVRE, Hill County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is reported that a special election is to be called to vote \$150,000 sewer disposal bonds.

**HERKIMER COUNTY (P. O. Herkimer) N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Mar. 1 the 2 issues of 5% bonds, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 785—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at 102.20: \$212,000 15 1/2% (aver.) road impt. bonds, a basis of about 4.79%. Due \$7,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1949, incl., and \$9,000 on Mar. 1 1950.

90,000 1-30 year serial tuberculosis hospital bonds, a basis of about 4.78%. Due \$3,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1950, incl.

**HOT SPRINGS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Hot Springs) Tulare County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—At an election to be held to-day (March 6) \$100,000 bonds, to be divided into fourteen series, will be voted upon, it is stated.

**HOUSTON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 9, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller registered \$100,000 5 1/2% serial bonds on Feb. 16.

**HUGO, Lincoln County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 27 \$40,000 to \$45,000 6% 15-year water bonds were sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver.

**BOND ELECTION.—SALE.**—Subject to election, April 6, \$10,000 to \$15,000 6% 15-year electric-plant bonds have been sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver.

**HURON COUNTY (P. O. Norwalk), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 23 the \$8,000 5% coupon bridge bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 786—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Norwalk at par and interest. Due \$1,000 on April 1 and Oct. 1 in 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

**HURRICANE, Washington County, Utah.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$14,000 water-works bonds has been awarded to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City.

**IONA, Bonneville County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.**—At 8 p. m. March 12 \$7,000 6% water bonds will be offered for sale by J. C. Rush-ton, Clerk.

**JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On their joint bid of par and interest the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. and the Oak Hill Savings Bank Co. were awarded the \$14,800 5% road bonds offered on March 1—V. 110, p. 786. Date March 1 1920. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$2,300, 1921; \$3,000, 1922, 1923 and 1924, and \$3,500, 1925. There were no other bidders.

**JACKSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—This district on Feb. 18 registered \$8,600 5% 10-40-year bonds with the State Comptroller.

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Union City), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Tom Amburn, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. Mar. 20 for \$90,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date day of sale. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 on Mar. 1 & Sept. 1 in the years 1923 to 1930, incl.; \$2,000 on Mar. 1 & Sept. 1 in the years 1931 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000 on Mar. 1 & Sept. 1 in the years 1938 to 1944, and \$4,000 in 1945. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above clerk, required.

**JACKSONVILLE Onslow County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received, it is stated, until Mar. 18 by J. M. Bailey, Clerk Board of Town Commissioners, for the \$60,000 6% water-works and sewer bonds offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 5—V. 110, p. 485.

**JALAMA SCHOOL DISTRICT Santa Barbara County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$2,200 6 1/2% 1-25-year serial bonds awarded on Feb. 2 to the First National Bank of Santa Barbara was \$2,202 (100.09), a basis of about 6.94% (not 100.045) as reported in V. 110, p. 786. Denom. \$1,100. Date Jan. 5, 1920. Int. J. & J.

**KENEDY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5, Karnes County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.**—The offering of the \$300,000 5 1/2% gold coupon bonds which was to have taken place on Feb. 18—V. 110, p. 485—has been postponed indefinitely.

**KENMORE Summit County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—B. O. Sours, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. March 19 for \$60,000 5 1/2% water works impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15, 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$10,000 in 1932, \$12,000 in 1933, 1935; \$6,000 in 1935, 1939 and 1940, and \$2,000 in 1941. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**KENTON, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals for an issue of \$18,700 5 1/2% coupon Fire Dept. bonds will be received by L. Hayward, City Auditor, until 12 m. March 22. Denom. 1 for \$1,700 and 17 for \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$1,700 March 1 1930 and \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1931 to 1947, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Auditor, required. Bonds to be delivered as soon as possible at Kenton.

**KITTSOPN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (P. O. Bronson), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 23 Stanley Gates & Co. of St. Paul, bidding 101 and int., a basis of about 5.62%, were awarded \$65,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Date Feb. 1 1920. Due Feb. 1 1930.

*Financial Statement.*

Actual value of taxables (est.).....	\$850,000
Assessed value of taxables (1919).....	260,678
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	67,000
Acres of land in school district.....	25,900
Population (est.).....	350

**LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse) Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 5% 5 1/2-year (aver.) bonds, offered on Feb. 26—V. 110, p. 786—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago at 100. These bonds mature in 10 years, the first payment coming due April 1 1921.

**LAKELAND, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—It is stated that H. L. Swatts, City Clerk, will receive bids until Mar. 15 for \$75,000 city bonds.

**LAKEVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakeview), Hall County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—Recently an issue of \$10,000 5% 20-40-year bonds was registered with the State Comptroller.

**LAKEWOOD, Cuyahogo County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. O. Guild, Director of Finance, will receive bids until 12 m. March 22 for the following 5% bonds: \$10,090 Clarence Ave. water-main bonds. Denom. \$1,009. Date day of sale. Due \$1,009 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl. 19,870 Riverway Drive paving bonds. Denom. \$1,987. Date day of sale. Due \$1,987 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl. 30,000 refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date day of sale. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl.



\$22,130 special assessment Clarence Ave. sewer bonds. Denom. \$2,213. Date day of sale. Due \$2,213 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl.

87,000 street impmt. (city's portion) bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1921, and \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1942, incl.

Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co. Cleveland. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**LANCASTER, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—An election is to be held in the near future to vote on the issuance of \$6,000 5% street improvement bonds.

**LAWRENCE, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—According to reports, a temporary loan of \$500,000, issued in anticipation of taxes, has been awarded to F. M. & T. E. Andrews, of Lawrence, on a 5-90% discount basis.

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Eureka), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. March 20 by H. G. Pomeroy, Clerk, for \$50,000 6% school site and bldg. bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) at the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis. Due \$3,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1935, incl., and \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1936 to 1940, incl. An unconditional certified check on some reliable bank for \$5,000, payable to the Co. Treas. required. The above bonds were voted at an election Feb. 7.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53, Mont.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At a recent election a \$38,000 school bond issue was defeated.

**LONE PINE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Inyo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received on or before 10 a. m. March 10 by Dan. E. Williams, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Independence), for the \$40,000 5% 1-15-year serial school bonds recently voted—V. 110, p. 486. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt, none. Assessed value of property, \$2,540,799. Estimated value of property, \$4,000,000. Rate of taxation, \$1.70 per \$100. Population (est.), 1,760.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, Calif.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received, it is stated, for the \$507,000 5% bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 110, p. 679—no report has been made as to what disposition will be made of the issue.

**LUDINGTON, Mason County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 2,412 to 17 the people on Feb. 9 authorized the issuance of \$125,000 bond to procure a site and build a public wharf, according to reports.

**MADISON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Allen County, Ind.—BOND HEARING.**—The township has petitioned the State Board of Tax Commission for permission to issue \$95,000 school-building bonds. The Board has set March 30 as the date for a hearing on the petition.

**MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Mesa), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Mar. 15 \$35,000 6% school bonds are to be voted upon.

**MALDEN Middlesex County Mass.—NOTE SALE.**—On March 2 Estabrook & Co. of Boston were awarded at 5.96% discount the \$200,000 notes, dated March 3 and maturing Nov. 19 1920.—V. 110, p. 892.

**MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Feb. 18 \$14,000 fire station and \$26,000 fire equipment 5% 10-40-year bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

**MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Henry O. McCord, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 m. to-day (Mar. 6) for \$8,600 4 1/2% Shoals-Jasper road imp. bonds. Denom. \$430. Int. semi-ann. Due semi-annually for 10 years.

**MILFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sanford Hawkins, Town Treasurer, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. Mar. 24 for \$110,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Apr. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Milford Trust Co., of Milford. Due \$10,000 yearly on Apr. 1 from 1921 to 1931, incl. Bonded debt (incl. this issue), \$556,200.

The official notice of his bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this department.

**MISHAWAKA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Misawaka) St. Joseph County Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—It is reported that proposals will be received until 6 p. m. March 23 by the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees, for \$150,000 5% school bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on April 1, from 1925 to 1930, incl.

**MISSOULA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. St. Ignace), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.**—An issue of \$100,000 school bonds is soon to be voted, it is reported.

**MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The Merced Security Savings Bank of Merced submitting a bid of par was recently awarded \$1,500 6% bonds. The bank also advises us that the bonds have not been delivered to them as yet.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Red Oak) Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that the \$152,000 5% 13 1/2-year (aver.) funding bonds, offered on Feb. 17—V. 110, p. 679—were awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at 98.68, a basis of about 5.14%.

**MONTELENER SPECIAL SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Montpelier), Bear Lake County, Ida.—BOND SALE.**—Wright-Swan & Co. of Denver have purchased \$9,645.06 6% special sewer district bonds, due on or before Jan. 1 1930, at par. Denom. \$500 and \$146.06.

**MT. PLEASANT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Pleasantville) Westchester County N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Olga S. Olson, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive proposals until 7 p. m. March 17 for \$40,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Semi-ann. int. payable at the Mt. Pleasant Bank of Pleasantville, in New York exchange. Due \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1924 to 1943, incl., payable in New York exchange. Cert. check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for required. Legality of bonds approved by Wilson R. Yard, of Pleasantville, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser, who will be required to accept and pay for the bonds at the Mt. Pleasant Bank of Pleasantville, on May 1. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**MUNCIE, Delaware County, Ind.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—Following the approval of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, a bond issue of \$36,000, to refund \$35,000 notes held against the city, was authorized by the City Council, it is stated.

**NEW BRUNSWICK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On Mar. 2 the issue of 5% 17-year coupon (with privilege of registration) street widening bonds—V. 110, p. 787—was awarded to the National City Co., at 100.062 for \$100,000 bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1922 to 1937, incl., and \$1,000, 1938 to 1950, incl.

**NEWBURGH, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York were on Feb. 21 awarded the \$25,231.01 5% 13-year (aver.) water imp. bonds offered on that date—V. 110, p. 679—at 102.17 and interest, a basis of about 4.775%. Date March 1 1920. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1944, incl., and \$1,231.01 March 1 1945. Other bidders were: Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., N. Y. 101.41 (Newburgh Savings Bank).....par

**NEW LONDON, New London County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Mar. 18 by Theodore Bodenwein, Secretary of Board of Park Commissioners, for \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1942. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Park Commissioners, required.

**NEWPORT HEIGHTS IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Calif.—BID REJECTED.**—A joint bid filed by J. R. Mason & Co., and Frank & Lewis was the only bid received and was rejected, it is stated, for an issue of \$100,000 6% bonds recently offered.

**NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—TEMPORARY LOANS.**—During the month of February the following short-term securities, consisting of revenue bills, special revenue bonds, and corporate stock notes, \$25,000,000 in the aggregate, were issued.

Revenue Bills of 1920, Aggregating \$7,600,000.			
Amount.	Int. Rate.	Maturity.	Date Sold.
\$1,000,000	5 1/2%	June 15 1920	Feb. 17
2,500,000	5 1/2%	May 10 1920	Feb. 18
500,000	5 1/2%	Apr. 26 1920	Feb. 18
1,500,000	5 1/2%	May 18 1920	Feb. 18
100,000	5 1/2%	Apr. 12 1920	Feb. 18
1,000,000	5 1/2%	May 19 1920	Feb. 19
1,000,000	5 1/2%	May 5 1920	Feb. 19
Special Revenue Bonds of 1920, Aggregating \$2,000,000.			
\$1,500,000	5 1/2%	June 2 1920	Feb. 18
500,000	5 1/2%	May 10 1920	Feb. 18

Corporate Stock Notes, Aggregating \$15,400,000.			
Amount.	Int. Rate.	Maturity.	Date Sold.
Rapid Transit—			
\$1,250,000	5 1/2%	May 10 1920	Feb. 20
750,000	5 1/2%	May 10 1920	Feb. 20
1,000,000	5 1/2%	June 15 1920	Feb. 24
1,000,000	5 1/2%	June 15 1920	Feb. 24
200,000	5 1/2%	June 17 1920	Feb. 26
1,000,000	5 1/2%	July 12 1920	Feb. 26
3,750,000	5 1/2%	July 12 1920	Feb. 27
500,000	5 1/2%	May 27 1920	Feb. 27
1,300,000	5 1/2%	May 10 1920	Feb. 27
2,000,000	5 1/2%	June 15 1920	Feb. 27
Various Municipal Purposes—			
\$700,000	5 1/2%	June 17 1920	Feb. 26
1,060,000	5 1/2%	July 12 1920	Feb. 27
Water—			
\$150,000	4 1/2%	On demand	Feb. 16
100,000	5 1/2%	June 17 1920	Feb. 26
450,000	5 1/2%	May 10 1920	Feb. 27
Docks—			
\$250,000	5 1/2%	July 12 1920	Feb. 27

**STOCK SALE.**—The following 4 1/2% long-term gold exempt corporate stock, amounting to \$1,425,000, were also disposed of during February:

Rapid Transit—			
Amount.	Int. Rate.	Maturity.	Date Sold.
\$100,000	5 1/2%	Nov. 1 1969	Feb. 6
50,000	5 1/2%	Nov. 1 1969	Feb. 6
350,000	5 1/2%	Nov. 1 1969	Feb. 6
750,000	5 1/2%	Nov. 1 1969	Feb. 16
Various Municipal Purposes—			
\$100,000	5 1/2%	June 1 1921-1960	Feb. 21
50,000	5 1/2%	June 1 1921-1945	Feb. 21
25,000	5 1/2%	June 1 1921-1925	Feb. 21

**NILES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Niles), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$33,000 5% school bonds offered on March 1—V. 110, p. 787—were not sold, as no bids were received.

**NOGALES Santa Cruz County Ariz.—BOND OPINION TO BE FURNISHED.**—We are advised by F. E. Cole, City Clerk, that the approving opinion of Judge Chas. B. Wood, of the firm of Wood & Oakley of Chicago will be furnished to the purchaser of the \$355,000 5 1/2% gold coupon water works impmt. and extension and city hall and fire dept. bonds which will be sold on March 15. Details of these bonds were given in V. 110 p. 892.

**OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election is to be held April 5 to vote on the question of issuing \$375,000 4 1/2% jail bonds.

**OCONTO, Oconto County, Wis.—BOND BIDS REJECTED—TO BE RE-ADVERTISED.**—All bids submitted for the \$40,000 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 24 (V. 110, p. 679), were rejected.

Bids for the above bonds will be re-advertised.

**OLYMPIA, Thurston County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—During January 1920 the following 7% bonds were turned over to contractors:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Dist. No.	Amount.
274	\$1,008 19 201	274	\$3,518 30
275	38,834.02 203	275	23,795.38

**BOND SALE.**—Morris Bros., Inc., of Portland were awarded on Feb. 3 an issue of \$2,978 \$1 7/8% Local Improvement District bonds at par and interest. Denom. \$100. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1927 optional after 1 year.

**ORANGETHORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Mar. 9 of the \$60,000 5% bonds—V. 110, p. 892. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 11 a. m. on that day by J. M. Backs, County Clerk (P. O. Santa Ana). Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$3,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl. Cert. or cashier's check for 3% of amount of said bonds or of the portion thereof bid for, payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Bonded debt, none. Total value of taxable property (exclusive of operative property) 1919, \$7,996,515.

**ORLAND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Orland) Glenn County Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—Reports state that the voters recently authorized \$22,000 bonds for improvements and additions to the high school building. Only two votes were cast against the proposal.

**PEORIA, Peoria County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.**—At an election to be held April 6 the people will vote upon the question of issuing \$200,000 1-20-year serial River Terminal, \$50,000 1-10-year serial Grant Park improvement, and \$200,000 1-20-year serial corporate expense bonds, all to bear 4 1/2% interest.

**PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Peoria) Marecopa County Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.**—On March 27 \$200,000 high and grammar school bonds are to be voted upon.

**PERKINS COUNTY (P. O. Bison), So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.**—The voters will have submitted to them on Mar. 23 an issue of \$500,000 5% 30-year road bonds.

**PERRY, Taylor County, Fla.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED.**—The \$20,000 5% bonds offered without success on Nov. 25 (V. 110, p. 487), will be re-offered or a new issue will be offered for sale, but date of sale is uncertain.

**PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.**—At an election to be held Mar. 13, it is stated, that the question of issuing \$500,000 bonds will be voted upon.

**PIMA COUNTY (P. O. Tucson) Ariz.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.**—Reports state that a \$600,000 court house bond election is being considered.

**PITTSBURG, Contra Costa County, Calif.—BONDS SOLD ONLY IN PART.**—The San Francisco "Commercial News" in its issue of Feb. 26 states that: "Because of the poor market for municipal bonds bearing 5% interest or less, the major portion of the Pittsburg bond issue of \$440,000, voted recently for municipal improvements, is going begging. Of the entire issue but \$50,000 worth has been sold, the Contra Costa Bank buying this amount. Of the amount sold \$20,000 will go for construction of sanitary sewers, \$15,000 for a storm sewer system, \$10,000 for fire apparatus and \$5,000 for street cleaning machinery. The Town Trustees are making a special effort to dispose of the balance of the bonds that the proposed improvements may be completed as soon as possible."

**PIUTE COUNTY (P. O. Junction), Utah.—BOND ELECTION.**—On March 13 \$20,000 road and court-house debt funding bonds are to be voted upon.

**PLAINFIELD Union County N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On Mar. 1 the following 2 issues of 5% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds were awarded to the Plainfield Trust Co. at 100.323:

\$216,000 1-36 year serial sewer bonds, a basis of about 4.93%. Due \$6,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1955, incl.

200,000 21-45 year (aver.) city hall bonds, a basis of about 4.97%. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1921 to 1948, incl.; and \$6,000, 1949 to 1958, incl.

**PLATTE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Platte City), Platte County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—It is reported that proposals

will be received until Mar. 26 by W. T. Dyer, Secretary of Drainage Supervisors, for \$230,000 5 1/2% drainage bonds, maturing in from 5 to 20 years from date.

**PLEASANTON, Atascosa County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.**—Recently J. L. Arlitt of Austin purchased \$10,000 6 3/8-5% street impt. warrants dated Aug. 23 1919 and maturing serially from 1923 to 1946, incl.

**PONCA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ponca City) Kay County Okla.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Feb. 24 \$98,000 school bonds were voted.

**PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frederick G. Schmidt, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. March 11 for the following 5% bonds:

\$26,000 tax-relief bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness. Due April 1 1923. Certified check for 5% required.

4,000 sewer and drain assessment refunding bonds. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 on April 1 in 1921 and 1923. Certified check for 10% required.

12,000 refunding bonds. Int. A. & O. Due \$3,000 on April 1 in 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. Certified check for 10% required.

Date April 1 1920. Certified checks must be payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

**PORTSMOUTH Norfolk County Va.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 27 an issue of \$300,000 5 1/2% improvement bonds was sold to A. B. Leach & Co., at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 1 1923.

**PROVO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Provo) Utah County Utah.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.**—An issue of \$150,000 bonds to complete high school may soon be voted.

**RANGER, Eastland County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Feb. 17 the State Comptroller registered \$80,000 city hall, \$46,000 sewer-extension, \$40,000 fire-station and \$265,000 street-impt. 5 1/2% serial bonds.

**RAINIER DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Rainier), Columbia County, Ore.—BOND CERTIFICATE ASKED.**—An issue of \$297,000 drainage bonds has been asked to be certified.

**RAVENNA Portage County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. A. Root, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. March 20 for \$9,767.12 5 1/2% Day St. special assessment bonds. Auth. Sec. 3914 Gen. Code. Denom. 9 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$767.12. Date March 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Second National Bank of Ravenna. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1900 to 1928 incl., and \$767.12 Sept. 1 1929. Cert. check for \$200, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**RESERVE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Montezuma), Parke County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposa s will be received until 11 a. m. March 20 by Roy Aikman, Township Trustee, for \$40,000 6% school bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,525 and 27 for \$1,645. Date April 15 1920. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,525 July 15 1921 and \$1,425 each six months from Jan. 15 1922 to Jan. 15 1924 inclusive.

A similar amount of bonds was offered on Feb. 21—V. 110, p. 487.

**RICE COUNTY (P. O. Faribault), Minn.—PURCHASE PRICE.**—The price paid for the \$250,000 5% road bonds awarded on Feb. 5 to Stanley, Gates & Co., St. Paul, Security Bank, Faribault, Citizens Nat. Bank, Faribault, and Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Faribault—V. 110, p. 680—was 101 and interest, a basis of about 4.87%.

**Actual value of taxables (est.)**-----\$75,000,000  
**Assessed value of taxables (1919)**-----21,636,158  
**Total bonded debt, including this issue**-----35,000  
**Population (1910), 25,911; present**-----30,000

**RIPLEY Tippah County Miss.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Feb. 25 by a majority of 12 votes \$10,000 street improvement bonds were authorized.

