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Capital Authorized & Subscribed \$10,000,000
Capital Paid Up..... 5,000,000
Reserve Fund..... 5,000,000
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RATES OF INTEREST allowed for money
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At Call 5 Per Cent.

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CHRISTOPHER R. NUGENT, Manager.

The National Discount
Company, Limited

85 CORNHILL LONDON, E. C.

Cable Address—Nadis London.

Subscribed Capital.....\$21,166,625
Paid-up Capital..... 4,233,325
Reserve Fund..... 2,500,000
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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£20,000,000
ISSUED CAPITAL.....£14,210,350
RESERVE FUND.....£7,000,000
DEPOSITS.....£296,059,100

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Deputy-Chairmen:

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Authorized Capital.....£22,000,000
Paid-up Capital..... 8,898,720
Reserve..... 8,750,000

(31st Dec., 1919.)
Current, Deposit and other Ac-
counts.....£204,547,700

HEAD OFFICE: 41, LOTHBURY, E.C. 1.

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and the

Societa Italiana di Credito Provinciale

Capital Fully Paid Up.....Lire 215,000,000

Reserve Fund..... 41,000,000

Deposit and Current Accounts " 2,696,000,000

(May 31, 1919.)

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Head Office MILAN

Paid-up Capital.....\$21,200,000
Reserve Funds.....\$11,640,000

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Authorized Capital.....\$50,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$31,250,000
Paid-up Capital & Reserve Fund \$18,812,500
Total Resources.....\$306,125,415

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Reserve Funds...frs. 30,000,000

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Foreign Exchange
Documentary Business, Letters of Credit

Foreign

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Capitalfrs. 300,000,000
Surplusfrs. 63,000,000
Depositsfrs. 2,100,000,000

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Surplus, \$6,200,000
Deposits, \$165,000,000

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Toggenburger Bank est. 1863

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Reserves - - - - - " 15,000,000

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Rest and Undivided Profits.....£1,082,276
Deposits.....£25,548,828

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Reserve Fund.....£1,663,278

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CAPITAL AND
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Authorized Capital\$5=£1
\$10,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....7,250,000
Capital (Paid Up).....2,900,000
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....1,295,530
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Paid up—
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500,000 "B" shares of £1 each fully paid...£ 500,000
£1,750,000
Reserve.....£1,000,000 Deposits.....£36,071,122
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Assessed Valuation, 1919.....\$64,545,288
Total Bonded Debt (incl. this
Issue)..... 1,525,515

Population—38,765

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Assessed valuation.....\$279,300,700

Net debt..... 5,896,000

Population 200,000.

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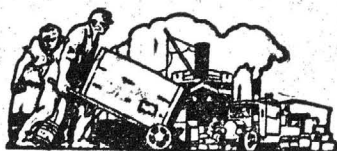
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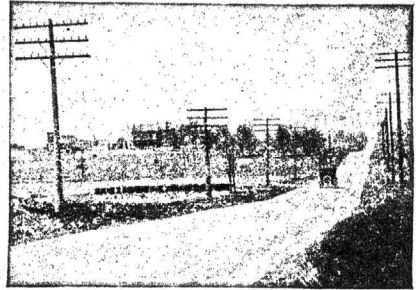
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FREDERIC V. S. CROSBY, Treas.,
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A. TREVETT, Secretary.

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A. TREVETT, Secretary.

The American Sugar Refining Company

PREFERRED DIVIDENDS
COMMON DIVIDENDS

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On the Common Stock two additional dividends of three-quarters of one per cent each, the first payable on the second day of July 1920 to the Stockholders of record on the first day of June 1920; the second payable on the second day of October 1920, to the Stockholders of record on the first day of September 1920.

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EDWIN T. GIBSON Secretary.

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The books of the Company for the transfer of shares will be closed from the close of business on the 25th day of May, 1920, to the close of business on the 31st day of May, 1920.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

Guantanamo Sugar Company

The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of One Dollar and Twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per share, or at the rate of Two and One-Half Per Cent (2½%) on the stock of the Company for the quarter ending June 30, 1920, and an extra cash dividend of Five Dollars (\$5) per share, both payable July 1, 1920, to stockholders of record at the close of business June 15, 1920. The Transfer Books will not be closed.

GEO. H. BUNKER,
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C. W. SOUTHER, Treasurer.

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Stockholders will be paid the cash value of fractional shares arising out of such stock dividend, based upon the market price of the stock on June 10, 1920, except as to those who request scrip certificates for fractions.

The stock transfer books will not be closed.

By order of the Board of Directors.

M. F. WESTOVER, Secretary.

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY.
Wilmington, Del., May 26, 1920.

The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of 4 1/4 % on the Common Stock of this Company, payable June 15th, 1920, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 29th, 1920. Said dividend to be payable as follows: Two dollars per share in cash, and two dollars and fifty cents per share in the Common Capital Stock of this Company of the par value of one hundred dollars per share; also dividend of 1 1/4 % on the Debenture Stock of this Company, payable July 26th, 1920, to stockholders of record at close of business on July 10th, 1920.

ALEXIS I. du PONT, Secretary.

THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY.
PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 31.

A regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent (1 3/4 %) on the Preferred Stock has been declared, payable July 1st, 1920, to stockholders of record at the close of business on June 14th, 1920.

COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 31.

A dividend of three-quarters of one per cent (3/4 %) on the Common Stock has been declared, payable July 1st, 1920, to stockholders of record entitled to share in such dividend at the close of business on June 14th, 1920. Checks will be mailed.

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C. A. PEACOCK, Secretary

FAIRBANKS, MORSE & CO.
COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND.

The Board of Directors of Fairbanks, Morse &
Co. has declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25
per share on the outstanding Common Capital
Stock of the Company, payable June 30, 1920,
to stockholders of record at the close of business
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1920.

JAMES S. AGAR, Treasurer.

THE YALE & TOWNE MANUFACTURING CO.

DIVIDEND NO. 107.

A dividend, No. 107, of five per cent (5%) for
the quarter ending June 30th, 1920, has been
declared by the Board of Directors out of past
earnings, payable July 1st, to stockholders of
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J. H. TOWNE, Secretary.

Dividends

United Drug Company

Common Stock Dividend No. 15.

The Directors of United Drug Co. have de-
clared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the Common
stock of United Drug Co., payable July 1, 1920,
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JAMES G. McCORMICK, Treasurer.
Boston, May 24, 1920.

Office of

DAY & ZIMMERMANN, INC.

Engineers—Managers

611-613 Chestnut Street, Phila., Pa.

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore
Gas & Electric Company has declared a dividend
of One and Three-Quarters (1 3/4%) Per Cent on
the outstanding Preferred Capital Stock of the
Company, payable June 1, 1920, to stockholders
of record at the close of business May 24th, 1920.

JOHN E. ZIMMERMANN, Treasurer.

AMERICAN CAN COMPANY.

A quarterly dividend of One and Three-
Quarters Per Cent has been declared on the
Preferred Stock of this Company, payable
July 1st, 1920, to Stockholders of record at the
close of business June 16th, 1920. Transfer Books
will remain open. Checks mailed.

R. H. ISMON,

Secretary & Treasurer.

GENERAL CHEMICAL COMPANY.

25 Broad Street,
New York

May 21, 1920.

The regular quarterly dividend of One and
One-Half Per Cent (1 1/2%) will be paid July 1,
1920, to Preferred Stockholders of record at
3 P. M., June 18, 1920.

LANCASTER MORGAN,

Treasurer.

Office of

LOCKWOOD, GREENE & CO., Managers

Boston, Mass.

The quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% upon the
preferred stock of International Cotton Mills has
been declared, payable June 1, 1920, at the office
of the Transfer Agents, the Old Colony Trust
Company, Boston, Mass., to all holders of record
at the close of business May 17, 1920.

INTERNATIONAL COTTON MILLS,
ALLAN B. GREENOUGH, Treasurer.

Office of

LOCKWOOD, GREENE & CO., Managers

Boston, Mass.

A quarterly dividend of 3% (\$1.50 per share)
upon the common stock of the International
Cotton Mills has been declared payable June 1,
1920, at the office of the Transfer Agents, the
Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass., to
all stockholders of record at close of business,
May 17, 1920.

INTERNATIONAL COTTON MILLS,
ALLAN B. GREENOUGH, Treasurer.**The R. E. Seamans Co., Inc.**

Preferred Dividend No. 4

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Per
cent (2%) has been declared on the Preferred
Stock of this company, payable May 31st 1920,
to stockholders of record May 16th, 1920

HOUSTON B. TREHEE, Treasurer

Dividends

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY**Pawtucket and Woonsocket,
Rhode Island.PREFERRED DIVIDEND NO. 16
COMMON DIVIDEND NO. 31

A semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share on the
Preferred capital stock and a quarterly dividend
of \$1 per share on the Common capital stock
(\$50 par value) of Blackstone Valley Gas &
Electric Company have been declared, both
payable June 1, 1920, to stockholders of record
at the close of business May 22, 1920.

STONE & WEBSTER,
Transfer Agents.**BATON ROUGE ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

PREFERRED DIVIDEND NO. 18
COMMON DIVIDEND NO. 10

A semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share on the
Preferred capital stock and a semi-annual divi-
dend of \$4 per share on the Common capital stock
of Baton Rouge Electric Company have been
declared, both payable June 1, 1920, to stock-
holders of record at the close of business May 25,
1920.

STONE & WEBSTER,
Transfer Agents.**THE CONNECTICUT POWER COMPANY**

State of Connecticut.

PREFERRED DIVIDEND NO. 29.

A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has
been declared on the Preferred capital stock of
The Connecticut Power Company, payable
June 1, 1920, to stockholders of record at the
close of business May 25, 1920.

EDWARD K. ROOT,

Treasurer.

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE CO.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 18, 1920.

DIVIDEND 98.

A regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/4 per cent
on the capital stock of Mergenthaler Linotype
Company will be paid on June 30, 1920, to the
stockholders of record as they appear at the
close of business on June 5, 1920. The Transfer
Books will not be closed.

JOS. T. MACKEY, Treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COR-
PORATION.

New York, May 21, 1920.

The Board of Directors of the International
Agricultural Corporation has this day declared a
quarterly dividend of one and one-quarter per
cent (1 1/4%) on the Preferred Stock of the cor-
poration, payable July 15, 1920, to stockholders
of record at the close of business June 30, 1920.
The transfer books will not be closed.

JOHN J. WATSON, JR., Treasurer.

CENTRAL LEATHER COMPANY.

A dividend of \$1.75 per share on its Preferred
stock has this day been declared by the Board of
Directors of this Company, payable July 1st,
1920, to stockholders of record June 10th, 1920.

H. W. HILL, Treasurer.

New York May 25th, 1920.

Meetings

MIDDLE WEST UTILITIES COMPANY.NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
STOCKHOLDERS.

The stockholders of Middle West Utilities Com-
pany are hereby notified that pursuant to call
made by the Board of Directors, a special meeting
of the stockholders of said Company will be held
at the office of the Company, No. 7 West 10th
Street, in the City of Wilmington, in the State of
Delaware, on the 15th day of June, 1920, at 11:30
o'clock A. M. The purpose of the meeting is to
consider the question of the adoption of a certain
agreement (which has been approved by the
Directors) for the merger and consolidation of
Middle West Securities Company with and into
Middle West Utilities Company.

For the purpose of said meeting the Company's
stock transfer books will be closed at 1 o'clock
P. M. on Saturday, May 22, 1920, and will be
reopened at 10 o'clock A. M. on Thursday,
June 17, 1920.

Dated, April 30th, 1920.

EDWARD J. DOYLE,

Secretary, Middle West Utilities Company.

GREENE CANANEA COPPER CO.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual
Meeting of the Stockholders of the Greene
Cananea Copper Company will be held at the
office of the Company, 42 Broadway, New York,
N. Y., on Monday, the twenty-first day of June,
1920, at twelve o'clock noon, for the transaction
of any and all business that may come before the
meeting, including the election of three directors
to hold office for three years.

The transfer books of the Company will not
close, but only stockholders of record as at 12
o'clock noon, Saturday, May 29, 1920, will be
entitled to vote at this meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. W. ALLEN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE

PHILADELPHIA COMPANY.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 25th, 1920.

MEETING.—The Annual Meeting of the
stockholders of the Philadelphia Company will
be held at the office of the Company, No. 435
Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday,
June 7th, 1920, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose
of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the
ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other
business as may be presented.

W. B. CARSON, Secretary.

AMERICAN CAR & FOUNDRY COMPANY.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The stockholders of the American Car & Foundry
Company are hereby notified that the
regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of
said Company will be held at its offices No. 243
Washington Street, Jersey City, New Jersey,
June 24, 1920, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose
of electing a Board of Directors and transacting
such other business as may be properly brought
before the meeting.

H. O. WICK,

Secretary.

Foreign Government and Municipal Bonds

British Government (All Issues) German Government (All Issues)
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Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1919.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash and Banks.....Frs. 291,963,610 16	Current Accounts.....Frs. 529,269,169 23
Bills.....110,400,283 61	Small Deposit Accounts..... 51,853,550 30
Loans.....21,143,366 60	Bills payable..... 51,442,013 28
Securities, Syndicates, Participations..... 35,950,113 79	Long-term Deposits and Bonds...134,529,775 82 (Guarantees, Fr. 37,283,887 03)
Current Accounts.....435,251,432 99	Capital.....100,000,000 00
Bank Premises.....11,410,001 00	Reserve Funds..... 30,000,000 00
(Liabilities of Customers for guarantees, Frs. 37,283,887 03)	Net Profit for 1919..... 9,024,299 52
<u>Frs. 906,118,808 15</u>	<u>Frs. 906,118,808 15</u>

All Banking Business Transacted

Financial

\$1,000,000
THE SAFE-CABINET COMPANY
First Mortgage 7% Convertible
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Dated May 1, 1920.

Denominations \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

Interest payable May 1 and November 1, in Chicago or New York.

Redeemable in reverse of maturity at 102½ and interest.

MATURITIES AND PRICES

\$50,000 May 1, 1921.....	99.29	\$100,000 May 1, 1926.....	96.45
50,000 May 1, 1922.....	98.63	100,000 May 1, 1927.....	96.01
50,000 May 1, 1923.....	98.02	150,000 May 1, 1928.....	95.59
100,000 May 1, 1924.....	97.46	150,000 May 1, 1929.....	95.20
100,000 May 1, 1925.....	96.94	150,000 May 1, 1930.....	94.85

Bonds of All Maturities at Above Prices Will Yield 7¾%.

From a letter of R. H. Dick, President and General Manager of the Company, from auditors' and appraisers' reports and other information, we summarize:

BUSINESS: The Safe-Cabinet Company is the world's largest manufacturer of safes and fireproof filing equipment. The business was established in 1906. The Company recently acquired the properties and good will of the Victor Safe & Lock Company, for thirty-five years manufacturers of safes, vaults, vault doors, safety deposit boxes and locks. The combined business and organizations have first rank among bank and office equipment manufacturers. The market field is probably broader than that of any other item of business equipment.

SECURITY: Direct obligation secured by First Mortgage on all properties of The Safe-Cabinet Company, specifically including two modern plants with twenty-four acres of valuable property at Cincinnati and Marietta, Ohio, with direct rail connection with fourteen roads. Additional bonds, not over \$500,000, can be issued only when net earnings, over twelve months, equal at least five times interest on all bonds outstanding and proposed to be issued.

ASSETS: Net tangible assets exclusive of all good will and patents, April 1, 1920, were over 280% of all outstanding bonds. Net quick assets must be maintained at not less than 100%.

EARNINGS: Net earnings available for bond interest in 1919, after depreciation and reserves, before Federal taxes, were over SIX AND ONE-HALF TIMES annual interest on all outstanding bonds. Net earnings for first three months of 1920 were at the rate of over TWELVE times.

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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following table, made up by telegraph, &c., indicates that the total bank clearings of all the clearing houses of the United States for the week ending to-day have been \$8,393,483,911, against \$8,848,672,808 last week and \$6,554,979,303 the corresponding week last year. Memorial Day holiday in week last year.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending May 29.	1920.	1919.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,705,063,698	\$2,938,535,743	+26.1
Chicago.....	503,992,420	353,936,717	+42.4
Philadelphia.....	401,527,594	255,198,825	+57.3
Boston.....	307,766,809	205,766,955	+49.6
Kansas City.....	186,900,596	162,795,910	+14.7
St. Louis.....	133,994,794	100,029,243	+33.9
San Francisco.....	*105,000,000	87,097,610	+20.4
Pittsburgh.....	135,374,130	99,000,000	+36.7
Detroit.....	90,758,242	66,953,030	+35.6
Baltimore.....	79,806,308	45,867,080	+74.0
New Orleans.....	61,848,200	48,854,338	+26.6
Eleven cities, 5 days.....	\$5,712,062,791	\$4,364,035,451	+30.9
Other cities, 5 days.....	1,230,494,216	905,467,482	+35.9
Total all cities, 5 days.....	\$6,942,557,007	\$5,289,502,933	+31.3
All cities, 1 day.....	1,450,926,904	1,265,476,370	+14.7
Total all cities for week.....	\$8,393,483,911	\$6,554,979,303	+25.0

*Partly estimated.
The full details for the week covered by the above will be given next Saturday. We cannot furnish them to-day, clearings being made up by the clearing houses at noon on Saturday, and hence in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated, as we go to press Friday night.
Detailed figures for the week ending May 22 show:

Clearings at—	1920	1919	Inc or Dec	1918	1917
New York.....	4,787,465,263	4,388,929,452	+9 1	3,303,406,416	3,649,875,177
Philadelphia.....	522,933,230	427,255,109	+22 4	376,910,140	311,952,877
Pittsburgh.....	165,405,216	140,000,000	+18 1	117,862,263	88,472,851
Baltimore.....	100,615,899	74,473,218	+36 1	60,223,958	39,516,983
Buffalo.....	45,795,619	35,908,499	+27 5	20,254,658	18,787,450
Washington.....	18,612,450	16,061,244	+15 9	13,605,825	10,450,743
Albany.....	5,171,003	4,572,862	+13 1	4,100,000	4,306,739
Rochester.....	11,125,826	9,577,710	+16 2	6,831,587	6,027,030
Scranton.....	5,325,628	4,487,273	+12 0	3,400,000	3,373,582
Syracuse.....	5,422,640	4,080,987	+32 9	4,300,000	3,645,784
Reading.....	2,913,775	2,298,061	+26 8	2,630,891	2,571,742
Wilmington.....	3,731,581	3,148,609	+18 5	2,972,409	3,063,847
Wilkes-Barre.....	2,916,965	2,262,440	+28 9	2,248,515	2,015,805
Wheeling.....	5,637,327	3,996,668	+41 1	3,965,938	3,798,500
Trenton.....	5,535,895	3,139,405	+76 3	2,907,687	2,184,340
Lancaster.....	3,390,285	2,530,563	+34 0	2,399,729	3,993,724
York.....	1,845,180	1,293,053	+27 2	1,298,900	1,195,314
Erie.....	2,894,909	2,245,212	+29 8	1,989,602	1,691,904
Binghamton.....	1,385,700	999,600	+39 6	752,000	910,400
Greensburg.....	1,100,000	1,050,000	+4 8	1,150,000	1,100,055
Chester.....	1,803,840	1,384,666	+30 3	1,338,497	1,210,582
Altoona.....	1,135,586	745,998	+52 1	828,021	776,404
Montclair.....	616,236	388,894	+58 4	376,157	564,917
Huntington.....	2,014,084	not included	n total		
Total Middle.....	5,702,590,113	5,130,830,523	+11 1	3,984,813,883	4,159,492,750
Boston.....	406,706,259	347,608,298	+14.2	278,562,640	228,867,452
Providence.....	18,575,506	9,819,600	+89.2	10,468,000	9,450,900
Hartford.....	9,842,708	8,367,202	+17.6	6,750,930	6,930,775
New Haven.....	6,246,290	5,448,949	+14.6	5,146,933	4,800,000
Springfield.....	5,611,481	3,946,368	+42.2	3,677,628	3,666,325
Portland.....	2,400,000	2,150,000	+11.6	2,100,000	2,366,500
Worcester.....	5,104,917	3,898,284	+30.9	3,609,659	3,270,642
Fall River.....	3,033,128	2,882,897	+5.2	2,473,505	1,957,365
New Bedford.....	2,165,866	1,678,540	+29.0	1,709,294	1,624,355
Lowell.....	1,519,730	1,026,199	+48.0	1,151,911	1,041,257
Holyoke.....	759,000	690,000	+10.0	700,035	914,756
Bangor.....	900,000	727,569	+23.8	719,358	532,522
Tot. New Eng.....	462,864,879	388,143,906	+19.3	315,069,553	262,952,851

Clearings at—	Week ending May 22.				
	1920.	1919.	Inc. or Dec.	1918.	1917.
Chicago.....	632,423,573	551,678,653	+14.6	456,257,850	471,384,205
Cincinnati.....	72,518,862	61,951,214	+17.1	52,497,359	36,123,888
Cleveland.....	140,382,562	98,380,112	+42.7	74,841,348	58,685,506
Detroit.....	130,029,076	98,704,927	+31.7	50,470,566	51,500,146
Milwaukee.....	36,600,000	30,811,276	+15.5	24,853,426	21,594,079
Indianapolis.....	19,136,000	14,834,000	+30.8	12,491,000	12,456,000
Columbus.....	13,962,400	12,205,700	+14.4	8,806,100	8,853,500
Toledo.....	15,280,231	14,076,841	+8.6	9,629,268	10,228,961
Peoria.....	5,281,732	4,919,777	+7.4	3,914,326	4,700,000
Grand Rapids.....	7,651,467	4,894,543	+56.3	4,816,377	4,403,538
Evansville.....	5,270,223	4,566,991	+15.4	3,275,253	2,970,815
Dayton.....	4,876,703	4,477,217	+8.9	3,909,196	3,193,694
Springfield, Ill.....	2,877,405	2,215,643	+29.9	1,917,013	1,595,471
Fort Wayne.....	2,290,738	1,540,715	+48.7	1,222,299	1,203,229
Youngstown.....	3,697,343	3,656,674	+1.1	3,080,092	2,992,460
Rockford.....	2,769,702	1,975,808	+40.3	1,824,706	1,438,946
Akron.....	12,899,000	10,628,000	+21.4	5,439,000	6,014,000
Lexington.....	1,080,000	900,000	+20.0	800,000	569,128
South Bend.....	1,380,000	1,150,000	+20.0	1,162,633	1,050,000
Quincy.....	1,637,163	1,465,951	+11.7	1,002,219	978,298
Canton.....	4,950,387	3,447,509	+43.6	3,000,000	3,461,514
Bloomington.....	1,621,754	1,300,823	+24.7	1,071,372	959,424
Springfield, O.....	1,552,280	1,167,026	+33.0	910,963	1,057,594
Decatur.....	1,515,265	1,152,531	+31.5	805,032	797,313
Mansfield.....	1,849,043	1,210,317	+52.8	1,057,530	892,263
Danville.....	886,980	886,792	+0.2	516,879	495,728
Jacksonville, Ill.....	567,804	702,212	-19.1	472,873	343,588
Lima.....	980,000	986,489	-0.7	965,875	664,853
Owensboro.....	531,750	764,613	-30.5	922,187	426,425
Lansing.....	2,122,112	1,292,361	+64.2	1,030,908	1,093,762
Ann Arbor.....	668,472	342,215	+95.3	245,582	327,779
Adrian.....	263,499	96,866	+172.0	117,927	120,017
Tot. Mid West.....	1,118,553,526	938,207,968	+19.2	742,239,768	722,549,519
San Francisco.....	161,207,637	142,979,303	+12.8	94,849,484	85,717,628
Los Angeles.....	79,966,000	40,262,000	+98.6	27,278,000	29,500,000
Seattle.....	42,912,657	36,903,910	+16.3	33,008,172	21,522,971
Portland.....	33,743,649	33,031,124	+2.2	23,933,261	15,875,969
Salt Lake City.....	17,343,495	15,862,330	+9.3	12,005,082	11,404,218
Spokane.....	10,914,560	9,739,296	+12.1	7,102,519	5,662,000
Tacoma.....	5,358,558	4,294,726	+24.8	3,991,793	2,832,264
Oakland.....	11,429,344	8,916,992	+28.2	5,820,256	4,673,406
San Diego.....	2,647,189	2,100,000	+26.0	1,829,805	2,031,235
Sacramento.....	5,825,537	4,385,193	+32.8	2,989,154	2,271,954
Pasadena.....	2,445,506	1,288,527	+89.9	889,826	915,752
Fresno.....	4,201,016	2,604,342	+61.3	1,935,820	1,481,453
San Jose.....	1,968,759	1,100,000	+79.0	907,949	760,000
Stockton.....	5,719,300	1,941,744	+194.5	1,778,564	1,411,232
Yakima.....	1,636,506	1,051,222	+55.6	714,458	541,272
Reno.....	804,176	837,182	-3.9	523,837	436,883
Long Beach.....	2,783,735	1,357,872	+105.0	923,903	555,416
Total Pacific.....	390,907,627	308,655,763	+26.7	220,473,883	187,573,652
Kansas City.....	228,350,463	210,328,532	+8.6	161,365,092	125,866,395
Minneapolis.....	84,549,719	37,891,361	+123.9	22,955,683	32,638,107
Omaha.....	58,863,808	59,834,846	-1.6	48,508,085	33,786,251
St. Paul.....	20,938,777	15,784,031	+32.7	13,741,123	12,609,536
Denver.....	21,723,953	23,515,882	-8.5	21,873,373	14,277,715
St. Joseph.....	15,643,194	17,287,857	-9.6	14,363,063	13,740,389
Des Moines.....	11,936,076	9,667,801	+23.5	8,198,217	6,994,223
Duluth.....	7,745,849	5,950,948	+30.2	4,549,474	6,078,629
Sioux City.....	9,915,597	10,048,211	-1.3	6,923,999	5,528,689
Wichita.....	13,650,642	11,037,397	+23.7	7,141,795	5,525,489
Lincoln.....	5,472,274	4,604,755	+18.8	3,392,603	3,902,879
Topeka.....	3,529,940	3,045,705	+15.9	3,200,000	2,350,192
Cedar Rapids.....	2,812,142	2,447,577	+14.9	1,681,159	1,806,033
Fargo.....	2,700,000	2,824,497	-4.4	1,705,176	1,560,518
Waterloo.....	2,132,890	1,752,429	+21.7	2,009,079	1,941,227
Colorado Springs.....	1,082,429	884,269	+22.4	689,570	661,291
Pueblo.....	1,010,562	759,616	+33.1	584,000	695,663
Helena.....	1,825,252	2,052,742	-11.1	1,701,383	1,826,991
Remont.....	779,798	791,429	-1.5	565,857	555,604
Aberdeen.....	2,040,038	1,227,348	+66.5	1,039,311	890,269

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The tone in financial circles has been much more cheerful the present week, and the security markets after their recent sharp break have shown considerable recovery, and, indeed, have latterly manifested no little strength. There are quite a number of reasons for this. In the first place, it is beginning to be recognized that, though the Federal Reserve authorities are determined that credit expansion shall be held within tight control, on the other hand there is no likelihood that credit restriction will be carried so far as to deprive legitimate business of an essentially necessary character of needful funds.

The news of the arrival of a consignment of \$22,000,000 gold on the Pacific Coast has also played some part in reviving confidence, especially as Argentine exchange has now turned in favor of the United States, with the result that gold held here for Argentine account is being released—presenting a sharp contrast with the situation prevailing only a short time ago, when the metal was being taken in considerable amount for shipment to that country. Not less encouraging has been the steady recovery in exchange rates on France and Italy, with a further rise, too, in sterling exchange on London, all of which leads to the conviction that the worst has been seen in the currency depreciation of these European countries and that the exchange situation has definitely turned for the better. Still another influence of a favorable character has been the improvement in the prospects of the growing winter wheat crop.

Over and above all these favorable developments has been the sensational recovery in United States bonds. The Fourth Liberty Loan 4½s which last week got down to 82, yesterday closed 87.64. This would seem to mean that the tremendous liquidation in these Liberty loan issues has now come to an end and that the buying induced through the opportunity afforded of obtaining an obligation of such undoubted merit as a U. S. Government bond at extraordinarily low figures has had the natural effect of bringing about a sharp recovery in price. One important consideration, however, bearing on this recovery should not be lost sight of. We have reference to the fact that the news from Washington latterly has indicated very strongly that the soldier bonus bill, which would make necessary additional large tax levies, stands very little chance of becoming a law.

The decline in bond values and rise in interest rates, as we have taken more than one occasion to show, has been due more largely to the inordinate tax levies that are being made by Government than to any other single cause. These tax levies and particularly the income and excess profits and surtaxes are of such huge magnitude that they are eating up the investment capital of the country.

The income taxes run into billions and the fact that the Government is appropriating for taxes such enormous sums leaves little of the business profits which ordinarily accrue, available for reproductive enterprise or for the purchase of Government bonds or bonds of any kind. As was pointed out by us in our issue of April 17, when the Government takes, as happens to be the case, \$31,190 from a man with an income of \$100,000, or takes \$730,000 out of every \$1,000,000 income that may come to Mr. Rockefeller, it is taking just so much money to pay for taxes (and therefore to be used up without benefit)

which would otherwise be used in new capital investments. Inasmuch as \$6,000,000,000 are now collected in income and excess profits and surtaxes it can readily be seen what has been the main source of the lack of investment capital, from which has sprung the high rates of interest that have to be paid by borrowers in order to secure such capital. Not only can there be no further additions to taxes, but expenses must be reduced and several billion dollars of these taxes released if there is to be permanent improvement in the investment situation.

Cotton production and consumption were the dominant subjects of presentation and discussion at the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, held at Richmond, Va., on Tuesday and Wednesday of the current week. Albert L. Scott, of Boston, speaking on the subject, presented statistics showing that during the six years, 1913 to 1919 inclusive, 1½ million more bales of American cotton were consumed than the production for the same period, and he gave figures indicating that the relation of consumption to production on the combined crops of the world was the same. He submitted a resolution originating with the National Council of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers providing for the creation of a joint cotton production bureau to cooperate and encourage increasing production. The president of the Association, James D. Hammett, in an extended address, devoted his attention mainly to setting out the need of tariff protection as he sees it for the cotton manufacturing industry and of textile education for the workers in the mills. He declared, furthermore, that the public must help adjust the disputes between capital and labor. The shipping question was the theme of the remarks of several of the delegates and, as affording relief from congestion at Northern points, the development of South Atlantic and Gulf ports was suggested.

Mr. Theodore H. Price, of New York, addressing the convention on "Shall we Sell Our Cotton Mills?" while not attempting to answer the question with any degree of finality, went quite thoroughly and comprehensively into his subject, reviewing consumption and production from data past and present, and reaching the conclusion that there would be no great increase in the world's crops of cotton for many years to come. It is reasonably clear, he thought, that with the re-establishment of normal conditions in Europe the demand for cotton goods will exceed the supply and the mills now in existence are likely to be fully employed if they can get the raw material. Whether those who own cotton mills would, under these conditions, be wise in selling them at from two to three times what it was very difficult to obtain for them six years ago he declared was a question everyone must decide for himself. He did advise those who require large quantities of cotton goods in their business to protect themselves by purchasing a mill whenever able to secure one suited to their needs, and also advised that they raise at least a part of the raw cotton they will consume. A feature of the closing session of the convention, as mentioned in another article, was the adoption of resolutions advocating increased rates for rail transportation in justice to the railroads.

Argentine advices of recent date indicate a very satisfactory commercial and industrial situation in

that progressive and flourishing South American republic. Bank clearings (the unfailing business barometer) at Buenos Aires in the year 1919 reached a high record aggregate, exceeding 1918 by a good margin and running ahead of 1917 by over 50%. Failures in the country as a whole, in the late year, covered a decidedly smaller aggregate of liabilities, the contrast having been \$30,093,000 and \$38,747,000 in 1918 and against \$79,871,000 in 1917. And last, but not least by any way, the foreign trade of the republic, on both the import and export sides of the account, was in excess of the high mark established in 1918. It happens, of course, as in the United States and elsewhere, that the increase in prices is largely responsible for the gain in value recorded but not wholly so, as reference to some of the leading items will serve to prove. The outflow of wheat from the country in 1919 for instance was 3,258,259 tons against 2,929,419 tons in 1918; of corn 2,374,657 tons against 647,721 tons; of linseed 840,272 tons against 391,053 tons; of flour 276,269 tons against 130,860 tons, of wool 146,664 tons against 115,949 tons; of quebracho extract 172,588 tons against 124,710 tons and of hides 5,892,828 in number against 4,596,806. The only declines in leading items are in oats and in frozen and chilled meats. The complete foreign trade figures for the calendar year 1919 will not be available for some little time, but those for the nine months show that the value of the exports at 719 million dollars was 94 millions in excess of the total for the same period of 1918, which in turn was higher by a considerable margin than had theretofore been attained. Imports, also, reached a very high aggregate—464 millions, or 99 millions more than for the nine months of 1918. Finally the trade balances in favor of the country (excess of exports) for the nine months was 255 millions against 260 millions in 1918, and lesser amounts in all earlier years.

The nations of Europe that were direct and active participants in the war need money so badly that they will keep at it until they find a way to raise at least a part of the funds which they most urgently require. The chief sponsors in Europe, however, for a large international loan, with German indemnity as collateral, such as was suggested last week, and to which the United States apparently was expected to be the largest subscriber, must have been hoping against hope when they conceived and proposed anything of that kind. This assertion is made on the supposition that they were reasonably well acquainted with the attitude of the American Congress and of many of our principal bankers toward further loans by our Government to Europe for any purpose. Certainly the leading European diplomats have had ample opportunity, through frequent official statements in recent months, to learn this attitude. How those admittedly astute political leaders could have expected that our Government, bankers or people, would take such a loan at this time in a large way, with the great scarcity of loanable funds and the generally complicated economic, industrial and political situations in this country, is not easy to comprehend.

Comparatively little appeared in the European advices this week relative to such a loan. A Paris correspondent, however, gave the scheme a new turn when he cabled a week ago to-day that "it is planned to float a European international loan based on the

German indemnity credit, to which loan America will not only not be asked to subscribe but no part of it will be available to American subscribers." No one in Europe need fear that our people will feel slighted by this announcement. The correspondent added that "this loan probably would be for 10,000,000,000 German marks gold." He also declared that "it would be the first of a proposed series of international loans with the German indemnity as the basis." According to this correspondent, however, American investors are to have a chance at all but the initial loan. On this point he declared himself as follows: "In subsequent loans of the same kind, the participation of American investors is hoped for, but the initial flotation is planned to be a purely European affair, and it is hoped that the success will lead America to revise some of her ideas about European financing. Time will tell whether she will or not. Outlining this latest alleged plan still further, the author of the dispatch said that "according to plans now being worked out, this loan would be guaranteed first of all by Germany's promise to pay, backed up by the joint indorsement of England, France, Italy and Belgium. Both the European Allies and the neutrals would be subscribers and the proceeds would go to the Allies in the proportion which has been fixed for their participation in the German indemnity, with a certain percentage going to the German Government." In partial justification of the reported hope for the success of the scheme he suggested that "to those who would doubt the success of such a loan placed among European bankers and private individuals, it might be pointed out from the French viewpoint alone that it is only a short time since the French Government floated an 18,000,000,000 franc loan and of the subscriptions 7,000,000,000 were in money. It is believed that bonds representing the promise of Germany, England, France, Belgium and Italy to pay will find a good market."

Even with respect to the European countries that have formally adopted the League of Nations, apparently it is still hardly more than a paper affair. In advices from Rome in which reference was made to the conclusion of the sessions there last week of the Council of the League of Nations, it was stated that the conviction was expressed that "until the nations of the world make a pro rata financial contribution to the support of the League it will be forced to play a minor role in world affairs." It was added that while "schemes for the economic and financial reorganization of Europe and for its social betterment have been initiated, they must be held in abeyance until money to support the work of the League is forthcoming." Regret was said to have been expressed also by members of the organization that "the powers of the Council are not wider."

Announcement was made in a cablegram from London that the second session of the International Labor Conference will be held at Genoa, Italy, June 15. According to the announcement, this "second session will be occupied exclusively with the consideration of the demands of merchant seamen, including those engaged on inland water-borne traffic." Among the specific subjects which it is said will be discussed are "the application of the Washington convention on the eight-hour day and a forty-eight hour week to marine labor; the control of conditions of employment; the application to seamen of the Washington convention and recommenda-

tions regarding unemployment insurance and the possibility of establishing an international status which will enable sailors to land at any foreign port without formalities." All the States belonging to the international labor organization and to the League of Nations, it was said, "will be represented, as also will Germany and Austria, under an invitation given at Washington, and, in a consultative sense, Finland." According to a report from Rome, "the Council of the League of Nations has decided to postpone indefinitely its projected investigation of conditions in Russia through a commission."