**ROCHESTER, Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS SOLD IN PART.**—We are informed that \$60,000 of the \$85,000 high school bonds voted on Jan. 29—V. 110, p. 788—were sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit on the same day they were authorized.

**ROCHESTER N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Proposals for an issue of \$750,000 revenue notes, maturing 3 months from date at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., will be received until 2:30 p. m. Mar. 8 by H. D. Quinby, City Comptroller. Bidders must state rate of interest, designate denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable. Notes to be delivered at the Central Union Trust Co., of N. Y., on Mar. 12.

**ROCKFORD Winnebago County Ill.—BOND SALE.**—On Mar. 1 the \$500,000 5% 1-20 year serial water-works bonds, dated Apr. 1 1920—V. 110, p. 684—were awarded to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, and the Merchants Loan & Trust Co., of Chicago, at their joint bid of 98.09, which is a basis of about 5.23%.

Other offers were as follows:  
National City Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, jointly, \$96.55 per \$100.  
Taylor, Ewart & Co., \$150,000 bonds, par and accrued interest, less \$2,250 and a 60-day option on the remaining \$350,000 bonds, at \$985 and interest for each \$1,000 bond.

A. B. Leach & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Wm. R. Compton & Co. and Rockford Trust Co., of Rockford, jointly \$975.752 and interest per \$1,000 bond.

P. W. Chapman & Co., \$971.10 and interest for each \$1,000 bond, for delivery of all bonds on or about Apr. 1, or \$975.10 for each \$1,000 bond, for delivery of the bonds at the average rate of not less than \$30,000 per month, beginning Apr. 1.

Elston & Co., \$490.385 for entire issue.

**ROCKWALL COUNTY (P. O. Rockwall), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—This county registered on Feb. 20 \$23,500 5 1/2% 10-20-year road bonds with the State Comptroller.

**ROCKY MOUNT Edgecombe County No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Mar. 11 of the \$125,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) consolidated funding and improvement bonds—V. 110, p. 893. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 7:30 p. m. on that day by C. H. Harris, City Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. and interest on registered bonds will, at the request of the registered holder, be paid in New York Exchange. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$12,000 1921 to 1929, incl.; and \$17,000 1930. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money, for or in an amount equal to 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Messrs. Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City, that the bonds are valid obligations of the City of Rocky Mount. The bonds will be printed under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the City officials and the seal impressed on the bonds.

**Financial Statement.**  
Assessed valuation of taxable property, 1919-----\$8,567,501  
Estimated true value of taxable property-----15,000,000  
Gross bonded debt, including present issues-----625,000  
Bonds for self-sustaining utilities, included above:

Water and electric light-----\$191,000  
Gas-----65,000

Population, U. S. census of 1910-----8,051  
Present population, estimated-----15,000

**RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$19,360 4 1/4% Noah Reddick et al Ripley Twp. road bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 18—V. 110, p. 788—have been sold to the Rushville National Bank, of Rushville at par. Due \$960 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

**ST. CLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Clair) St. Clair Mich.—BONDS VOTED.**—Newspaper reports state that at a recent election, a \$325,000 high school bldg. bond issue carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

**SALINA, Saline County, Kans.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—It is proposed to vote \$300,000 memorial hall bonds at the spring election.

**SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Mar. 13 the \$3,300,000 water works improvement bonds, mentioned in V. 110, p. 788, are to be voted upon.

**SALT LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Salt Lake City), Utah.—BOND SALE.**—The \$750,000 5% 15-year (aver.) road bonds offered on Feb. 20—V. 110, p. 680—have been sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Redmond & Co., and the National City Co., jointly, at 96.58, a basis of about 5.34%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York City, N. Y. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1925 to 1929, incl.; \$50,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; and \$80,000, 1935 to 1939, incl.

**Financial Statement.**  
Actual value (est.)-----\$325,000,000  
Assessed valuation, 1919-----308,900,714  
Total bonded debt, including this issue-----1,710,000  
Sinking fund-----35,000

Not debt-----\$1,675,000  
Population, 1910 census-----131,426  
Present estimated population-----249,000

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Norwood), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Mar. 15 \$28,000 high school bonds will be voted upon.

**SANPETE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, Utah.—BOND SALE.**—Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., of Salt Lake have purchased \$95,000 drainage bonds at 96.60.

**SANTA MONICA, Los Angeles County Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Mar. 1 the \$75,000 5% 19-year (aver.) municipal wharf bonds, dated Mar. 1 1920—V. 110, p. 584—were awarded to local banks at par, it is stated.

**SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Leon G. Dibble, City Comptroller, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. Mar. 9 for \$132,000 bridge-construction notes. Date Mar. 10 1920. Principal and interest payable in New York Exchange, National Bank, of New York, at the purchaser's option. Notes to be delivered and paid for at the Importers & Traders National Bank within 10 days from date of award. Cert. check for 1% of amount of notes bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, required. Bids will be received on an interest basis. Opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York as to the legality of the issue will be furnished to the purchaser if desired. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**SCHUYLER, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$4,900 5% road impt. bonds, offered on Mar. 1—V. 110, p. 788—were awarded on that date to the Manufacturers National Bank, of Iton, at par and interest. Due \$400 Mar. 1 1921, and \$500 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1930, incl.