The special message of President Wilson to Congress Monday afternoon in which he urged that body to "grant to the Executive power to accept for the United States a mandate over Armenia," caused more or less stir in political and diplomatic circles in Washington, but could not have caused genuine surprise, inasmuch as such action by the President had been expected for some time. A Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said, however, that "Ambassador Wallace's announcement to the Council of Ambassadors that President Wilson is willing to undertake the definition of Armenian boundaries came as a pleasant surprise to the Entente representatives here, who had begun to despair of American participation in any way in European affairs." The correspondent suggested further, that, "aside from its local importance, the decision raises the question as to whether America intends to broaden her influence and play a large part in European organization." He stated also that the "French do not expect American co-operation on a grand scale until after the November elections, but they hope the United States ultimately will find that it cannot remain aloof and that the acceptance of Armenian responsibility means a return to the attitude assumed early in the days of the peace negotiations." On Thursday, by a vote of 11 to 4, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rejected "President Wilson's recommendation that Congress vest him with authority to accept a mandate for Armenia in behalf of the United States."

An interesting occurrence in Germany about a week ago was the bringing to an end of the first National Assembly established coincident with the setting up of the German Republic, following the defeat of the German armies and the signing of the armistice. It was pointed out in a Berlin cablegram that "the first National Assembly will be succeeded in two weeks time by the first Parliament of the Republic." President Ebert in an address said that "my wish for the first Reichstag of the Republic is that it may have a great majority for those who stand for Constitutional Government and against a policy of force." The elections in Germany are scheduled to be held on June 6th. In advices from the German capital it was declared that "speculations regarding the outcome vary, but there is a foreboding that the existing coalition composed of three parties—the Centre, Majority Socialists and Democrats—will be fortunate if it obtains anything like a working majority." The opinion was also expressed that "the Centre, which is mainly Catholic in composition, will probably maintain its existing strength, but the Majority Socialists are bound to lose heavily to the Independents, and from the Democratic party there has been a considerable drift to the Right." In a special cablegram from Berlin to the New York

"Tribune," in which reference was made to the ending of the National Assembly, the statement was made that, as a result, "fears of new coups d'etat from both Left and Right continue to cause anxious hearts."

The Allied Ambassadors, at a meeting in Paris on May 24, fixed June 4 as the date on which the Hungarian Peace Treaty should be signed. The place designated was the Grand Trianon Palace in Versailles. When the decision of the Budapest Government to sign the document was communicated to the Allies, the day before, it was stated that "a note was also handed to the Allied representatives, signed by the Hungarian Premier and Foreign Minister, stipulating that the provisions of the Treaty which they were asked to sign will be carried out loyally and that delegates representing the Government would be sent to Paris to sign it." Announcement was made at the same time that Count Apponyi, head of the Hungarian peace delegation, had resigned. The opinion was expressed at the French Foreign Office that "a member of the Hungarian Government will be sent to replace him at the signing."

On the heels of the calling off of the railroad strike and other labor disturbances in France, came reports early this week of a threatened railroad strike in Ireland. At the very outset it promised to become general. According to a Dublin dispatch on Monday, "a general strike of railway men is threatened in Ireland." It was said that the trouble arose "out of the refusal of railwaymen to handle the railway luggage containing military stores which was unloaded by soldiers from a ship in Kingston Harbor yesterday [Sunday] morning." The next day a Dublin dispatch said that "a serious extension of the railway trouble" occurred there that morning "when the railway men refused to transport war materials which had been landed from a steamer and loaded into a train by soldiers after the dockers had declined to work." It was also reported that several steamers from Ireland to England were held up, "including one on which there were several hundred Americans, owing to the men on the docks refusing to load luggage." A dispatch stated that "a flying column of cavalry has arrived in the district of Westmeath to protect the farms in that region from raiders." A cablegram from London Thursday morning stated that "more troops are being dispatched to Ireland to combat the property destruction and similar movements which are continuing there." It was reported also that "aside from the fresh troops recently sent to Ireland, eight more battalions are held in reserve for transfer thither on short notice." Many valuable properties were said to have been destroyed by fire.

The fortunate, and seemingly almost miraculous, escape of President Deschanel of France from a serious, not to speak of fatal, accident while on a brief railroad journey to Montbrison last Monday, may easily have saved France from further political complications, just at a time when the Government is making determined efforts to put the country on its feet again. The President's injuries were comparatively slight and not of a serious nature. He was brought back to Paris in due time and a day or two later Premier Millerand issued orders that the Chateau Rambouillet be prepared to receive him and the advices said that "it is planned that the President

shall spend at least ten days there to recover from his harrowing experience Sunday night when he fell from a moving train near Montargis." It was added that "the chateau has not been occupied since President Fallieres was in office." Premier Millerand announced in the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday that "President Deschanel had so far recovered from his injuries that he had been able to resume his work as Chief Executive of the Republic." The "Echo de Paris" stated that he would not go to Rambouillet, as had been announced, "but to the estate of his father-in-law, Rene Brice, member of the Chamber of Deputies, near Rennes." The President's accident is said to have suggested to some observers the advisability of France having a Vice-President who could serve in the event of the President being actually incapacitated for any reason.

Consideration of the French railroad strike in the Chamber of Deputies resulted in an overwhelming vote of confidence in the Millerand Government. It was said that 526 votes were cast in favor and only 90 against. The Premier had asked for the vote. The strike situation was the subject of "three days' bitter debate," according to the Paris advices. It was said that "the Socialists attacked the Government on its international policy, demanded the nationalization of industries and condemned its fight against the labor unions." On the other hand, it was indicated that "the Government showed that extreme leaders of the Communists had plotted to establish Soviet government in French cities." Premier Millerand participated in the debate, and in what was characterized as "a stirring speech," upheld the Government's position. He was reported to have "declared that if the Government had yielded it would have been triumph for a rule which could not last, and which would have involved the country in continuous unnecessary strikes." The opinion was said to have prevailed that "the only result would have been disturbance of France's economic life."

Conditions in Russia and in several of the smaller countries of Eastern Europe for many months have presented knotty problems at which the Allies, under the leadership of Great Britain, have both shied and taken a little turn. In general Lloyd George apparently has been in favor of trying to solve these problems. The British people have not favored such a course to any great extent. A special London correspondent of the "Sun and New York Herald" asserted in a cablegram from that centre last Saturday that "it is learned from a well-informed source following the Cabinet meeting to-day that Great Britain is going to sit tight in the face of the new developments affecting Russia in Poland and Persia." He added that "the gravity of the situation in the Near East is not underestimated. The Government, however, apparently has decided not to act, because there is nothing it can do without an expenditure of men and money, and that the British people would not support." Last Sunday an article by J. L. Garvin appeared in the "Observer," which is spoken of as Viscount Astor's newspaper, in which he demanded "an immediate conclusion of full peace with Russia and Allied action to repudiate and punish the attack by the Poles on Soviet Russia." The article was said to have caused considerable comment, because the paper had always been particularly friendly to Lloyd George. A few days later, announcement

was made in a London cablegram that the British Premier had summoned representatives of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa "to meet with the Cabinet in London to discuss questions arising out of the war claims against Germany." It was said that this meeting would be held before the Spa conference. The action of the Prime Minister was said to have been "regarded as an effort on his part to back up his contention made at the Hythe conference against awarding more priority to France than the eleven to five division of the money indemnities directly received from Germany." The opinion prevailed that "the men who will represent the Dominions probably will be those who have been in London recently seeking light on the indemnity question to enable their governments to draft their budgets." Several prominent French politicians were quoted in a Paris cablegram Thursday morning as being strongly opposed to negotiating with M. Krassin, who has arrived in London "to discuss the resumption of commercial relations with Russia." Advices from London yesterday afternoon stated that "Premier Lloyd George unexpectedly returned to London from the country to-day [Friday] and summoned a meeting of the Cabinet to discuss the Russian question."

According to reports from London, a reduction in commodity prices is in progress in England, somewhat similar to that about which we have heard so much in this country during the last two weeks. The chief essential difference seems to have been that in England food products were included in the downward movement to a greater extent than in the United States. In a London cablegram to the "Sun and New York Herald" a week ago to-day the assertion was made that "at the same that C. A. MacCurdy, Food Minister, is proclaiming the possibility of a food shortage and dearer supplies for the coming year, the British markets are beginning to feel a slump in buying." He added that "who esale dealers are buying only for their daily needs, owing to the reports coming from the retail trade indicating a steady decrease in the demands for all goods, even the necessaries of life." Declines in prices in several suburban districts were said to have averaged 40%. Some of the leading merchants in London were quoted as predicting that "a rapid fall in all prices is imminent." Tea merchants were reported to have been refused further credit, "at the usual terms," by their bankers. It was reported that tea prices had dropped 12 cents in a week. Figures were presented to show the declines that had taken place in the prices of canned goods and dried fruits. The range appeared to be from 5 to 17 cents per unit of measure. On the other hand, it was stated in the dispatch that "the records of the Labor Ministry show that unemployment in skilled trades is less than 1%, while the registration of labor exchanges is below the average year."

The British Treasury statement of national financing for the week ending May 22 indicated a substantial increase in the Exchequer balance, amounting to £674,000. This brings the total on hand up to £4,397,000, as against £3,723,000 last week. Expenditures for the week were £15,573,000, against £10,622,000 for the week of May 15, while the total outflow including Treasury bills, advances and other items repaid, amounted to £91,719,000, in comparison

with £108,382,000 last week. The total of receipts from all sources was £92,393,000, as contrasted with £108,355,000 the previous week. Of this total, revenues yielded £29,191,000, against £25,902,000, savings certificates £750,000, against £900,000, and other credits £1,389,000, against £300,000. Advances brought in £4,000,000, against £9,500,000, while from Treasury bonds a total of £1,353,000 was received, against £2,572,000 a week earlier. New issues of Treasury bills reached a total of £55,710,000. Last week the amount sold was £69,181,000. Repayments were slightly in excess of sales, so that the volume of Treasury bills outstanding now stands at £1,062,834,000, comparing with £1,063,733,000 a week ago. Temporary advances have been reduced from £218,867,000 a week ago, to £210,367,000, while the total floating debt was again brought down, being now £1,273,201,000, against £1,282,600,000 the week before. Last year it was more than £200,000,000 higher, at £1,481,489,000.

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in Berlin, Spain, Vienna and Switzerland; 5½% in Belgium and Norway; 6% in Paris, Copenhagen and Petrograd; 7% in London and Sweden, 4½% in Holland, and 8% in Japan. In a cablegram from Bombay yesterday it was reported that the Bank of Bombay had reduced its discount rate from 8 to 7%. A few weeks since it was lowered from 9 to 8%. In London the private bank rate continued to be quoted at 6¾@6⅞% for sixty and ninety days. Call money in London is still quoted at a range of 5¼@5¾%. No reports have been received by cable of open market discounts at other centres, so far as can be ascertained.

Another trifling loss in gold is shown by the Bank of England statement this week, namely £17,158, while total reserves fell £600,000, there having been an increase in note circulation of £583,000. The deposit items, however, were lowered, so that the proportion of reserve to liabilities has again been advanced to 16.50%, in comparison with 16.49% a week ago and 19.20% last year. Public deposits declined £3,368,000, other deposits were reduced £3,457,000 and Government securities £2,159,000. A reduction of £916,000 was reported in loans (other securities). Threadneedle Street's holdings of gold, despite recent small losses, still stand far in excess of the corresponding dates of previous year and the total is now £112,455,304, as against £86,080,204 last year, £63,451,474 in 1918 and only £35,947,360 in 1914, before the outbreak of the war. Reserves total £19,440,000, in comparison with £27,368,839 in 1919 and £30,274,465 a year earlier. Circulation has reached a total of £111,464,000. A year ago it stood at £77,161,365 and in 1918 £51,051,240. Loans amount to £81,716,000, in comparison with £80,476,924 the year preceding and in 1918 £106,846,004. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £649,028,000, as against £748,772,000 last week and £511,830,000 a year ago. British Treasury notes outstanding aggregate £316,436,000, against £313,276,000 a week ago, while the amount of gold securing these notes is now £29,179,000, as contrasted with £29,496,000 in the week previous. The Bank's official minimum discount rate continues at 7%. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England statement;

	1920. May 26.	1919. May 28.	1917. May 29.	1916. May 30.	1915. May 31.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	111,464,000	77,161,365	51,051,240	39,015,050	35,388,780
Public deposits.....	16,603,000	21,033,711	41,055,712	57,438,657	53,534,375
Other deposits.....	101,179,000	121,583,297	135,269,961	119,481,225	82,857,557
Govt. securities.....	34,356,000	52,522,633	56,737,732	45,080,406	33,187,474
Other securities.....	81,716,000	80,476,924	106,846,000	115,055,100	72,652,657
Reserve notes & coin	19,440,000	27,368,839	30,274,465	34,535,176	43,275,877
Coin and bullion.....	112,455,304	86,080,204	63,451,474	55,100,226	60,214,657
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	16.50%	19.20%	17.50%	19.52%	31.72%
Bank rate.....	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 130,000 francs. The Bank's total gold holdings are thus brought up to 5,587,054,125 francs, comparing with 5,549,469,814 francs at the corresponding date in 1919 and with 5,382,423,802 francs in 1918; these amounts include 1,978,278,416 francs held abroad in both 1920 and 1919 and 2,037,108,484 francs in 1918. Silver, during the week, gained 42,000 francs. Treasury deposits expanded 28,634,000 francs and general deposits were augmented by 13,512,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 78,174,000 francs, while advances were reduced 6,724,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further contraction of 136,676,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 37,914,835,806 francs. During the past three weeks the reduction in note circulation has totaled approximately 334,500,000 francs. At this time in 1919 the amount outstanding was 34,061,243,185 francs and in 1918, 27,303,371,625 francs. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the total 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:

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Status as of—		
		May 27 1920.	May 29 1919.	May 30 1918
In France.....	Inc.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Abroad.....	No change	1,978,278,416	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484
Total.....	Inc.	130,000	5,587,054,125	5,549,469,814
Silver.....	Inc.	42,000	240,384,495	306,915,278
Bills discounted...Dec.	78,174,000	1,902,765,298	896,613,427	1,120,605,287
Advances.....Dec.	6,724,000	1,790,512,561	1,240,235,675	942,301,048
Note circulation...Dec.	136,676,000	37,914,835,806	34,061,243,185	27,303,371,625
Treasury deposits...Inc.	28,634,000	112,186,872	146,214,156	46,064,472
General deposits...Inc.	13,512,000	3,639,284,031	3,401,956,837	3,339,833,035

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement issued as of May 15, showed the following changes: An increase in gold coin of 638,000 marks, in Treasury certificates of 193,321,000 marks and notes of other banks 143,000 marks. Bills discounted gained 2,949,938,000 marks and deposits 3,517,484,000 marks. Advances expanded 6,057,000 marks and circulation 574,689,000 marks. There were decreases of 41,182,000 marks in investments; 32,368,000 marks in securities and 15,627,000 marks in liabilities. The German Bank reports its stock of gold on hand at 1,091,684,000 marks.

The weekly bank statement of New York Clearing House members was about as had been expected. Owing chiefly to continued stock market liquidation, loans were reduced \$29,476,000, while net demand deposits declined \$26,749,000 to \$4,184,929,000. This does not include \$56,249,000 of Government deposits, the amount of which was \$21,845,000 larger than in the previous week. Losses in both aggregate and surplus reserves were recorded, but these were due to a reduction in the reserves kept by member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, and indicated diminished borrowing from the latter. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank was

cut \$620,000 to \$95,713,000 (not counted as reserve), while the reserve of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank showed a contraction of \$24,680,000, to \$543,467,000. Reserves of State banks and trust companies in own vaults gained \$450,000, to \$8,877,000, while the reserve in other depositories of State banks and trust companies declined \$414,000, to \$9,632,000. Aggregate reserves were reduced, in round numbers \$24,644,000, to \$561,976,000, while surplus sustained a loss of \$21,061,980, which brought the total of excess reserves down to \$7,690,350, in comparison with \$28,752,330 the previous week. The figures here given for surplus above requirements are based on legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$95,713,000 held by these banks. The Federal Reserve Bank exhibit was distinctly favorable, showing an increase in the ratio of reserve from 40.3 to 42.3, while probably the most significant feature of the display was the fact that loans to member banks secured by Government securities were reduced \$73,011,000, though, on the other hand, rediscounts for other Reserve banks were increased \$27,383,000. For member banks rediscounts on all accounts fell off \$77,600,000, but the rediscounts for other Reserve banks were expanded \$31,646,000. The bank statement will be found in greater detail on a later page of this issue.

The trend of the call money market practically all week was toward greater ease. It may be said that 6% was the prevailing rate. The most notable feature of the local money market as a whole was the break in the time money market from the severe stringency that has prevailed for such a long time. From day to day freer offerings and a disposition on the part of lenders to shade quotations were reported. Yesterday the offerings were said to have been much larger than on any previous day, some of the leading financial institutions indicating their willingness to put out substantial amounts for 60 days at 8½%. Borrowers were not as keen to accept these offers as might have been expected, notwithstanding their inability for many months to negotiate good-sized time loans at any quotation. The feeling is growing in the financial district that the money market will be relatively easier for some weeks and perhaps during the greater part of the summer. Consequently borrowers are not disposed to take large time loans, when call money is freely offered at 6% and when an active stock market during the coming weeks, and perhaps months, is not looked for. While the mercantile liquidating movement is still reported to be largely confined to clothing, reports are coming to hand of lower prices for food products. Secretary of the Treasury Houston in an address before the Bond Club in this city a few days ago, urged the necessity of the curtailment of credit, the exercise of much greater thrift and economy on the part of the people and the making of only necessary appropriations by Congress. This general admonition is heard on all sides, is bearing fruit and, if continued, is bound to be felt to a still greater extent. Without going into a detailed discussion of the situation, it would seem safe to suggest that there are some slight indications of easier money in this country. Its realization and continuance, however, will depend very largely on the attitude of corporations, financial institutions and individuals.

Dealing with money rates in detail, call loans have ranged between 6 and 7% for both mixed collateral and all-industrials without differentiation. A week ago the range was 6@8%. For the greater part of the week, that is on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, call rates were "pegged" at 6% and this was the only rate quoted, being the high and low and also the renewal rate on each of the three days. Thursday there was an advance to 7% the maximum, but the low was still at 6%, and this was again the renewal basis. Friday's range remained at 6@7%, with 6% the ruling figure. The outstanding feature of the call market this week has been the heavy offerings of funds, and this in spite of large withdrawals by the Government from the banks. As a matter of fact the supply was again in excess of the demand. For fixed maturities also the undertone was easier and for the first time in many weeks liberal amounts of time money were available. It is estimated that approximately \$3,000,000 was put out towards the latter part of the week for thirty, sixty and ninety days, at 8½% on all-industrial collateral. Regular mixed collateral is now quoted at 8%, as against 8@8½% last week and all-industrials at 8½%, against 8½@9%. The bulk of this money is said to have come from the interior, though local institutions are also putting out funds more freely, and brokers are now predicting easier conditions in the near future.

Banks and bankers' acceptances have ruled firm, but without quotable change. Offerings were freer than has been the case recently, and a moderate amount of business has been transacted. A brisk demand was reported for the best names, including prime New York bills. This of course was in line with the general easing up in the call loan market. Demand loans for bankers' acceptances remain as heretofore at 5½%. Detailed rates follow:

	Spot Delivery		Delivery	
	Ninety Days.	Thirty Days.	Thirty Days.	30 Days.
Eligible bills of member banks	6¼@6½	6¼@6½	6¼@6	7 bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks	6¼@6½	6¼@6½	6¼@6¼	7 bid
Ineligible bills	7¼@8¼	7¼@8¼	7¼@6¼	7¼ bid

In addition to the Federal Reserve banks which we announced last week had adopted a rate of 5½% on paper secured by 5½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, the Federal Reserve banks of Atlanta and Richmond have likewise established the same rate on paper backed by this issue of certificates. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has increased the rate on paper secured by bankers' acceptances from 5 to 5½%. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis has followed the action of the Federal Reserve banks of Kansas City and Dallas in adopting the progressive system of discount rates. The following is the schedule of prevailing rates now in effect:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT MAY 28 1920.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (including member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—				Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks.	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days.	Agricultural and live-stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days.
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness.		Liberty bonds and Victory notes.	Other-wise secured and unsecured.			
	Bearing int. at 5¼%.	All other.					
Boston	5	5	5½	6	5	6	6
New York	5	5	5½	6	5	6	6
Philadelphia	5½	7½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Cleveland	5½	7½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Richmond	5½	7½	5½	6	5	6	6
Atlanta	5½	7½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Chicago	5½	7½	5½	6	5½	6	6
St. Louis	5½	7½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Minneapolis	5	7½	5	6	5½	6	6
Kansas City	5	5	5½	6	5½	6	6
Dallas	5	5	5½	6	5½	6	6
San Fran.	5½	5½	5½	6	5½	6	6

† 5½% on paper secured by 5½% certificates.
 Note 1. Rate on paper secured by War Finance Corporation bonds 1% higher than the rate on commercial paper shown in column 4 of figures above.
 Note 2. Rates shown for St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas are normal rates, applying to discounts not in excess of a basic line fixed by the Federal Reserve Bank. Discounts in excess of the basic line are subject to a ¼% progressive increase for each 25% excess or fraction thereof.

Commercial paper rates continue to be quoted at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names less well known at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $7\frac{3}{4}\%$. Trading was slightly more active with out-of-town banks the principal buyers.

Substantial improvement has taken place in the sterling exchange market this week, both in point of activity and strength, and following a brief period of comparative quiet in the early dealings, which were somewhat restricted owing to the more or less general observance of the Whitsuntide holidays abroad, English banks once more came into the market as heavy buyers of sterling bills and rates moved up steadily until on Wednesday $3\ 87\frac{1}{2}$ was reached, 7 cents above the low point of a week ago. Cable quotations from London came higher, a factor which had much to do with the better feeling at this centre, while commercial offerings continue in light supply. On Thursday news of the arrival of some \$20,000,000 gold at San Francisco from Hong Kong for account of J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal agents of the British Government, created a highly favorable impression, and rates forthwith shot up to $3\ 92\frac{1}{4}$ for demand. This constitutes an advance of nearly 12 cents for the week and is the highest point touched in some little time. In the final dealings, however, there was a slight recession, and closing prices were under the best. The arrival of this gold tended to confirm the belief entertained in financial circles here that Great Britain is proceeding steadily and systematically in its preparations for the payment of the maturing Anglo-French loan in October. Undoubtedly a very large proportion of the buying for account of British interests noted lately has been for this purpose, and while there is still some talk heard of heavy importations of gold, it is thought that the volume will be far less than at first anticipated, for the reason that by far the greater portion of England's share of the loan has already been provided for.

Bankers are almost unanimously of the opinion that the European situation, taken as a whole, is decidedly more satisfactory, and according to usually well informed authorities it would not be surprising if further sharp advances were registered in the course of the next few weeks. Interest which for a while was transferred to continental exchange is again centring upon the sterling market, and a further marked increase in activity is looked for. News that Congress has refused the President's request for a mandate in Armenia and that, on the other hand, Mr. Wilson had vetoed the Knox peace resolution, was without effect on price levels.

As regards quotations in greater detail, sterling exchange on Saturday was strong and rates advanced sharply to $3\ 83\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\ 85\frac{1}{4}$ for demand, $3\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\ 86$ for cable transfers and $3\ 81$ to $3\ 82\frac{3}{4}$ for sixty days. Monday's market was active and higher, with demand bills up 2 cents, to $3\ 85\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\ 87\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers to $3\ 86\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\ 88$, and sixty days to $3\ 83\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\ 84\frac{3}{4}$. There was a slightly reactionary trend to prices on Tuesday and freer offerings of bills brought about a decline to $3\ 84$ and $3\ 84\frac{1}{2}$ for demand, $3\ 84\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\ 85\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 79\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\ 80$ for sixty days. On Wednesday the upward movement noted in the opening days of the week was resumed and under the impetus of a vigorous buying movement, sterling rates were rushed up nearly 3 cents in the pound; demand bills ranged at $3\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ to

$3\ 87\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers $3\ 85$ to $3\ 88$, and sixty days $3\ 79\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\ 82\frac{3}{4}$. A further violent advance took place on Thursday following announcement of the arrival at San Francisco of a substantial consignment of gold from Hong Kong, and demand sterling moved up $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, to $3\ 87\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\ 92\frac{1}{4}$, cable transfers to $3\ 88$ to $3\ 93$, and sixty days $3\ 82\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\ 87\frac{3}{4}$; trading was active with a good demand reported. Friday's market was steady but fractionally lower, with a decline to $3\ 87\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\ 91$ for demand, $3\ 88\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\ 91\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 83\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\ 86\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $3\ 83\frac{1}{4}$ for sixty days, $3\ 87\frac{3}{4}$ for demand and $3\ 88\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3\ 87\frac{1}{4}$, sixty days at $3\ 81\frac{3}{4}$, ninety days at $3\ 80$, documents for payment (sixty days) $3\ 81\frac{1}{2}$, and seven-day grain bills $3\ 86\frac{1}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3\ 87\frac{1}{4}$. So far as could be learned, there were no gold exports reported this week. On Thursday, as already stated, a consignment of \$22,200,000 of the precious metal was received at San Francisco from Hong Kong, for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. It is stated, though not officially, that this gold represents deposits held in Hong Kong for the account of the Omsk Government syndicate loan, which was paid off a week ago and sold to Japan. The assumption is that the Bank of Japan is indebted to Great Britain and has resold the gold, which is thus being used in settlement of the coming maturity of the Anglo-French loan. This brings the aggregate of shipments, presumably for the Anglo-French installment up to about \$80,000,000.

Continental exchange again took the lead and the week's operations were featured by further sensational advances in francs, lire and marks. In the latter currency prices shot up to 3.13 for Berlin checks, a rise of 69 points during the week, although before the close profit taking sales caused a partial reaction from this figure. Transactions in German exchange reached enormous proportions for a while and amidst scenes of great activity and excitement, blocks involving huge sums changed hands. One sale was reported as approximating 10,000,000 marks, while numerous transactions of a million to two million marks have taken place. Although opinion seems to differ as to the reasons underlying this rapid recovery, there can be no doubt that the main reason for it is found in the enormous purchases here from day to day of German securities of all kinds—German municipal issues, German manufacturing stocks and German stocks and bonds of every description. Many financial houses are making a specialty of such transactions and are doing a huge business. It is understood, furthermore, that German imports to the United States are increasing daily and have now reached quite substantial proportions.

French currency, despite some irregularity and occasional reactions, bounded upward, until 12.27 was reached. This is an advance of 157 centimes and another new high record on the current movement. The same is true of lire quotations, which were forced up to 16.35, 277 points above the high level of the preceding week, and which compares with a rate of 19.97 established a little over a week ago. Antwerp moved in sympathy with French exchange and also registered material improvement, while Austrian kronen have been advanced to 00.90, or 38 points up. There is every reason to believe that the more

optimistic feeling prevailing in prominent financial circles regarding European affairs has played an important part in the recovery of currency values just noted, but it must not be overlooked that professional speculators have again been actively at work, and that to their tactics must be ascribed the rather erratic fluctuations recorded on several occasions during the week. At one time exchange on Rome jumped 140 points, only to react on the same day nearly 100 points. Both Berlin and Paris exchange fluctuated violently, but in nearly every case the losses were promptly recovered and the trend was steadily up. Currencies of other countries of Middle and Southeastern Europe participated in the rise, notably Czecho-Slovakia and Bucharest exchange, which showed gains of nearly 100 points in each case. At the extreme close profit taking sales brought about a reactionary trend and some of the earlier gains were lost.

Among the recent events is that a gold clearance treaty with Equador has been signed by the Secretary of State at Washington. The new arrangement is identical with those already in operation with Panama, Hayti, Guatemala and Paraguay and is for the purpose of assuring adequate Governmental security in commercial transactions. According to a recent dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland is being buried under an avalanche of gold. The dispatch further states that the gold stored in the Swiss Bank has no outlet in Europe and that many industries are at a complete standstill.

The official London check rate on Paris finished at 51.40, comparing with 53.10 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 13.12, against 13.85; cable transfers at 13.10, against 13.83; commercial sight bills at 13.14, against 13.89, and commercial sixty days at 12.23, against 13.96 last week. Belgian francs finished the week at 12.57 for checks and 12.55 for cable remittances. This compares with 13.38 and 13.36 a week ago. Closing quotations on reichsmarks were 2.56 for checks and 2.58 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 2.30 and 2.32. Austrian kronen finished at 00.67 for checks and 00.68 for cable transfers, as against 00.52 and 00.53 the week previous. Italian lire closed at 16.95 for bankers' sight bills and 16.93 for cable remittances. A week ago the close was 19.17 and 19.15, respectively. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed at 2.55, against 1.78; on Bucharest at 2.57, against 1.80; on Poland at 54, against 51, and on Finland at 5.14, against 5.20. Greek exchange was a shade easier, at 8.71 for checks and 8.69 for cable transfers, against the previous quotation of 8.69 and 8.67.

Neutral exchange apparently had little or no part in the strength and activity noted at other continental centres and in sterling, and rates ruled within relatively narrow limits with the volume of business passing small. Guilders continue to rule at or near last week's levels. Swiss francs were a shade firmer, but Spanish pesetas moved irregularly and closed fractionally down. The Scandinavian exchanges have shown little or no recovery and price levels are still very close to the low records established some time ago.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at 36½, against 36 5-16 cable transfers at 36½, against 36 7-16; commercial sight bills at 36 7-16, against 36¼, and commercial sixty days 35 11-16, against 35 13-16 on Friday of a week ago. Swiss francs

closed at 5.59 for bankers' sight bills and 5.57 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 5.66 and 5.64. Copenhagen checks finished at 16.60 and cable transfers 16 70, against 16.37 and 16.45. Checks on Sweden closed at 21.55 and cable transfers 21.65, against 20.90 and 21.00, while checks on Norway finished at 18.20 and cable transfers 18.30, against 18.05 and 18.15 last week.

As to South American quotations, while no important alteration has been noted, rates were a shade higher, with the check rate on Argentina at 42.50 and cable transfers 42.625, against 42.38 and 42.58 last week. For Brazil the undertone is fractionally down with the rate for checks 26.125 and cable transfers 26.25, against 26.25 and 26.375. Chilian exchange has been advanced to 20¾, against 20½ last week, though Peru is still at 4.98@4.99, the same as a week ago.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 84@85, against 83@83½; Shanghai, 118@119, against 115½@116; Yokohama, 51¼@51½, against 50¾@51; Manila, 49¼@49½ (unchanged); Singapore, 45½@46 (unchanged) Bombay, 41¾@42, against 42½@43, and Calcutta, 41¾@42, against 42½@43.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,503,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending May 28. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,892,000, while the shipments have reached \$4,389,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$89,732,000, 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 \$85,229,000, as follows:

Week ending May 28.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$8,892,000	\$4,389,000	Gain \$4,503,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations.....	13,448,000	103,180,000	Loss 89,732,000
Total.....	\$22,340,000	\$107,569,000	Loss \$85,229,000

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

Banks of	May 27 1920.			May 29 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England..	112,455,304	-----	112,455,304	86,080,820	-----	86,080,820
France a..	144,351,028	9,600,000	153,951,028	142,836,844	12,280,000	155,116,844
Germany -	54,584,200	183,850	54,768,050	78,324,050	1,026,800	79,350,850
Russia *..	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000	129,650,000	12,375,000	142,025,000
Aus-Hun..	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	11,600,000	2,372,000	13,972,000
Spain ----	98,105,000	24,884,000	122,989,000	90,444,000	25,836,000	116,300,000
Italy ----	10,944,000	3,009,000	13,953,000	11,600,000	628,000	12,228,000
Netherl'ds.	52,982,000	1,086,000	54,068,000	55,479,000	600,000	56,079,000
Nat. Bel. h	10,659,000	1,086,000	11,745,000	16,320,000	600,000	16,920,000
Switz'land.	21,225,000	3,629,000	24,854,000	17,229,000	2,669,000	19,898,000
Sweden --	14,500,000	-----	14,500,000	15,961,000	-----	15,961,000
Denmark --	12,588,000	164,000	12,752,000	10,374,000	136,000	10,510,000
Norway --	8,122,000	-----	8,122,000	8,189,000	-----	8,189,000
Total week	702,375,532	58,301,850	760,677,382	691,997,414	60,886,300	752,883,714
Prev. week	702,368,290	61,165,100	763,533,390	701,245,914	60,958,700	762,204,614

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of 279,131,187 held abroad.
 * No figures reported since October 29 1917.
 h Figures for 1918 are those of August 6 1914.

THE OVERTURN IN MEXICO.

Almost at the moment when people were beginning to make up their minds that Carranza had permanently established his political control of Mexico has come the news, first of an insurrection against him by some of his own generals, then of his flight from the capital, and finally of his army's defeat and his assassination by soldiers under his immediate command. This turn in Mexican affairs did not come without warnings. Under the new Mexican

constitution a president cannot be his own successor. But Carranza plainly showed that if he could not himself be elected for another term, he proposed to decide who should.

His candidate was a personal favorite; but the aggressive work in the political campaign was being done by and in behalf of other Carranzista leaders; notably General Obregon, reputed the ablest military commander of them all. As the contest reached its climax, the Carranza government employed the usual Mexican recourse of preparing to send soldiers to the disputed districts and the polls. Obregon and his sympathizers thereupon renounced their allegiance and took the field, with the result of their speedy victory and the downfall and death of Carranza.

The history of the Carranza regime has repeated the story, though with some striking and important variations, of the rise and fall of the long succession of dictators whose rule has made up the confused history of that unfortunate country. Carranza was one of the "political generals" long familiar in Mexico; but he possessed more knowledge of the world and more general intelligence than most of them, and like Madero (of whom he called himself a follower) he gave evidence of at least aspirations for something better in Mexican government than tawdry splendor and military loot.

Carranza first came into public view as a leader of the irreconcilable insurgents against the Huerta government in 1914; he then appeared to be acting in concert with Villa, who afterward headed the faction opposed to Carranza. The eighteen-months' guerilla warfare ended temporarily in the resignation and downfall of Huerta. In August of 1914 Carranza entered the capital, and received what appeared to be an ovation from the people. The commander of what was called the "Constitutionalist Army"—the very same General Obregon who this month overturned Carranza—issued a proclamation decreeing the severest penalties for attempts against public order. Railway traffic, long interrupted, was resumed. Carranza, entering Mexico City in state, promised that the new government would administer equal justice to poor and rich alike. Tax revision in the interests of sound finance was promised; diplomatic relations were resumed, and the new dictator in public speeches declared the program of "Mexico for the Mexicans," and "the bringing about, at whatever cost, of an improvement for the lower classes." On this program he was formally elected President.

We imagine that all this would have made a different and very much greater impression on the mind of the outside world, if it had occurred at some other time. But no one had eyes or ears for anything that was happening in the internal affairs of Mexico during the very days when the German army was overrunning Belgium and pressing Joffre's army back towards Paris. The Battle of the Marne was fought while Carranza was arranging his new provisional government, and few people outside of Mexico took any interest in the matter.

It is possible, though perhaps not probable, that Carranza might have effected promptly the pacification of Mexico and the firm establishment of his own government, if his efforts to do these things had not coincided with the European war. But it is certain that the history of his brief regime was largely influenced, and to the ultimate disadvantage of Car-

ranza himself, by circumstances arising from the war itself. There can be no doubt that Mexico was a hot-bed of German intrigue throughout the war. If there were no other evidence, the intercepted telegram of 1917 from the German Foreign Office to Carranza, suggesting a possible alliance of Mexico with Japan to attack the United States and recover the "lost provinces" of Texas and our other border States, would have been evidence enough.

Carranza apparently had the good sense to take this foolish proposal for what it was worth. But we have no proof as to how far his distinctly hostile attitude towards our Government and Pershing's army, during the border troubles with Villa in 1916, was stimulated by German emissaries. Their interest in getting the United States involved in a war with Mexico at that time was plain enough, and Carranza certainly played their game, whether knowingly or otherwise. But even without such influences, the Mexican dictator's defects of temper very soon became too evident to be overlooked.

He had three distinct problems on his hands. One was to pacify Mexico, where his old associates, notably the bandit chief Villa, had become insurgents against Carranza himself as soon as the elections had designated Carranza as constitutional President. This pacification was not an easy task, the methods of Mexican warfare being what they are. While doing this, moreover, Carranza had to satisfy the people of the provinces which he occupied that his rule would be in their own real interests. But to do that he had to carry out an almost impossible Federal constitution, which, adopted in Feb. 1917, established as the fundamental law of Mexico a host of provisions which the political common sense of other nations leaves for enactment, modification, or repeal by statute law.