**SENATOBIA, Tate County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Harper Johnson, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction 1 p. m. March 16 the following 5 1/2% tax-free coupon sewerage bonds:

\$25,000 bonds authorized by a vote of 127 to 14 at an election held June 24 1919.  
11,500 bonds authorized by a vote of 113 to 34 at an election held Nov. 25 1919.

Date April 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly as follows: \$200 1921 to 1925, incl., \$1,000 1926 to 1939, incl., and \$21,900 1940.

The bonds are issued under Sections 3415, 3416, 3419 and 3420 of Mississippi Code of 1906. They will be sold conditional upon the legality of the issue; a payment of \$500 will be required of the purchaser upon the day of sale and the balance of the purchase money within sixty days after delivery of transcript of the proceedings in issuing same. No litigation pending or threatened, never defaulted on interest or bonds. They have obligations are paid promptly. Bonded debt (including this issue), \$104,400 (in this debt there are \$37,500 water and light bonds which are self-supporting); sinking fund, \$3,942.44; assessed valuation of property in corporation is \$736,294; assessed valuation of property outside corporation and in separate school district, \$570,136; population, according to 1910 Census, 1,275; estimate of present population, 1,800.

**SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—NO BIDDERS.**—There were no bidders for the \$3,800 4 1/2% W. M. Scudder et al Van Buren Twp. road bonds, offered on Feb. 28—V. 110, p. 788.

**SHELBY COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Feb. 18 the following 5% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller:

\$85,000 Road District No. 1 bonds \$70,000 Road District No. 5 bonds, 100,000 Road District No. 2 bonds, 100,000 Road District No. 8 bonds, 350,000 Road District No. 3 bonds.]

**SHREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La.—NO BIDS.**—At the offering of \$100,000 5% water-works improvement bonds on Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 584—no bids were received.

**SILVER CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Sellersburg), Clark County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—No sale was made of the \$10,500 5% school bonds offered on Feb. 21—V. 110, p. 584.

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The \$10,000 10-year bonds offered on Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 584—have been sold, according to reports, to the State of Washington at par for 5 1/4%.

**SOUTH ST. PAUL, Dakota County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.**—Reports state that the special election held in South St. Paul on Feb. 25, resulted in a proposed bond issue of \$500,000 for a new public high school and site for another one in the Third Ward of that city, being carried by large majorities.

The results of the voting were 239 for to 147 against the bond issue and 232 for to 147 against the purchase of an additional school site.

**SPRINGFIELD, Greene County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Feb. 24 by 248 "for" to 16 "against" \$17,800 high school bonds were voted.

**STARKE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,300 5% road impt. bonds, offered on Mar. 1—V. 110, p. 788—were disposed of locally at par and interest. Due \$300 Mar. 1 1921, and \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1936, incl.

**STERLING, Logan County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.**—Newspapers report that a bond issue of \$200,000 to \$400,000 for sewers and street improving may be voted.

**STODDARD COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Mo.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 16 the following bonds—V. 110, p. 680—were awarded to J. J. Frey Bond & Mortgage Co:

\$145,000 5 1/2% 2-14 year serial Liberty Township bonds at 98.  
100,000 5 1/2% 2-14 year serial Pike Township bonds at 98.  
85,000 5 1/2% 2-14 year serial Castor Township bonds at 98.  
80,000 6% 2-15 year serial Duck Creek Township bonds at par.  
75,000 6% 2-15 year serial Richland Township bonds at par.  
Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann.

**SUMTER COUNTY (P. O. Sumterville), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. N. Potter, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Mar. 24, according to reports for \$750,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann.

**TEMPE DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—We are informed that the Tempe National Bank has been awarded \$50,000 drainage bonds.

**TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Covington) Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. March 15 by J. Y. Peete, County Judge, for \$155,000 5% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1919. Int. semi-ann., payable at the office of the County Trustee or at the option of purchaser, at the bank or banking house designated by the purchaser. Due July 1 1919. Cert. check on some national bank or on a bank or trust company in Tennessee for \$1,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

**TREASURE COUNTY (P. O. Hysham), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Apr. 23 the \$135,000 bridge and road bonds—V. 110, p. 893—are to be voted upon.

**UNION (TOWN), Hudson County, N. J.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for the \$75,000 tax-anticipation notes, maturing Dec. 31 1920, which were offered on Mar. 1—V. 110, p. 893.

**VALLEJO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vallejo) Solano County Calif.—BOND ELECTION.**—This district will vote, May 4. It is stated, on the question of issuing bonds of \$500,000, for the erection of a new high school building and four new elementary school structures.



**VALLEY VIEW (P. O. Independence R. F. D. No. 1) Cuyahoga County Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—T. C. Lang, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until March 16 for the \$16,000 6% electric light plant bonds, which were voted by 29 "for" to 0 "against" at the election held Feb. 5—V. 110, p. 488. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 15 from 1923 to 1938, incl.

**WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Warrentown), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held Mar. 13 to vote on the question of issuing \$400,000 bonds, it is stated.

**WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren) Trumbull County Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, bidding par and interest, were awarded the \$450,000 5% coupon high school bldg. bonds offered on March 1—V. 109, p. 2460. Due \$15,000 yearly on March 1 from 1922 to 1925, incl.; \$10,000 on March 1 and Sept. 1 in the years 1926 to 1932, incl., and \$25,000 on March 1 and Sept. 1 in the years 1933 to 1937, incl.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—According to newspaper reports \$600,000 road bonds were recently sold to Gunter & Co., of Little Rock.