Minimum wages, the eight-hour day, compulsory profit-sharing, anti-trust laws, were all made part of the constitution, and this was morally certain to make complications and dissatisfaction. But in the third place, and far from the least vital of his problems, Carranza had to keep himself in some sort of good relation with foreign powers if he wished their countenance and support. But he did nothing of the kind. Quite apart from any conceivable pro-German sympathies, he adopted an attitude of uncompromising antagonism towards the exploiting of Mexican resources with foreign capital. The constitution established by him created labor laws which were incompatible with such enterprises. The Government was also empowered to expel any foreigner whose activities might be considered prejudicial to Mexican public interests, and all natural resources were declared public property.

These provisions might have been so administered as to protect Mexican rights while protecting also the rights of foreign investors in Mexico. But as applied by Carranza, they became constant causes of irritation and friction, and succeeded eventually in alienating the very outside support of which he stood in need. This, we suppose, is very largely the reason why the overthrow and death of Carranza have been received without emotion in foreign countries. It explains why, notwithstanding the admittedly good intentions of this last Mexican President, and notwithstanding the possibilities of renewed anarchy which are opened by the downfall of his regime, there is a certain feeling visible of relief at the interruption of a series of vexatious controversies.

At the moment it is impossible to say what the next turn of events in Mexico will be. The formalities of a Presidential election will almost certainly be observed, and there is noticeable, even in General Obregon's eagerness to exculpate himself from responsibility for the death of Carranza, a feeling among the Mexican leaders that they must now be on their good behavior and take care to present a proper attitude in the eyes of foreign governments. In this respect the situation is certainly very different from what it was when Carranza assumed office in 1914.

There will be opportunities both for wise diplomacy and for political mistakes in our own relations with Mexico under the new conditions. It will be hoped by all friends of both countries that our Government's policy will this time be not only just but practicable, and not only firm but consistent. That it did not possess all these qualities in the period from 1913 to 1917, is partly no doubt explainable by the abnormal situation in world politics of that period. But in the future it would not have even that excuse.

LABOR IS ALSO A TRUST.

There is a growing sense that wealth is held in trust. It imposes on its owner a duty. It must be "put to work," made to increase "production." The miser's wealth, though it be gold, is dross. It contributes nothing to the welfare of man—save the morbid pleasure of the one man, through whose bony fingers the shining coins shimmer as they pass. In our study of enforced economy we have come to know that certain luxuries, albeit their production utilized labor, are no more than idle wealth. They contribute nothing to the general welfare after they are created. That is to say, of themselves. It is now appreciated that the saved dollar, pending permanent investment, must go into the bank, if it is to accomplish its highest ends. It is now recognized that the bondholder, instead of being a leech, is a helper, he contributes real strength and power to the enterprise, is also a maker and producer alongside the stockholder. And those who initiate, plan, direct, our industries, "captains of industry," are more than mere money-makers; they provide the ways and means of production, the countless opportunities for workingmen, the necessities of an ever advancing civilized life. Whether they do this consciously or unconsciously, they do it. Profit and accumulation are legitimate incentives. And in the broad discussions everywhere over labor and capital there is a general admission that the men at the head of our leading corporated interests are more and more conscious of the relation they bear to the public, that wealth in its operation shall conduce to the largest degree of comfort and happiness.

But do we as clearly perceive that labor is also a trust, that man does not work for self alone, and that the power and opportunity to labor impose a duty on the laborer to make it most effective in the public interest? The machine may employ natural forces, but everywhere there is the human touch. The ore must be quarried, refined, moulded into parts, these must be fitted, joined, polished, tested, whether they turn out a sky-scraper or a locomotive. And at last if the machine have motion it must be started, tended, applied, stopped by hand. It may be the application of a ten-ton hammer, it may be the weighing of a grain of gold, it may be the chemical or mechanical

testing of the structure and strength of a given material in the "raw"—the mind and hand of man are employed. And even as the hammer falls, the wheels turn, and the ponderous machinery functions, there is beside them the vigilant mind which is master. Safety in operation, volume and perfection in output, these are of the man—and there is no substitute. It follows that this workman holds in trust the excellence and sufficiency of all those things that form the material base of civilization. Man is master because he is servant, he is trustee because that which he holds, makes, and uses, affects the welfare of those about him. To intentionally weaken any part of a machine on which human life depends would be a like crime to spreading poison on food men must eat. Happily, save for an insane anarchist here and there, the world is free from the conscious intentional making of defective machinery with a view to personal injury. Speaking generally, whether by hand or machine men *do do* "good work." Earth is full of beautiful things, useful things, the creations of vigilant, conscientious, tireless workmen. And we enjoy and use them all without, often, a thought of the care and skill that went into them. When all is said and done, we are dependent upon labor for everything. It is the law of life, and when we remember the home and the family, love is seen to be the law of labor. As mankind, as separate races and peoples, we have advanced far in our destined "domination." But never can we escape from the truth that in the individual, having power for good and evil, there exists our first and last dependence.

We have gone through a world-war. Our productive powers were turned to destruction. As the strange and incomprehensible convulsion recedes from us, our perspective grows more clear. Less and less does passion blind us, and emotion sway us. Already we know that we must replace, repair, reconstruct. And we have lent ourselves, as of old, as the instruments of accomplishment. There must be the same workman at the same machine, in essentials if not in fact. We are conscious of inexpressible loss. And though many mourn by the fireside where no earthly counsel can console, there is work to be done in the factories and field. What now, in this predicament, in this pressing condition, is the prime duty of the workingman—and all men are workers? It seems almost superfluous to say—he must produce, and produce more because there is less, and better things because of war's deterioration of that which we have. This is the paramount duty. And it is the measure of the trust labor imposes on each and all. Again a truth appears that cannot be disregarded. Each man is the trustee of his *own* labor. If behind him there is the family, beyond and before him there is the public. In a primitive society on the outposts of civilization, as we sometimes say, this sense of the relations of laborers to each other finds instructive illustration when a pioneer's home is burned. All "turn to" and build him another, and often a better one. It is obligation, duty, and satisfaction to the spirit. No one settler in the wilds controls another, or forces him to assist—save that he is marked with displeasure who will not lend a helping hand. And even do men leave the "ox in the ditch" to shelter thus the homeless. In some such way, in a kindred spirit, though the ways and means are perforce different, must the waste of world-war, and the losses of a constant production to fill growing need, be now overcome.

While we know that no one man is really indispensable to the world's work, no man at the time and in just the way can do another's work. Power and duty and direction being peculiar to the *individual* workman, he cannot escape his *individual trusteeship*. And he must put his heart into things as he puts his hand to the plow and the throttle. No matter how much he may plan for what is termed collectivism, no matter how much he may advocate the community spirit, no matter what his view of better living conditions for the masses, the individual workingman cannot escape his responsibility to the public. He may believe he can procure increased output by unions, but he cannot rightly depend upon these artificial creations to define his responsibility to work, and in the present crises work more and more carefully, conscientiously and efficiently than ever before.

Since labor is primal and prior, it follows that workmen cannot ever obtain "better living conditions" until they hearken to the need of fulfilling that part of the responsibility resting on them, in the combined responsibility resting on "labor and capital," on which all happiness and progress are based. Suppose we say ninety millions of workers are unorganized, what but this individual consciousness and conscience moves them in their daily tasks? Do we sense the full import of this while we are filled with unrest, as a people, over wages, prices, inflation, taxes, debts and credits, Government control and ownership, strikes, lockouts, and the "socialization" of production and distribution? And would we not soon appreciate the blessings of free initiative, operation and ownership if they were destroyed, and every man must take his order for work from the State and be content with the portion of the universal product allotted by the State? And would not *individual* duty and responsibility disappear from among men? And must we not perceive now that the formation and exercise of power, of a class, to further the *interests of that class first*, is contrary to the true *community* spirit and destructive of the public welfare—the direct trusteeship of "labor"?

DAILY JOURNALISM AND A PEOPLE'S PROGRESS.

Mr. Frank I. Cobb, editor of the New York "World," recently delivered an address at the Church of Ascension Forum, in the course of which the "Times" reports him as saying:

"The newspapers are overworked; they are tired, they are losing the greatest quality that they had through three generations—the quality of militant journalism. They are so overcrowded with matters of little importance that they can't fight for something big.

"That can be cured by the American people themselves. I have never seen the American people steeped in things so little worth while and so tied down by cynicism, materialism and selfishness. This is a reaction from the spirit that wrapped this country during the war. The papers are swamped with a mass of so-called news, most of which is of no importance, but the people seem to be interested in just that sort of thing.

"This reaction which followed the war is all the more grave because of the little realization there is of the grave problems there are to be solved.

"When you begin to wonder what is the matter with the newspapers you should ask what is the matter with yourselves."

In the "open questions" following the address, according to the "Times," Mr. Cobb was asked why he supported President Wilson's policies? His answer is given as follows: "I know it is not fashionable to support Woodrow Wilson. I supported him consistently because I believe that he is the greatest moral force in the world for 100 years. I believe that if the world is to make any progress it must go back to the policies of Woodrow Wilson, including the Fourteen Points."

We must regard it as not within our view of the amenities of journalism to take issue with the personal opinions thus publicly uttered by Mr. Cobb. The "World" is a great newspaper and its editor a journalist of long experience. It is a public service he performs, we think one of which the people should be appreciative when he leaves his sanctum for the forum to discuss the newspaper, which is the greatest force of modern times. As editor he occupies the watch tower. He rightly stresses the increasing independence of the press, and very properly dissipates some of the "ideas" concerning its alleged slavery to the counting room, to its advertising columns, and to that vague bugbear "capital." He avers that "news" is rarely "suppressed," for any reason. And "the public" ought well to ponder his statement that: "A paper like the 'Times' or the 'World' has to figure \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 a year for running expenses."

As to the matter of "militant journalism" if we may make comment without criticism, we find no better word to say for the moment than that "fashions have changed." The mechanical growth of the newspaper has made it possible to publish "all the news that's fit to print." In the past the editorial page had greater power because there was not so much news to print. Yet, as we have contended before, the editorials are read, are pondered, and to a degree hardly appreciated by papers themselves devoted to the printing of current, day-to-day news. If we take New York City papers as an example, the mechanical newspaper reaches farther than ever before, and draws the world closer to this metropolis, now in the very centre of all things. Constantly new methods of gathering and transmitting "news" are being employed, until at this very moment of time it is no longer a figure of speech to say that all the wide spaces of earth whisper their secrets to the great metropolitan dailies. And this news coming from everywhere, accented as never before by a world-war, competes with the well-digested, able, and distinguished comment and analysis of the editorial page. If then, there is less following of big ideas, of the most important matters of public policy, less of the crusading spirit of former times, may it not be because the editor himself is overpowered by the varied questions his news columns themselves present?

And if this is true, may it not also explain part of the condition of apathy upon the part of the people (the readers, for all are readers) to which the editor refers. We may go a step further, if we may do so without objection, and ask, is not the newspaper contributing to a bewilderment of the people which can only result in apathy when it undertakes in following the "policies" of those who are admittedly "idealists" in public office to spread before the reading public all the interests and all the contentions and difficulties of all the States and peoples of a "wide round world?" And further is not this reac-

tion to a spirit of "sacrifice" during the war a natural result to the awakening that "the dream" can neither be crystallized by force, nor conjured into reality by huge political expedients, nor accomplished save by the long, slow processes of nationally and individually *living* the dream itself?

The ambition of the modern newspaper to print *all* the news is not consistent with that devotion to some high principle affecting our domestic affairs to which this thoughtful editor alludes. Selection of news is easily admitted as important as gathering it. Analysis is more important still. The *custom* of the editorial room is changed. The single, shall we say, leader writer of other days, the flashing spear of the one concentrated mind, even the style in which the editorial is written, is changed, it may be for better or for worse, but changed. Many minds, many men, contribute these editorials. They are not signed. They are to some extent, shall we say, subdued by the general tone and purpose of the paper, and by the need of a conformity to established standards. Not that they are subservient in any way to those misty notions of counting room and capital; they are independent save that personal opinions must conform to paper opinions, or the publication could not sustain itself as a consistent force, and certainly could not drive at the big things suggested.

The important matter of this timely address, however, is in the outlining of a *condition*—a people "tied down by cynicism, materialism and selfishness." We feel somehow that this is overdrawn—that the people are suffering from apathy, even despair, over hopes unrealized, and a realization now of the failure of a fulfillment that in the nature of things could not come. The enthusiastic sacrifice is no longer possible. The way back from the sublime enterprise can only lead to country and home. The war, the fighting, is over! Can anyone point now to world-profit in its renewal? True, there has been interminable debate over what, peace? No—over a League of Nations through which peace is to come and be preserved—albeit, as Senator Knox points out, peace is already here. True, grave problems hang over us, domestic problems they are called, and in fact are, yet we cannot reach them while we wander in the wilderness of foreign affairs. What can the people do? We face some of the difficulties of "representative" democracy in that Congress cannot be instructed directly and explicitly and *has* devoted too much time and attention to far-off things and events—things and events that certainly are bewildering to the citizen who would like to return to his old tasks and feel again the old spirit flowing full in his veins, the spirit of material enterprise that makes a way for spiritual accomplishment. And we suffer, this is our belief, the people suffer, from dictatorial opinion in high office which assumes, even at this late and critical hour, to declare *for* the people *what* the "honor of a people" shall be, though the people have not spoken and cannot speak until November under our system of elections.

It is said that "newspaper men" themselves become cynical. The "passing show" is ever before them. They see the frailties, foibles, follies of mankind. They probe deep for causes and know the sham from the sincere. None clearer perceive the power of a free people, the devotion, loyalty, endless endeavor, of the millions of city and country as they pursue their tasks. It may be that the editor with some great mission burning in his breast does *not* see that

what he thinks the people want is not what they *do* want—and gathers news and comments upon it—news trivial, news unimportant, news uninspiring. The mechanism of publishing is not its soul. To turn a phrase about, custom may stale even an infinite variety. How can the people be expected to concentrate when the editor does not? How can they follow some rapt editorial writer or fire with an enthusiasm for a great cause, a cause of domestic well-being for a beloved people, while the average editorial starts with a news item and ends in a conclusion that is so fair and impartial and independent as to constitute little more than a question or a doubt? The powerful advocate of the editorial rooms of old has but to assert himself, has but to *devote* himself to the real and practical and immediate welfare of his own people and country, to again come into his own. Why should he be afraid of being called "reactionary?"

THE CASE OF THE RAILROADS FOR HIGHER RATES.

The hearing of the railroads' case for a rate increase to yield a little over a billion additional per year began on Monday before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which still lacks three for its new complement of eleven. Opening the case, Mr. Howard Elliott spoke one sentence which should be kept in mind as expressing the object: "this proceeding is not the old-fashioned rate case where one group of men is trying to obtain an increase in rates, against the protests of other groups of men, but it is a meeting for the purpose of co-operating in a friendly spirit as American citizens, in order that the will of the people as represented in the new law can be put into effect."

In the five-year term 1906-10, he said, the annual revenue tons carried one mile averaged not quite 229,000 millions; in 1910-15, the average was not quite 277,000 millions, an average yearly increase of about 4.2%. On this basis, the same average in 1916-19 inclusive should have been about 334,000 million tons one mile, but it was almost 376,192 million tons, or over 40,000 million tons more than the average based on the growth in 1906-16. If we can now settle down to industrial work and will meet the world's demands as no other nation can meet them, he has faith in our business growth and it is a sound policy now to provide facilities for such growth; yet it is only fair to point out that several causes may prevent for the next year or two a continuance of this recent rate of transportation increase.

Mr. Elliott presented condensed figures showing that the returns on the property investment in the year ending with last October were less than 0.20% in the Eastern territory, less than 0.75% in the Southern, slightly over 2% in the Western, and slightly over 1% in the whole country. To make up the difference between this and the permitted 6%, the freight revenues must rise 30.43% in the Eastern, 30.95% in the Southern, and 23.91% in the Western territory. Gross revenue has risen less than 40%, while expenses generally have risen at least 100%. Now there is congestion and shortage everywhere, made more acute by the "outlaw" strikes.

Speaking for the Eastern roads, Mr. Daniel Willard said operation on those roads in the year ending with last October cost 88% of gross receipts, and reducing the remaining net into terms of net in-

come according to the Commission's rules left only 220 millions; but, had the roads been obliged to pay in that whole year the present wage scale and bear the present prices and other incurred expenses, it is estimated that out of a gross of 2,500 millions only 18 millions would have been left to these properties which represent over 9,368 millions of investment. In the ten pre-war years these roads were on a basis of operating expenses of about 68% of the gross receipts; in 1917, they were on a basis of 74%. If we assume a basis not over 75%, they need about 544 millions more income and the 6% return on the aggregate book property investment account would produce about 550 millions. To take another test, that investment in the 38 principal roads of the territory was about 7,000 millions in 1916 and they earned about 6.46% net upon that. Were these same roads to do now the same business they did in 1916, under the wage scale and other cost conditions of to-day, they would come short by 158 millions of covering their actual operating expenses and taxes.

Mr. Willard and Mr. Elliott agreed in declaring American rates the lowest in the world, the latter offering figures to show this, and Mr. Willard declared that they will still be the lowest in the world after the desired increase is put into effect.

This is the gist of the financial argument. Mr. Thorne is still not satisfied with the figures of property investment, but the "Chronicle" must frankly say that to dispute or to halt over those seems childishly untimely. When an accepted total sum is reached upon which the prescribed rate is to be earned, it is beyond human foresight to determine what increase in rates will just reach that point in practice; all that is possible is to make an honest effort to do that and then to adjust as results may show. Some principal amount on which we are to earn a rate must be arrived at, and forthwith; we cannot wait for that physical valuation, or for help from the Martians. The attempt to quarrel with the valuations submitted indicates the old delusion—persistent among many persons who have not yet done much serious thinking and persistent with a few who cannot readily get over the habit of antagonism—that the roads belong to some undiscoverable outside interests which would thrive and can only thrive by robbing the people. It is that old matter of ownership which is getting much illuminated, yet is not quite clear to everybody. Suppose we cut the total in two and say that now the water is out? Suppose we say the roads shall be further punished for past misdeeds until they approximate to the old type of two streaks of rust and a right-of-way? Where will we, the people, be by that time? The untimely strife over this is almost wearisome. Is it quite impossible to see that the roads are our veins and arteries; that when circulation stops the body begins to disintegrate; and that the test of the roads is that of service, and of adequate and increasing service? Mr. Frederick Strauss put this with such terseness and such unanswerable cogency that we quote one paragraph:

"Low nominal rates merely (and rates are nominally lower in the United States to-day than in any other country) are of no use to the shipper. What good is it to him, if the traffic is not moved in sufficient quantity, that such traffic as is moved enjoys a nominally low rate? What the shipper needs is the speedy movement of his goods, and there are only two ways by which this can ultimately be

accomplished. One is by an increased charge for the shipment of the goods, and the other is by an appropriation out of the national treasury by a levy on taxpayers to cover the deficit."

One would suppose that this year's experiences of congestion and haltings of freight might be a sufficient object lesson, yet some people are very dense. A few years ago, when the loan campaigns were on, the hint was given us that the alternative lay between lending the money at interest or handing it over in taxes, since it had to come somehow; the hint was right, and the alternative as immovable as the Rock at Gibraltar. Let us not spend time in arguing with the arithmetic; it wearies us, and does not get us anywhere. If we are to live, the railroads must live and grow healthily. The money has to come. It is a tax? Yes, so it is, as all burdens to be borne are. We have to choose whether we will pay it in increased rates, which will forthwith pay us back interest in increased service and lower living costs, or indirectly with government "aid" by funds taken through taxes that return us no interest and slop out on the thirsty ground a large part of what they collect in the course of getting it to the roads. Let us realize that this is not a matter for recrimination, or for windy rhetoric, but for very serious getting down to the main question.

Another antagonist hints at past bad management. What else has there been in the regulation of the last twenty years, and what was it which brought the roads to their attenuated condition? We, the people, did it all, and we are reaping what we sowed. This can no more be argued away than the sun can be argued out of the sky; but what is the use? The only gain by recalling our past blunders is that if we only recognize and realize them we are less likely to repeat them or to fall into others possibly worse. We have now to extricate ourselves, and all time and strength in talk and effort which does not aid the struggle of climbing out is worse than wasted.

Not the old case of one group seeking a rate increase "against the protests of other groups"—Mr. Elliott puts it correctly, for while protests are not wholly absent they are fewer and fainter than they formerly were. The shippers are learning. One very recent evidence of this is the action of the convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association in Richmond on Wednesday. After a preamble which correctly recited the present transportation situation and some of its chief causes, a resolution was adopted earnestly urging the Commission to grant, with the least possible delay, the rate increase asked in the Southern territory, and pledging to the roads support in every reasonable regulation for increased efficiency and maximum use of equipment.

The brotherhoods are dissatisfied, and they disapprove. They do not yet quite realize it, but they are bearing, in a higher cost of their life insurance and perhaps also in a lower return on their savings bank deposits, a part of the burden they impose by their recurrently increased wages. They agree with the protestants against the property investment figures, and they still lack ability to perceive that they can thrive (like all other people) only with the roads and not upon them. Apparently they would like the Plumb plan of confiscating railroad securities and throwing what remains of the roads to themselves, and they do not realize that in such a crash as that they would go down with the rest. A penny can

be held so near the eye as to hide the sun, and a long habit of demand which never so much as thinks about anybody else can shut out the sight of one's own real interests. The brotherhoods opposed return of the roads, because (in their distorted vision) government is an ideal employer that grants anything you clamor for. As to the burdens laid and the self-denial demanded by the war, the labor idea is that all those are for others; in the vernacular, "let George do it."

Do not overlook the fact that the roads are now asking the Commission for an increase to reach the allowed rate of return on the property investment, based on conditions as they are to-day, but not including the billion the brotherhoods are demanding for this present occasion. If one slips back two feet for each foot he gains in climbing out of a pit, when will he reach the free air at the top? The Tower of Babel ended in a confusion of tongues; how and in what shall our price tower end? A general collapse is capable of ending it, but a wiser way is by rallying our reason and our resolution. The wage increase is before the Labor Board, another body, and as a separate though cognate matter. That is, it is before the people.

MR. GOMPERS AND "LABOR'S PROTEST AGAINST A RAMPANT TRAGEDY."

The entire current issue of "The American Federationist" is occupied by a blast by Mr. Gompers, to which he gives the above melodramatic title. There is a story of a Quaker who smiled blandly upon a boy who had tried to imitate manhood by rolling out a stream of oaths and expected a rebuke, but the Quaker smiled: "Swear away, son," he said, "swear away till thee gets all that bad stuff out of thee, for thee can never go to heaven with that bad stuff in thy heart." No just person can object to Mr. Gompers's taking the entire issue of the organ, to get it all out and have it over.

And yet it must be treated with some seriousness, however difficult to so treat it and although even more difficult to regard it without impatience.

Thousands have had little or no increase of income since 1914 and have therefore suffered a real cut of approximately one-half, says Mr. Gompers, apparently forgetting for a moment who he is championing. It is literally correct. There are persons who have suffered, uncomplainingly, partly because their occupations do not give them so near a strangle hold upon the country as some other occupations do, but partly because they have better vision and braver souls. Only the ignorant and the blind were surprised by the recent outlaw strike which is not yet wholly pacified, says Mr. Gompers. The tactics used were wrong and were doomed to failure, but the situation has been for two years "clamoring for relief" (quite so) and it has "been made the plaything and football of officials and employers." "The great body of railroad workers has shown a patriotic restraint and a long-suffering forbearance; American labor generally has had a sense of responsibility and of duty to humanity, while those who profiteer in the products of industry have cast aside all honor, all restraint, all decency, all consideration for human welfare." Quite perfervid, and it might be supplemented by the equally sound statement that a sufficiently noisy part is more than the whole and the less there is for division the more each partaker will receive.

No excuse can be made in the court of reason and honor for the profiteer, but he is found in many places. Were there none among the organized unionists who saw and seized opportunity in 1914; who, somewhat later, said they would not strike a blow in shipbuilding except on their own terms, and were not a whit better than their fellows in Great Britain who so stood out that if the women of England had not donned rough clothing and gone into the munition shops it is impossible to be sure that the war might not have been lost before this country arose to take its part? Are there no profiteers among men who declared that all industry shall halt, traffic shall be tied up, food shall stay en route until it perishes, and victims of epidemic may freeze and die unless their exact terms prevail?

Mr. Gompers scores Congress. The present Congress, he says, "may be indicted fairly as a Congress of incompetence on the cost-of-living issue; it may be indicted as a Congress which has been negligent of duty and thoughtless of the welfare of the people." This comes far too near being a true bill. Our Congress falls far short of acting for the whole people, far short of meeting the ideal of representation which Edmund Burke stated, so very long ago, yet it is the Congress elected by the people, and Mr. Gompers and his fellows participated in the voting. To rail at our legislators because they are the imperfect sort we ourselves select by our own imperfect methods and imperfect motives is as unreasonable as for the poor heathen to pound his wooden idol for not sending the weather he demanded. The real indictment of the 66th Congress is on grounds the exact opposite of those Mr. Gompers alleges: the real indictment of this Congress (that is, of ourselves) should be placed on over-truckling to blatant labor, not to any neglect of it. Mr. Gompers does not seem to have much against the 65th Congress, which enacted the Adamson folly and futility.

Congress has not quite throttled the rich, or suppressed "profiteering by private pirates," or wrought miracles. So this man, who long ago openly declared he would not respect judicial decisions or obey laws that did not meet his views, proceeds to take the role of dictator and announce an ultimatum. Wages everywhere to at least meet the rise in living costs must be "adjusted without delay." Next, "immediate effective action must be taken to prevent continued increases in the cost of living." The first step towards accomplishing this is to halt wages where they are, although Mr. Gompers does not say so. Instead, his next demand is for halting legislation of the character of the late railroad law and Gov. Allen's Industrial law, and "there must be a repeal of legislation already enacted." Next, Congress "would do well to give immediate consideration" to the proposal of labor "that control of credit capital be taken from private financiers and placed in the hands of a public trust." This is Bolshevistically simple and direct, to be best carried out by confiscating all property, for the common use of "the people." Finally, provision should be immediately made for publicity of income-tax returns; thereby no capitalist would be able to hide.

"The working people of the United States are speaking to-day in mandatory terms." "There must be an overturn in Congress; enemies must be defeated; friends must be elected."

This is just a bolder statement of the announcement of weeks ago: that labor is "bi-partisan," with-

out party, principle, or country; that it has no policy and no concern or thought for anything or anybody except its individual persons and its own greed, and lacks the intelligence to perceive its own welfare; that it proposes to wield the balance of power and to elect candidates who will promise subserviency and defeat all who will not. This is to be "our" government and all administrative and legislative and judicial work is to be done according to "our" orders and for "our" benefit alone. The mask is thrown aside, and that is well. But the solid labor vote, which can be cast upon orders from central authority and solely for one purpose, does not exist, any more than the like solid soldier vote exists. Such a vote may be contracted for (and perhaps in the one case as in the other) if any seeker of office is foolish enough to sell himself in advance for it; but it cannot be delivered.

Another service is rendered, both valuable and timely. Mr. Gompers has had a more enjoyable career since he doffed his apron and ceased to work for a living; but his time of comfort has passed. He no longer leads, but is borne along; his steed is plunging so that his seat has become painful. Fire, flood, pestilence, and war, may be started, but to control them is another task. It is by an irrevocable natural law that labor unionism is borne by its own temporary success into Bolshevistic radicalism; the leader who tries to hold it back must go along with it, or it will cast him off and sweep past him towards its fore-ordained destruction. The mob leader who counsels gentleness and waiting is pushed down by another who calls for the torch and the other appliances which mobs catch up. Such is Mr. Gompers's destiny, perhaps not quite reached yet; he confessed it (because he could not hold back) when he walked out of an Industrial conference where he could not have his own way, that is, the way of the forces pressing upon him. Formerly he counseled moderation and order, ostensibly at least, but the day of doing that is past. The lines are being drawn, and he renders a service, though unwillingly and perhaps not knowingly, when he fulminates threats and orders which show the country the dangers before it, as a lightning flash in a dark night may show the drop at the roadside.

BUSINESS MEN ACT TO END LOCAL TRUCKMEN'S TIE-UP.

The settlement of the local tie-up in freight handling (which of course must ultimately end in only one way) took a distinct step towards that end when over two thousand business men assembled at a luncheon at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday afternoon to arrange a definite plan for an independent trucking service. The issue is the old one of open or closed shop, the unions refusing to handle what they ban as non-union merchandise or to allow anybody else to do so. For example, when a cargo of fish, said Walter Gordon Merritt, reaches the docks, "the union truckmen separate the union fish from the non-union fish (the sheep from the goats) they cart away the union fish and leave the non-union fish to rot on the docks until they are condemned as a public menace by the Board of Health; when non-union truckmen endeavor to deliver merchandise to the unionized piers of the ocean-going lines the employees on those piers and of those steamship companies threaten strike." To this may be added that the issue involves the right "to beat up", when necessary

to enforce the dictum that non-union or prohibited merchandise, perishable or otherwise, "shall not pass."

This is a sharply-drawn issue, leaving only the question what shall be done about it. The meeting addressed itself to that question. The chief speaker came across the continent to attend it; he was F. J. Koster, a former head of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, a city in whose youthful days, far back in the development of the Coast, ordinary processes failed to preserve order and the people organized a Vigilance Committee which took hold of the problem and made a short cut to its solution. Mr. Koster did not refer to this early test, though he may have remembered it. In 1916, he said, San Francisco was in a situation almost the same as New York has now. He called a meeting of the Chamber, which began by creating a Law and Order Committee to be backed by a fund of a million, an amount that was raised in a few weeks, some of it in sums as low as \$25, coming from persons of modest means. As there was a definite attempt to tie up the whole port, the first thing done was to make a definite three-year contract covering over 85% of the carting, trucking, and draying done in the city, for doing this by the Committee; not only the work done by trucking companies for private business concerns but even the private vehicles of those concerns were included. The purpose was to deal with any situation and to see to it that the port was not closed nor the movement of freight halted. "That was the major note," and the result was that "we stuck those contracts in the vaults and never used them." Sometimes it looked as if they must be used, but the time for using them never came. The utmost publicity was sought and given to the movement; a few days work rallied 7,000 members, and the organization and the evident readiness for emergency prevented the emergency. Declaring that the fight is not against any organization or any group of men but "for a principle" Mr. Koster summed it in three sentences:

"It all resolves down to this: you must make up your minds, each and every individual of you, that you are going to do your part towards preventing a condition being created here which always must be intolerable in our American life. We can never tolerate the creation of any imperial. We must never permit, at any point, no matter how seemingly insignificant at the time, any group holding itself above the law, any group undertaking to dominate."

Several labor representatives, present without invitation, sought to participate, and one of them rose and was briefly heard. He accused the land and water carriers of unfairness and asserted that there is a purpose to brand men who hold union cards as outlaws and deny them their constitutional rights, et cetera, and on the next day retained his bitterness, protesting that the meeting was a one-sided proposition in which labor was denied opportunity to tell the business men of New York what is offered to them; he believes, he says, that the Merchants' Association is being used by "interests" in a campaign to raise rates, which will be charged "when the unions are crushed." We will try, he said, to have another luncheon, so that we may present our cause openly. That is within the unions' rights, surely, but they have already presented their cause openly by their conduct.

Pledges given at the meeting assured the raising of the half-million guaranty fund desired, and on

Wednesday a conference was held, by request of the union leaders.

The case is not one which requires many words, so clear-cut is it upon its face. The men who seek to embargo freight and put the city in a virtual state of blockade are public enemies, notwithstanding they seem unable to realize that they are also their own enemies. Their conduct not only aggravates the burdens of every inhabitant, either here or elsewhere in the country, but tends towards a possibly permanent diversion of business, which means the commercial destruction of this port, so far as such a diversion occurs. It is unhappy for everybody that any set of men can fail to see that they cannot attack others without involving themselves, but the shortest way to open their eyes is to break their attack. All talk which does not bear to the practical subject of action is now out of order; the thing to be done is to make an end of this issue of domination, too long emboldened by shirking it and dallying with it. The business men of New York seem to have come to this conclusion.

CANADIANS SEEKING TO ESCAPE LUXURY TAXES—CANADIAN BANKING POLICY.

May 28 1920.

The Canadian business world, long accustomed to the formula of expanding credit, and untiring public demand for commodities, regardless of price, is now opening its eyes to the probability of a sharp reaction. When the pages of the Finance Minister's recent budget of luxury taxes were finally reduced to everyday business terms, manufacturers, wholesalers, and retail merchants drew the conclusion that consumers would flatly refuse to buy goods on which from ten to fifty per cent must be added for the public treasury. They have complained loudly that to exempt men's suits under \$45, boots under \$9, women's suits under \$60—above which the tax is 10% on the total amount—means that the mass of consumers will insist on goods priced at the tax-free figures. These predictions appear to be borne out already by facts. Retail stores in all parts of the Dominion have inaugurated special sales, featuring tax-free clothing, furs, shoes, &c. Further buying is indulged in with extreme caution. Wholesalers and manufacturers already feel the weakness of consumer demand, and a gradual paring down of the bulk of commodity prices is everywhere regarded as an essential and continuous process from now on.

Without resorting to high discount rates, the Canadian banks, through their closely co-ordinated branch system, have applied the brakes to loans for speculative commitments of all descriptions. Expansion under present conditions has been prevented and only the unquestionable necessities of month-to-month business receive the banker's attention. Taking Canada as a whole, liquid capital is not being created nearly as fast as the rise in commodity prices. The expansion in savings deposits has by no means kept pace with the expansion of commercial loans. Between January 1918 and March 1920 the savings deposits of the chartered banks of the Dominion increased 297 millions, or 33%, against an increase of 467 millions, or 55%, in commercial loans. The only remedy in the hands of the banks by which to increase their cash reserves in time to handle the next harvest is by checking the demand for money

for new employments. In point of fact, this is precisely the edict promulgated by the head offices, on which local branch managers are dealing at this moment.

An interesting commentary on the Government's dual motives in imposing clothing and other taxes selling above a "luxury level" was offered by the Chief Taxation Commissioner in a public statement yesterday. He explained that the Government hoped not only to collect 100 millions of new taxes, but to encourage buyers and sellers to keep their transactions in the tax-free zone of moderate prices. If the newspaper advertisements and the shop windows in Canadian cities are a sufficient criterion the attempt to force cheaper prices has had an instantaneous effect.

RAILROAD WAGES—POINTED QUESTIONS TO LABOR BOARD AT WASHINGTON.

Editor Chronicle:

Permit me to put to you, and through you, to the Railroad Labor Board and the Government authorities at Washington, certain questions bearing on the position of railroad workers in the industrial world and other general questions that must be answered without sentiment before any proper reply can be made to the demand for higher railroad wages.

(1) *Strike Record of Railroad Employees.*—

(a) Is it not true that the railroad employees of this country began their campaign of striking for higher and higher wages nearly ten years before the world war began?

(b) Has not the campaign so inaugurated been accompanied from the very first by growing unrest throughout the country and constantly advancing prices?

(c) Taking into consideration the reduction of hours of work and the extra bonus granted for all work now done outside of hours and on Sundays and holidays, to what extent has the cost of railroad wages to the community been increased by this process in the last fifteen years? Is it not true that if we include the increase now demanded, the total average advance in these wages since 1908 would approximate, if not materially exceed, 150%?

(2) *Nature of Railroad Wage Demands.*—

(a) Is it not a fact that Mr. Shea, speaking for the railroad engineers and firemen at a hearing before the general Labor Board in Washington last summer, made the assertion, since reiterated by others, that the time has come when the railroad men must share in the "comforts" as well as in the necessities of life, and that this, in fact, was and is to-day one of the main reasons for the new wage demands?

(b) And did not Mr. Shea also, at the same hearing, express the opinion that an automobile, generally speaking, might be "a necessity for any man," as he had found it to be for his family?

(c) Is it not proper, therefore, that the country should know what proportion of its railroad men already possess so necessary an article as an automobile, and should we not be assured that the starving, or lack of nutrition, of which some of the railroad men complain has reference to the physical condition of their wives and children, and not to the appetite of their motor cars, or their desires for such cars?

(3) *Speaking of Motor Cars.*—

(a) Is it not proof both of pretty heavy buying of automobiles by railroad men, and that their incomes to-day are not so narrow as they would have us believe, that two companies, alone, organized to assist would-be buyers of new cars, the one reporting for the highly unfavorable war period, June 1917 to Feb. 1918, and the other for the only moderately favorable period, April to September 1919, should show: (1) purchase of 413 cars by "railroad engineers, motormen and employees in operating departments of transportation companies" out of 4,235 purchases by those of moderate incomes; and (2) that these cars averaged considerably above the "Tin Lizzie" type; (3) that the purchasers were able to indulge in this fashion on incomes averaging less than \$2,250 a year? And this, too, in spite of the fact that those who know say that running even the "Tin Lizzie" costs about \$300 a year (including \$85 for insurance), without allowance for the item of depreciation, which adds from 10% to 20% per annum of the purchase price.