**WATERLIET Albany County N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received by Mary L. Dunn, City Chamberlain, until 4 p. m. March 9 for \$50,000 5% registered refunding water bonds, Denom. \$1,250. Date Sept. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank of New York. Due \$2,500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1920 to 1939, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Chamberlain, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the City Chamberlain's office. Bonds will be prepared by the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon; legality approved by Caldwell & Masslich of N. Y., a copy of whose favorable opinion will be furnished the purchaser. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**WEATHERFORD Parker County Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—A proposition to issue \$100,000 school bonds will probably be submitted to the voters at the coming spring election, it is reported.

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 84 (P. O. La Salle) Colo.—BOND ELECTION SALE.**—Subject to election March 17 \$14,000 5½% 15-30 year (opt.) school bonds have been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver.

**WENDELL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wendell), Gooding County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.**—We are informed that the \$30,000 school bonds—V. 110, p. 681—have been sold to the State.

**WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. L. Wichner, City Clerk, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 8 for the \$375,000 5% school bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 21—V. 110, p. 894. Due yearly as follows: \$19,000, 1921 to 1935, incl.; and \$18,000, 1936 to 1940, incl. Bonded debt \$849,100. Assessed value 1929, \$24,920,711.

**WEST FELICIANA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, La.—BIDS REJECTED.**—We are advised that the Police Jury rejected all bids for the \$250,000 5% road bonds offered on Feb. 26—V. 110, p. 488—as being insufficient.

The above bonds will be re-advertised.

**WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On Mar. 2 the 2 issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 894—were awarded to the National City Co., of N. Y., as follows:

about 4.98% sewer and impt. bonds, at 100.239, a basis of \$42,000 1½-year (aver.) bonds, at 100.239, a basis of \$2,000, 1921 & 1922; and \$1,000, 1923 to 1960, incl.  
51,000 11½-year (aver.) Valley Rd. & Main St. paving bonds at 100.079, a basis of about 4.99%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1929, incl.; and \$3,000, 1930 to 1940, incl.

M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia offered to pay par for both issues.

**WHEATLAND COUNTY (P. O. Harlowton), Mont.—BONDS VOTED.**—The \$200,000 drought relief bonds—V. 110, p. 585—were reported voted by 626 "for" to 284 "against."

**WHEELING, Ohio County, W. Va.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.**—Thomas F. Thoner, Mayor, advises us that in reference to voting on the question of issuing \$2,000,000 worth of bonds the City of Wheeling is figuring on installing a filtration plant but no definite conclusion has been arrived at as yet.

**WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—Recently the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago purchased and is now offering to investors at a price to yield 5¼% int. \$291,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$29,000, 1921 to 1929, incl., and \$30,000, 1930.

Financial Statement.  
(As officially reported).

Actual value of taxable property	\$85,000,000
Assessed valuation for taxation	27,731,813
Total bonded debt, including this issue	2,850,000
Less water debt	\$970,000
Less sinking fund	\$8,500 1,058,500
Net bonded debt	1,791,500

Pop., 1910 census, Winston, 17,157; Salem, 5,523; 1918, etc., 50,000  
Winston-Salem, one of the largest cities in North Carolina, is the county seat of Forsyth County, which is recognized as one of the richest agricultural counties of the State. The city is essentially a manufacturing centre, being the most important loose-leaf tobacco market in North Carolina. The city also stands first among the cities of the south in the manufacture of cotton knit goods and second in the manufacture of furniture. The jobbing trade in the city alone amounts to approximately three-quarter million dollars per annum, and during the year 1919 the United States Government was paid over \$72,000,000 in internal revenue; the United States Customs Office at Winston-Salem ranking seventh in the United States in the amount of its annual collections.

Excellent transportation facilities are afforded the city through the Southern Railway, the Norfolk & Western and the Winston-Salem Southbound, which is operated by the Atlantic Coast Line. In addition to this rail transportation service, Winston-Salem has a splendid street railway system and an abundance of electric power furnished by the Southern Power Company. Its banking institutions had in 1919 resources of approximately \$30,000,000.

Under the rulings of the Treasury Department, the interest from municipal bonds issued in the United States is exempt from the Federal income tax and ownership certificates are not required.

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Town Treasurer.

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Town of Leesville, La.

5% Street Improvement Bonds

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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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**WORCESTER** Worcester County Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On March 3 a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated March 4 and maturing July 15 1920 was awarded, according to reports, to the Merchants National Bank of Worcester on a 5.64% discount basis.

**YAMHILL COUNTY (P. O. McMinnville), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—E. L. Devereaux & Co. have purchased the \$105,000 5½% bonds offered on Feb. 23—V. 110, p. 790—at 102.05 (5.30% basis).

**YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Laurel), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—At 7 p. m. March 8 the \$42,500 6% 20-year school bonds—V. 110, p. 185—will be offered for sale. Cert. check of \$4,250 required. E. L. Fenton, Clerk.

**YUMA, Yuma County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co., of Denver and Bolger, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago, bidding jointly, were awarded \$10,000 6% 20-year city-hall bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920 offered on Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 790—at 100.05 and interest a basis of about 5.99%. A bid was also received from Keeler Bros., of Denver.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**ADMIRAL, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that Harris, Read & Co., of Regina, have purchased \$1,500 debentures of this village.

**ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Separate sealed tenders will be received by the debenture branch of the Department of Education (P. O. Edmonton) until 4 p. m. March 15, on the following school debentures, issued on the serial plan at the rate of 6½%. Tenders in each case should include accrued interest from the date of the debenture until the date of payment.

Rurals—10 years—	Amt. of Issue.	Date of Issue.
(1) Turner, S. D. No. 3,797	\$3,200	Mar. 10 '20
(2) Mann Lake, No. 3,665	1,500	Mar. 10 '20
(3) Northern Moose, No. 3,581	1,500	Mar. 10 '20
(4) Siberian, No. 3,475	1,000	Mar. 10 '20
(5) Lotus, No. 3,725	1,800	Dec. 20 '19
(6) Currie, No. 3,767	1,800	Aug. 1 '19
(7) Nacmine, No. 3,771	8,000	Dec. 1 '19
(8) Capitol, No. 2,779	1,200	Mar. 10 '20
Rural—12 years—		
(9) Berg, No. 3,675	\$1,200	Dec. 1 '19
Rurals—15 years—		
(10) Blarney, No. 3,627	\$2,500	Mar. 10 '20
(11) Hurstbourne, No. 3,647	2,000	Mar. 10 '20
(12) Lily Lake, No. 3,822	2,200	Mar. 10 '20
(13) Smoky Lake, No. 3,880	5,000	Mar. 10 '20
(14) Passchendale, No. 3,840	2,500	Mar. 10 '20
(15) Wallman, No. 3,853	4,000	Mar. 10 '20
(16) Busby Park, No. 3,781	2,500	Mar. 10 '20
(17) Champlain, No. 1,776	1,500	Mar. 10 '20
(18) Pine Grove, No. 2,665	700	Dec. 20 '19
Village S. D.—5 years—		
(19) Stroms, No. 1,978	\$1,500	Mar. 10 '20
Village, S. D.—15 years—		
(20) Bowden, No. 302	\$2,000	Mar. 10 '20

**BROCKVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—The by-law to issue \$20,000 railway extension debentures carried by a vote of 491 to 10 at the election held Feb. 23—V. 110, p. 682.

**CHARLOTTENBURGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Williamstown), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Feb. 16, according to reports, the \$60,000 5½% installment road debentures, which were offered on that date—V. 110, p. 489—were awarded to Brent, Noxon & Co., of Toronto, at 94.73.

**FORT WILLIAM, Ont.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.**—The \$337,000 5% coupon gold school debentures, offered on Feb. 24—V. 110, p. 790—were not sold, as the city had decided to withdraw the issue from the market.

**GLIDDEN, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—W. L. McKinnon & Co., of Regina, have purchased, it is stated, an issue of \$3,500 debentures.

**GOVAN, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$12,000 debentures of this town has been sold, according to reports, to T. H. McCallum, of Saskatoon.

**GRAND MERE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that an issue of \$165,000 6% 9-year funding and impt. debentures has been sold to Versailles, Vidicaire & Boulais, of Montreal, at 97.25.

**KINCARDINE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—On Feb. 23 a by-law to issue \$40,000 hydro-electric debentures carried by a majority of 198, it is reported.

**MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that the \$30,000 6% 20-installment hospital debentures voted at an election held Jan. 5—V. 110, p. 283—have been purchased by C. H. Burgess & Co., of Toronto, at 97.07.

**RIPLEY, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—At an election held Feb. 20 a by-law to issue \$15,000 hydro-electric debentures was voted upon favorably.

**ST. HONORE PARISH, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—It is reported that the Parish Secretary Treasurer will receive bids until Mar. 8 for \$70,000 6% 40-installment debentures.

**SALVADOR, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that an issue of \$2,000 village debentures has been sold to W. L. McKinnon & Co., of Regina.

**SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The following, according to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, is a list of debentures, aggregating \$241,200, reported sold by the Local Government Board from Jan. 26 to Feb. 16 1920: Venice S. D., \$9,000; Canada Landed and National Investment Co., Winnipeg, Rereshill, \$500; Gilbenberger, \$500; Warwick, \$1,000; Bonnie Hill, \$1,200; Saskatchewan General Investment and Agency Co., Regina, Silverburn, \$3,500; C. H. Gipton, St. Catharines, Vimy Ridge, \$1,200; Cross, Jonah, Hugg and Forbes, Regina, Edam R.C.S.S., \$1,000; Amedeo Lawing, Potosi, \$210,000; Wood, Gundy and Co., Saskatoon, Harvard, \$5,000; Waterman-Waterbury, Regina, Half Way, \$3,700; sold locally.

**DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The following is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Jan. 26 to Feb. 16 1920: Schools.—Milestone, \$2,000 10-years 7% installment; \*Fairholme, \$4,750 10-years 8% annuity; \*Little Sk., \$3,500 10-years 8% installment; \*Tpsloy Mound, \$4,000 10-years 6½% annuity; East Side, \$3,500 10-years 8% annuity; Greenval, \$2,700 10-years 6½% annuity; \*Deer Run, \$2,750 10-years 8% annuity.

\*To be included in the next sale held by the board.

**VICTORIA, B. C.—DEBENTURES SOLD IN PART.**—Of the \$87,000 5½% debentures offered at par and interest as reported in V. 110, p. 790, \$26,000, maturing in 1932 and 1939 were disposed of. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 15 1919. Int. M. & S.

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