The following table gives the facts in graphic form.

Average Yearly Income of Purchasers of Motor Cars by Railroad Men and Others in 1917 and 1919.

[Classifications showing average annual wages from \$1,700 to \$2,725.]

Occupation—	Number of Purchasers.		Avg. Value of Car.		Avg. Annual Income.	
	"A"	"B"	"A"	"B"	"A"	"B"
Railroad engineers and other transportation men.....	205	208	\$729	\$950	\$1,992	\$2,220
Mail carriers.....	39	18	630	828	1,704	1,968
All other Government and municipal employees.....	174	134	793	956	2,328	2,724
Mechanics, merchants and stationery engineers.....	657	572	786	889	2,052	2,340
Employees in stores and offices.....	523	320	836	932	2,232	2,640
Workers in miscellaneous trades.....	430	1,005	849	958	2,364	2,664

"A" for period from June 1917 to Feb. 1918. "B" For 6 months from April to September 1919.

Does it not follow that if the railroad men could so expand their expenses in war time and also in 1919 with wages averaging as aforesaid, that the \$500 to \$1,000 a man of additional wages now demanded would, if granted, go largely to increase our troubles by more luxury-buying of the same "necessary" character?

Moreover, is it not the buying of luxuries and the consequent inordinate demand for labor from the manufacturers of the same that is so depleting the forces of the railroads and other essential industries? If this be so, it follows, does it not, that any move which is likely to stimulate that class of buying by some hundreds of thousands of men is a rather poor method of maintaining or adding to the number of those engaged in useful enterprises.

(4) Rights of Railroad Workers to Demand Exceptionally High Remuneration.—

(a) Is it not true that railroad wages in all countries have normally ruled at a low level as compared with other wages?

(b) Is not this fact, if it is a fact, due to the following circumstances:

(aa) That railroading is for young men a most attractive employment, giving them what they especially crave, namely an out-of-doors life, adventure, variety, a chance to see the world and to make friends, freedom from the restraint of office and shop.

(bb) That it requires no special schooling or other qualification aside from reasonably good health and good vision, and that, for the most part, the "job" is readily mastered inside a few weeks.

In other words, is not the law of supply and demand constantly at work in the labor world, and is it not absurd to pay high wages in an employment such as this to which the young men flock as a matter of course? Is it not as absurd to pay such wages as to pay fancy wages to young men of like character who for similar reasons turn to the army for employment during peace time?

(5) Effect of High Railroad Wages on Labor in Other Occupations.—

(a) Is it not hopeless to expect men to endure the drudgery of farm life, for instance, or to train themselves to act as school teachers, if we are to pay luxury wages to railroad men for their interesting service?

If we grant the demand of the railroad firemen for \$2,500 a year as a minimum wage for the purely manual, mechanical operation of stoking a locomotive and \$4,500 to the engineers, what sort of a scale of wages must the country adopt for the occupations which are more difficult to master or less inspiring and diverse in character?

Who will teach our children, man our professions, dig our coal or stoke the fires of our ocean steamers if such plums are strewn over the surface of the land?

Is it not a fact that there is a "dignity of labor" which compels the workers on each round of the industrial ladder to maintain their relative position as regards remuneration, making vain such efforts for special advancement as the railroad men have been putting forth year after year?

(b) Much is said of the responsibility of the railroad man, and great it assuredly is, but does it after all call for much more than constant care and vigilance? Is it not largely lacking in, say, the elements of judgment which characterize the work of a sea captain and his mates?

And the mechanical ability and resourcefulness often called for in times of emergency from the engineers and his assistants on an ocean steamer, are these not comparatively seldom needed in the case of trainmen?

Plainly speaking, the railroad employees are a fine body of men performing an important service in a most commendable manner (when they are not striking), but have not modern safety appliances so reduced the dangers and also the field for judgment and initiative in the trainman's life, the block system and the telephone and telegraph controlling

his every step, that he has no right to expect, much less demand, luxury wages.

(c) Does it not come down to this—that railroading, like the operating of trolley cars and service in a textile mill, is a basic occupation, and from this as a starting point all other wages will and must be scaled upward? If we disturb wages here, must we not readjust them throughout the whole industrial structure, with the sure result as the railroad men have already found in the past, that they themselves in the end will be no better off than before?

(d) And inasmuch as the wage expansion started in the railroad world long years ago, should it not, must it not, stop there, if at all?

(6) Railroad Charges Cumulative in Their Effect.—

(a) After all, arguments to the contrary notwithstanding, are not Director-General Hines and other authorities at least approximately correct in their prognostication that to increase railroad rates a billion a year in order to meet an increase of that amount in wages means a levy of nearer four billions on the country at large?

Is not such a levy like a sales tax—one to be paid over and over again, first on the raw materials from field and mine to shop; second, on the fuel for light and power in the manufacture; third, for heat, light, food and transportation in the case of each individual merchant, and thus for the individual worker, thereby increasing necessary wages?

Is it not pertinent to investigate this matter exhaustively before subjecting the country to enormous levies for "comforts" for Mr. Railroad Man and his family? How far, may we ask, is the following quotation from the annual report of a leading corporation, of general application: "When it is considered that we produce about 500,000 tons of paper per year, and that for each ton there are incoming freights of from 3½ to 4 tons, representing coal, wood, sulphur, machinery, &c., it will be seen that the cost of production will be materially advanced."

(7) Fair Treatment of All Classes.—

In view of the answers which the foregoing queries may elicit, is it not time to call a halt on this competition of the men in different employments for wage increases to the detriment of the greater number of the community? Without resorting to obnoxious legislation to attain this end, can we not devise some material inducements which all workers who abstain from striking, and they alone, shall enjoy?

(8) Effect on Currency of the Wage Craze.—

Is it not patent that 50 to 100% wage increases such as the railroad men and other workers have already received and yet are not satisfied with, are an economic absurdity, an utter impossibility without an abominable and progressive dilution of the currency?

Is not the following simple illustration in itself enough to prove wherein lies one of the chief causes of persistently mounting prices such as we have witnessed and may yet continue to experience?

In lieu of cash wage the hands on a farm agree to accept in payment for services rendered four bushels of grain out of every five bushels which the land under their care produces. A labor leader persuades them they are underpaid and overworked. They therefore demand an increase of 25% in wages and an eight-hour day in place of a ten-hour day—in other words, they must have the entire five bushels, while at the same time cutting the output by their reduction in hours from five bushels to four.

How many times has the country attempted this silly step in the last five years? Its accomplishment has been possible only by such an increase of paper dollars that the laborer has come to the point that he naturally spends recklessly and works carelessly, being assured in his own mind that a new job and a new raise will be his whenever he and his fellows desire or demand them.

(9) Some More Reasonable Plan a Possibility.—

(a) Do the country's fathers sense the fact that the heavy inheritance taxes and ponderous surtaxes and excess profits (at least, in so far as not "passed on," to the harm of the public) are in effect equivalent to throwing the capital of the country into the hopper of current expenses?

(b) Is there no better way, short of rank socialism, demoralizing paternalism or Bolshevism by which to equalize wealth among us, ameliorate living conditions for all of us and remove the constant desire and temptation which such good loyal citizens as the railroad men feel to strike and strike again?

Cannot some method be found for diverting gradually more and more of the inheritance taxes into permanently useful

channels for the good of all men and women who act for the common welfare, and thus for the upbuilding of the peace and the prosperity of the country?

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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 rate which has been in effect for some time past. The bills in this week's offering are dated May 24.

RATE ON FRENCH TREASURY BILLS CONTINUED AT 6½%.

The French ninety-day Treasury bills were disposed of this week on a discount basis of 6½%—the figure to which the rate was advanced March 26; it had previously for some time been 6%. The bills in this week's offering are dated May 28.

GOLDEN AVALANCHE IN SWITZERLAND.

From the "Journal of Commerce" of May 25, we take the following Geneva advices

Switzerland is being buried in a golden avalanche, according to President Sarasin of the Swiss Bank. He says the gold stored in banks has no outlet in Europe, that many industries are at a standstill and the situation is becoming worse. The hotel industry is nearly ruined, M. Sarasin declares, largely because the adverse exchange is keeping away tourists, few of whom are here this year. During the war, M. Sarasin adds, the country lost more than six billion francs, including 2,400,000,000 on German scrip, 500,000,000 on Austrian scrip and 400,000,000 through hotels.

GOLD CLEARANCE CONVENTION BETWEEN U. S. AND ECUADOR.

The signing by the United States and Ecuador of a convention for an international gold clearance arrangement identical with those negotiated with Hayti, Panama, Guatemala and Paraguay, was made known at Washington on May 26. Its purpose it is said, is to assure adequate governmental security and guarantee for gold deposited for clearance in commercial transactions between banks, banking houses, and bankers, acting on behalf of merchants who are citizens of the contracting countries. The convention with Ecuador, it is stated, will be sent to the Senate for the consideration, together with the four similar conventions now before that body. These agreements, which are the outcome of the deliberation of the International High Commission at its first meeting in Buenos Aires in 1916, and subsequently will be put into effect as soon as they have been ratified by the national Legislatures of the respective countries and suitable regulations have been drawn up under them.

CHILE CONTRACTS WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR MAKING OF CHILEAN CURRENCY.

The government has accepted the bid of a French metal manufacturing company for making 20,000,000 pesos worth of small currency from nickel. The French bid was under those of American competitors for the contract.

GOLD SHIPMENT FROM HONG KONG CONSIGNED TO J. P. MORGAN & CO.

The receipt at Pacific Coast ports of two shipments of gold, totalling \$22,200,000, was announced on May 27. The gold, which is consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. for the account of the British Government, was shipped from Hong Kong and has been deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. It is expected that the gold will be transferred to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; a part of the shipment—\$11,900,000, was received at San Francisco, while \$10,300,000 arrived at Seattle. Varying reports as to the purposes of the shipment have been in circulation; one account, in the "Journal of Commerce" yesterday, said:

News of the shipment follows persistent rumors in foreign exchange circles recently that more gold was coming, but its arrival at the "back door" constituted a surprise. The assumption is that the shipment is in anticipation of the maturity of the Anglo-French loan, but at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. the statement was made that no instructions had been received as to the disposition of the metal. There was much speculation as to the source of the gold, but majority opinion, lacking official confirmation, was that it was part of the total deposited to secure the approximately \$40,000,000 loan made to the Omsk Government some months ago by a syndicate of British and American bankers. Payment of half of this loan

was reported recently, it being understood at the time that the gold behind the loan had been sold to the Japanese Government. Whether this surmise was correct has not been demonstrated, but if so the British Government is believed to have acquired the gold from Japan.

GOLD MOVEMENT FROM ARGENTINE.

The "Wall Street Journal" of May 27, in speaking of the gold received at the Pacific Coast, had the following to say regarding the Argentine gold movement:

What amounts to a gold movement from Argentina to New York is now understood to be taking place. During the last few days exchange between New York and Buenos Aires has swung from the gold export point to near the gold import point, as respecting New York. As a result of this Argentine bankers have been turning in currency to the Argentine National Bank and the latter has instructed the Argentine Embassy in Washington to order a corresponding amount of gold released from the Government balance here.

It will be recalled that a short while ago, when the balance of trade favored Argentina, the Argentine Government accumulated a gold fund in the New York Federal Reserve Bank amounting to about \$60,000,000, against which there was issued in Argentina national currency at the rate of 100% notes to 44% gold reserve.

It is understood that about \$4,500,000 gold has been released from the New York fund during the last few days.

Because the New York gold fund secured currency outstanding in Argentina, it was not possible for the Argentine Government to use any of this balance in paying off its American and English loan which matured on May 15, without retiring a corresponding amount of currency. With the turn in the exchange situation, however, Argentine bankers have accumulated New York credits to effect the cancellation of part of the New York gold reserve.

The fact that there is a gold embargo in Argentina does not prevent the release of gold from the New York reserve fund in this manner.

The present rate of exchange between New York and Buenos Aires is 1.0380 pesos to the American dollar. The rate has lately been as low as 1.0410. The gold import point from Buenos Aires is 1.05 and the gold shipping point from here is 1.0190.

A Buenos Aires dispatch May 26, appearing in the "Journal of Commerce" yesterday (May 28) said.

The recent heavy importation of gold from the United States has resulted in an advance of the American dollar above par for the first time in many months. Bankers are now depositing gold with the Government, which is releasing equal amounts held by the Argentine Embassy in Washington for delivery to the bankers' principals in the United States, this being equivalent to exportation. Thus far \$4,500,000 has been released.

BANKING CONDITIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Vladimir Smetana, Czechoslovakia Consul and Commercial Attache of this city, has furnished us with the following summary of the conditions of the Banking Office of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Finances in Prague:

After the proclamation of independence (Oct. 28 1918) the Austro-Hungarian money continued at first to circulate in Czechoslovakia. After the political and administrative separation the monetary separation became inevitable.

To attain this purpose the stamping of all the Austro-Hungarian money, circulating in Czechoslovakia, was ordered by the law of Feb. 25 1919, which was later made obligatory by the Treaty of Peace in all States which were part of Austria-Hungary.

The amount so stamped was about 8,000,000,000 crowns, from which amount about 2,000,000,000 crowns were withheld as a forced loan, bearing 1% interest.

At the same time the deposits in the branches of the Austro-Hungarian Bank in the Czechoslovak territory, amounting to about 2,000,000,000 crowns, were taken over by the State, which thus became a debtor towards the holders of the notes and the depositors, and creditor of the Austro-Hungarian Bank to the amount of 10,000,000,000 crowns. The law of April 10 1920 declared the stamped crown a monetary unit, called Czechoslovak crown (Ceskoslovenska koruna).

This law further orders the exchange of the stamped crowns with new State notes and limits the circulation to 6,500,000,000 crowns stamped, 50% of the deposits with the Austro-Hungarian Bank and unstamped 1- and 2-crown notes then still circulating.

New notes can be issued only on commercial basis, either by discounting commercial bills or loaning on marketable collateral. On April 8 1920 a law became effective, providing for a levy on capital and war profits, proceeds of which will serve in the first place to redeem the amount of currency; which replaced the former Austro-Hungarian bank notes, after which only notes, issued on commercial basis, shall remain in circulation.

The Czechoslovak Republic is the only State erected on the ruins of Austria-Hungary, which did not increase its fiduciary circulation, but even succeeded in deflating it.

The stamped money is no longer legal tender and was replaced by new State notes in denominations of 5,000, 1,000, 500, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1 crowns.

As the Mint in Kremnice was devastated by the Magyars before their evacuation of Slovakia, Austrian small coins could not be replaced.

The decree of May 12 1919 established a Banking Office of the Ministry of Finances, which took over the branches of the Austro-Hungarian Bank and is charged with all functions of a bank of issue, until the conditions will permit an establishment of such a bank with private capital.

This Banking Office of the Ministry of Finances has its own statutes and is governed by an independent board.

It is expressly prohibited to grant any credits to the State, either directly or indirectly. The Banking Office of the Ministry of Finances has 31 branches.

Excepting the notes of 5,000, printed in the Austro-Hungarian Bank and the 1,000-crowns printed by the American Bank Note Co., the notes were printed by different private printers in Czechoslovakia, which explains the difference in types and technical defects.

As the boundaries of the State are not definitively established, the stamping has not been completed and is still to be undertaken in some territories, which will raise the amount of currency by some 750,000,000 Czechoslovak crowns.

To provide a metallic base for future issues, a separate State fund has been established, which amounts approximately to 30,000,000 francs gold and 105,000,000 francs silver.

The conditions of the Banking Office of the Ministry of Finances on April 23 1920 were:

		In Czecho- slovak Crowns.
Assets—		
Austro-Hungarian bank notes stamped and withheld from circulation.....	7,134,206	
Deposits in the Austro-Hungarian Bank.....	2,084,460	
	9,218,666.000	
Discounted bills.....	627,503.000	
Loans on collateral.....	1,090,903.000	
Foreign currency acquired.....	91,737.000	
Other assets.....	221,057.000	
	11,249,866.000	
Liabilities—		
Notes in circulation.....	7,562,434.000	
Austro-Hungarian bank notes, withheld from circulation.....	2,132,496.000	
Deposits.....	1,523,591.000	
Other liabilities.....	31,345.000	
	11,249,866.000	

FURTHER JAPANESE FINANCIAL DISTURBANCES— BANK SUSPENSIONS.

That the recent Japanese financial disturbances have not yet been fully overcome is evidenced by the developments of the present week, when the suspension on May 24 of two Yokohama banks was announced, as well as the closing of the Japanese Silk Exchange at Yokohama. The latter is said to have reopened on May 27. Incidentally it is stated that silk, which at the peak of the market was 5,000 yen a bale, has dropped to 1,500 yen a bale. The Seventy-fourth Bank of Yokohama, of which Sobei Mogi was the principal shareholder, is one of the banks which suspended on the 24th (for a period of three weeks, it was reported, pending an investigation of its books), and its closing was followed by that of the Yokohama Savings Bank, the President of which is M. Mogi. Regarding their suspension the Associated Press in Tokio advises May 25 said:

The suspension of the Seventy-fourth Bank resulted also in the closing of some twelve branches of the Yokohama institution, located in Tokio, Osaka, Kioto and elsewhere.

The Seventy-fourth Bank was heavily interested in transactions in silk, cotton yarn and cotton cloth. The recent slump in raw silk caused heavy demands upon the bank by silk speculators, who were dependent upon the bank for support, and who had been obliged to pay additional margins. The Bank of Japan, which had advanced 20,000,000 yen to the Seventy-fourth Bank, ceased to advance funds to the institution, believing that the time for an adjustment had arrived. The directors, it is said, expect to settle by offering their personal property and securing the assistance of other institutions.

The Soda Bank, on which a sympathetic run was started after the closing of the Seventy-fourth Bank, received assistance from the Bank of Japan and did not have to suspend payments.

The suspension of the Seventy-fourth Bank, it was expected in commercial quarters, might affect one silk exporting firm which had connections with the bank. Jinosuke Inouye, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, predicted to the press that it would have no serious effects in other directions.

The suspension of the Seventy-fourth Bank of Yokohama is regarded as important because it is connected with operations in silk, Japan's chief export to America. The official statement of the suspension announced that the bank had been closed for only three weeks, to permit of the examination and adjustment of its affairs. The suspension immediately forced the reclosing of the Silk Exchange, and the newspapers attributed the ensuing slump in the Tokyo and Osaka stock markets, where the principal shares fell from 10 to 30 yen, to the suspension of the Mogi institution and reported liquidations in America.

A conference has been held of representatives of the copper miners, exporters and importers, with a view to the relief of the copper market. It was resolved to restrict production, discontinue importations and discourage the exportation of accumulated material; also to provide funds for purchasing stocks offered at a loss.

The enormous war expansion of the Japanese match industry has experienced now a serious setback, foreign orders having greatly diminished. The manufacturers have decided to reduce their output one-half.

The "Wall Street Journal" of last night (May 28) had the following to say regarding the closing of still another Japanese bank:

Advices received in banking circles here state that the Yokosuki Commercial Bank has suspended. The latest figures available are as of June 1916, showing bank's capital 500,000 yen, deposits 694,000 yen and loans of 670,000 yen. It is stated there is a large increase in all of these figures due to the wartime prosperity of Japan.

The earlier financial disturbances in Japan were noted in our issues of April 24, page 1699, and May 1, page 1798. On May 15, page 2024, we announced the reopening on May 10 of the Tokio Stock Exchange, which had been closed since April 14.

ORGANIZATION MEETING OF FIRST FEDERAL FOREIGN BANKING ASSOCIATION.

The organization meeting of the First Federal Foreign Banking Association (the first banking association to be formed under the Edge Act), was held on May 26 at its temporary offices at 46 Wall Street, following which the election of the following directors was announced:

W. S. Kies	Lynn H. Dinkins	J. S. Maxwell
J. E. Aldred	F. A. Drury	Geo. A. MacDonald
A. H. Titus	H. J. Fuller	J. H. Mason
Stephen Baker	J. E. Gardin	F. H. Payne
M. N. Buckner	Alba B. Johnson	J. H. Perkins
A. B. Chapin	R. E. Jones	Edmund S. Wolfe
N. P. Clement	Walter B. Lashar	W. L. Wright

The Executive Committee was chosen consisting of W. S. Kies, R. E. Jones, M. N. Buckner, F. H. Payne and A. B. Chapin. The Advisory Management Committee was elected, consisting of W. S. Kies, J. H. Perkins, J. E. Gardin, J. S. Maxwell and F. H. Payne. The officers elected were: Chairman of the Board, W. S. Kies; President, Arthur H. Titus; Vice-President and Cashier, Philip B. Kennedy; Secretary, Frederick Todd; Assistant Secretary, Mason B. Starring, Jr. Twenty-five per cent of the subscribed capital was called for payment on June 11. It is expected that the new bank will formally open for business between June 15th and July 1st. The Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Interstate Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans were announced as additional stockholders.

Information regarding the new Foreign Banking Association was given in these columns April 24, page 1701, and May 15, page 2026.

IS PANIC IMMINENT?—PROF. H. J. DAVENPORT THINKS NOT.

Dr. H. J. Davenport, Professor of Economics of Cornell University, has treated capably and at length the subject of inflation vs. panics, in a paper appearing in this week's issue of "Service," of the Bankers' Statistics Corporation of New York, of which Fred E. Farnsworth is President. Dr. Davenport's views are presented under the head: "Is Panic Imminent?" In taking issue with those who see signs of a coming crash, he states that he doesn't think we are nearing panics, but holds, instead, "that we must face the prospect of twenty or thirty months more of inflation, and that only some influence exterior to this country can deliver us from it, or it may be that some domestic disaster, like a possible industrial upheaval—some force outside the purely financial mechanism—will bring our financial card-house to a fall." Referring to the fertile prognostications of panic, he says:

For my own part I do not concur in this forecast of inevitable or even of probable panic. Another remedy for the situation I am sure might be—with wisdom enough—and may still be. And even if—as I think probable—no other end than that of panic will come to the inflation, this means to me merely that no end of any sort is to come, rather than that there will be panic. If panic should furnish the end, and nothing else would, I should choose the panic. I look, however, neither for the left-handed welfare of a choice between these bad alternatives, nor for the right-handed good fortune of getting neither panic nor more inflation. I expect the further inflation without early or ultimate panic.

Dr. Davenport's treatise is a notable contribution to the discussion of the subject. It is too long to admit of our publishing it in full, but we reproduce the following paragraphs as furnishing a summary of his conclusions and an indication of his methods of reasoning:

It is, then, because I am persuaded that the Reserve banks have power enough under the guidance of the Reserve Board to do practically anything that they will; that there is in the system indefinitely large room for further currency expansion; that the existing methods and the oft-times repeated declarations of Reserve Board purpose and policies forecast the utmost possible exploitation of these reserve possibilities of inflation—that I conclude, (1) that panic is still far distant; (2) that the rise in prices is to continue; (3) that this indefinitely continued inflation may not and need not ever end in panic; (4) and that, if panic comes, it will come as a repercussion from disturbances initiating abroad, probably in Europe, or from political and economic upheaval in the domestic field—disturbances not primarily financial in their nature, though liable to be provoked by purely financial errors. On the whole, I repeat, I should prefer as against continued inflation an early panic. I do not expect it. I do, however, hold that were the requisite skill in guidance available—any further rise in prices could be checked without panic, or even that a deflation of prices could be similarly achieved. But I should prefer stability at the present level of prices to change even toward falling prices.

Making such careful interpretation as is possible of these banking and monetary views, in the light of the methods and policies of the Reserve banks thus far in the extension of credits to member banks, one arrives with some assurance at the conviction that the Reserve Board is not yet ready and is not likely soon to be ready to place effective limits on the processes of credit extension and of currency expansion. The inference appears to be a fair one—though not, one admits, beyond doubt—that the Board is to proceed in the future along the lines of its past. It is clear that indefinitely more inflation is possible. Whatever is possible in this direction the Board will not decline to do or to permit to be done. Unless as it gets or is given a new mind in this regard, the country must go along as best it may with an inflation that bids fair to continue till some external influence brings it to an end. There need not be for a long period yet—perhaps there will never be—a panic due to credit restriction and price reaction. Less improbable than credit collapse is it that we shall finally drift off from the gold basis, as the Europeans have already done. In the event, moreover, of a dearth of reserve material the European nations have great stores of unused and for any present purpose, superfluous gold? These stores they could readily spare us to our temporary emergency and our continuing harm.

But is there never an end to come to the inflation? Probably—but not by panic—that is, there need be none. We arrived at the appropriate end in the days of the Continental currency. Russia reached it three years ago, with the discrediting of its medium of exchange and in the resulting rigor mortis of its productive organization. Austria is probably close now to the impracticabilities of a barter economy. Germany is rapidly tending in the same direction. France faces the same menace. Perhaps also Italy. But we—with England—are likely to find a place of stopping on this side of industrial paralysis or the primitive methods of barter. Or, perhaps, something will stop us. In any case, to persist to the utmost

possible limit of inflation is not to get to panic. It is to arrive at having a money that is of no great use to any creditor and that is farcically easy for any debtor to offer. There is—there can be—in such case no dearth of it. So long as the credit institutions and the printing machines are able and willing to supply more of it to any debtor applicant, he is safe from a credit squeeze. It is only when we shall get tired of our tobogganing that there will be danger of getting bumped. Then there will be need of skill—not to expand, but to stop expanding. But with skill enough, the thing could even then be managed without panic—as also now.

**SENATOR OWEN ON HIGH DISCOUNT RATES.—
LARGE EARNINGS OF MEMBER BANKS.**

Last week, page 2140, we published the latest representations of Senator Owen to Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board (as embodied in the former's letter of May 14) on the necessity of lowering the discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks as a means of helping to restore Liberty bonds to par. In the Senate on the 18th inst. the Senator had something further to say on the subject of high discount rates permitted by the Reserve Board and in his speech he called attention not only to the vast earnings of the Federal Reserve banks, but also to the earnings of some of the larger banks in New York City. His remarks in part are taken from the Congressional Record as follows:

Mr. Owen. Mr. President, I have for some time been trying to call the attention of the Senate to the importance of the action taken by the Federal Reserve Board in raising the rates of interest. It looks as if the very high Reserve-bank rates, together with the high rate being charged by the member banks of the country on commercial loans and by the banks on call loans on the New York Stock Exchange, will bring about the conviction that it is impossible to get the necessary credits in order to carry on the business of the country. I deny that there should be any insuperable difficulty in getting the credits which are necessary for manufacture and commerce for productive and distributive purposes.

I desire to call the attention of the Senate to the fact that the high interest rates proposed by the Federal Reserve Board are not necessary for the real interest or encouragement of the banks.

The Federal Reserve banks, on a capital of \$87,000,000 last year—and I believe that includes 90% of the earnings which Congress permitted them to have out of the previous year's earnings—earned \$102,000,000 in 1919, a net earning of \$82,000,000, or approximately 100%, on an average for all the reserve banks, while the New York Federal Reserve bank earned 110%. They are assuredly not in need of earning any more than that. They earned that on a 4% basis. Now that the Reserve Board has raised the rate to 6% it would mean a 50% increase, and they, therefore, ought to earn on that basis 150% if this rate is persisted in.

We talk about profiteering. If the Government's own instrumentalities are permitted to make such unfair earnings without objection, what right have we to complain of the ordinary citizen making 100%? I have here the report of the ten leading banks of New York City showing their earnings on their capital. The National City Bank earned 33% per annum on the basis of its earnings for the first half of 1919; the Chase National Bank, 93%; the First National Bank, 100%; the Mechanics and Metals National Bank, 63%; the American Exchange National Bank, 40%; the National Park Bank, 60%; the Irving National Bank, 60%; the Chatham & Phoenix, 55%, and the Hanover National Bank, 121%.

Mr. Smoot. Were those earnings on their capital stock and reserves? Mr. Owen. They were on their capital stock. I ask to put into the "Record," without reading, a table showing their capital stock, net earnings, percentage of earnings to capital, and so forth.

New York City.	Net Earn's. 6 Months Ended June 30 1919.	Capital June 30 1919.	% of Net Earns to Cap 6 Mos	Rate % p. a. 6 Mos. Ended June 30 1919	Net Earn's. 6 Months Ended Dec 31 1919
National Bank of Commerce	\$3,382,124	\$25,000,000	13.528	27.056	\$3,491,510
National City Bank	4,151,249	25,000,000	16.605	33.210	3,167,615
Chase National Bank	4,689,166	10,000,000	46.892	93.784	2,466,638
First National Bank	5,005,411	10,000,000	50.054	100.108	298,333
Mechanics & Met. Nat. Bk.	1,917,171	6,000,000	31.953	63.906	1,003,335
American Exch. Nat. Bank	1,019,413	5,000,000	20.388	40.776	679,532
National Park Bank	1,503,925	5,000,000	30.179	60.358	580,500
Irving National Bank	1,365,925	4,500,000	30.354	60.708	1,519,628
Chatham & Phenix Nat. Bk.	976,628	3,500,000	27.904	55.808	1,033,001
Hanover National Bank	1,822,631	3,000,000	60.754	121.508	683,007

New York City.	Total Year Ended Dec. 31 1919.	Capital Dec 31 1919.	% of Net Earns. on Cap. 12 mos.	Capital and Surplus Dec 31 1919	% Net Earns to Cap & Sur at end Dec 31 1919
National Bank of Commerce	\$6,873,634	\$25,000,000	27.495	\$50,000,000	13.747
National City Bank	7,318,864	25,000,000	29.275	60,000,000	12.198
Chase National Bank	7,155,804	10,000,000	71.558	20,000,000	35.779
First National Bank	5,303,744	10,000,000	53.037	30,000,000	17.679
Mechanics & Metals Nat. Bk.	2,920,506	6,000,000	48.675	12,000,000	24.337
American Exch. Nat. Bank	1,698,945	5,000,000	33.979	10,000,000	16.989
National Park Bank	2,089,425	5,000,000	41.789	20,000,000	10.447
Irving National Bank	2,885,553	6,000,000	48.093	12,000,000	24.046
Chatham & Phenix Nat. Bk.	2,009,629	7,000,000	28.709	12,000,000	16.747
Hanover National Bank	2,505,638	3,000,000	83.521	17,000,000	14.739

Mr. Owen. I will only pause to make the comment that when they earn such enormous sums and in a very short time create such surplus the earnings might as well be counted as against capital, for the earnings are against deposits and exchange and not really on their capital, which is merely a marginal security against their liabilities to depositors.

Mr. President, the Federal Reserve Board is taking its advice from those who think there ought to be a deflation of credit in this country. Certainly I am not in favor of inflation; I am not in favor of speculation; but I want to say to the Senate that if this policy is pursued of broadly deflating the credits of this country there can be only one result, that of depression and ruin to many.

There are two ways open for lowering prices. The best way is to increase commodities by stimulating both production and saving and letting credits for such purposes. That is the best way; that is the true way—to work and to save and to give men credit who need to have credit for the purpose of working, for the purpose of creating value. If credit is broadly denied them, as in the case of the State of the Senator from North Carolina, where they have a 6% fixed rate and the Federal Reserve charge is 6% on money,

how can the banks get any accommodation from Government Reserve banks? They are limited to 6%; they would have no margin; and it is necessary to allow some margin to member banks in order to enable them to function properly.

The worst way to lower prices is to raise interest rates, to deny credits, break up business, cause a panic, have an industrial depression, and have bankrupt sales, and cheap goods temporarily. This latter course may easily result if the banks all combine to raise rates and deny credits for productive and distributive purposes; but if that is done it is going to be done over my resolute protest, both in this Chamber and elsewhere. I have not hesitated to express myself about it in Detroit, in Cleveland, in Pittsburgh, in Baltimore and in other places, and I shall do so all over the country.

The Federal Reserve Board in raising rates broadly are striking manufacturers, wholesalers, merchants, retailers, stockmen, and farmers who are not speculating and who do not deserve to be punished as speculators. The Reserve Board is justified in encouraging a denial of credit for purely speculative purposes and is justified in urging the gradual liquidation of bank resources engaged in speculative enterprises or for mere investment purposes. I regard it as very hazardous to deny credit to the so-called nonessentials, among which my friend, the Senator from Illinois [Mr. McCormick] classes "phonographs and silk stockings." Both of those commodities are more or less essential. Nothing is of greater educational value than the phonograph, and I do not think the phonograph business ought to be broken up. In time of war the pleasures of the people may be interfered with, but not in times of peace. We fought for liberty, and the liberty to ride in a pleasure automobile or to hear a phonograph, or even to wear or look at silk stockings, ought not to be denied by the Federal Reserve Board by driving such manufacturers out of business.

Mr. Smoot. Is it not about time that the people of the United States and the people of the world should realize that there is only one way that normal conditions can be brought about, and that is for the people of the world to produce what the world consumes? Unless they do that normal conditions never will return.

Mr. Owen. Of course; that is what I said when I started out. The resolution of the Senator from Illinois, however, offers a hook and an invitation from the Senate to the Federal Reserve Board to declare a policy of "deflation." It carries the suggestion of deflation. The policy of deflation set by the Wall Street Stock Exchange control, which broke the stock market by high-interest rates, meets the approval of the same class of financial experts domiciled in Chicago, who might naturally advise the Senator from Illinois; but I warn the Federal Reserve Board and I warn the country that if a panic in this country results from their policy they are liable to have a North Dakota reaction, where a State bank was established to furnish money at fair and stable rates, using the credit of the State and the taxing power of the people of the State for that purpose. You can go too far in the matter of taxing the people of this country by high-interest rates and the "deflation" of credit. If the Reserve Board leads the procession of banks in fixing high rates on the people; that is, on their own depositors, and a great industrial depression follows, why should they wonder if the people of this country should demand as a remedy that the Reserve banks be made banks of deposit and discount? I warn the Federal Reserve Board that this country is not going to submit to any depression brought about by the banks of the country or under the policy of the board or under the advice of financiers domiciled either in New York or Chicago.

Mr. Owen. The country has proceeded upon the theory of a usury law. In North Carolina, for example, they have a strict usury law at 6%. The bankers of North Carolina probably pay 2 or 3 or 4 % for deposits, and the margin of profit which the banks of North Carolina probably have would be about 3%, which is the normal rate of increase in the handling of the money of depositors when loaned out.

The rate of interest at 3% has been the rate on Government bonds before the war, and 3% United States bonds went above par. The rate of interest in Belgium for 50 years before the war was 3%. The rate of interest in France for 50 years before the war was 3%. The rate in Holland, Belgium, and Denmark was likewise 3%.

I call attention to these precedents because that shows that human beings in normal conditions of life think that is a fair rate for money. In London 3½% was the rate during the war for acceptances, while the British Government was paying 5%.

But I object to any policy that will bring about depression. A violent depression by such means would serve the rich and ruin the poor. The debtor class of the country, relying on stability in business, will be unable to liquidate without great sacrifice and the creditor class will quietly and virtuously absorb the property of the debtor class at panic prices and cash in later when the usual reaction takes place. This is the history of all panics; the country understands it, and the country will not submit to an artificial panic, no matter how respectable the advice that brings it about.

When the Federal Reserve Board summons a council to determine a policy, that council should include merchants and manufacturers and not bankers alone. The wonderful Bank of England, the great servant of commerce, is controlled by great merchants. But the Reserve Board summons on a great occasion like this bankers alone, who profit by high interest rates and who will be the beneficiaries, temporarily at least, of the medicine they prescribe for the suffering public.

They summon class A directors, who are bankers, and do not summon class B directors, who are representatives of the agricultural, industrial, and commercial interest. Why?

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There is no need for an industrial depression. We have plenty of credits, and I shall put in my remarks, without stopping to detail it now, the volume of credits that is available by the member banks and the Reserve banks right now. These present rates are artificial and willful. They are selfish. They are unjustified. They are indefensible. If bad consequences ensue, it will be over my protest.

Job has well said that—
"The thing I greatly feared is come upon me."
I do not fear it. I defy it, and I defy those who bring it about; and they will hear from the American people if it happens.

Memorandum.

The resources of the Federal Reserve Banks May 14, 1920, were:

Assets.	
Gold	\$1,939,141,000
Loans	2,964,582,000
United States bonds and certificates	306,328,000

Liabilities.	
Deposits	1,839,355,000
Capital and surplus	213,227,000
Federal reserve notes	3,083,234,000

Loans exceeded deposits by over \$1,100,000,000. The best loans in the world and deposits fixed by law are not subject to withdrawal. Entire system secured by assets of all member banks and by the United States. No cash reserve really required against deposits because deposits cannot be withdrawn.

On a 33 1-3% reserve of gold the notes could be expanded if absolutely necessary to three times \$1,939,141,000 or \$5,817,000,000 or \$2,817,000,000 in excess of present issue. No increase is probably necessary, because the speculative and investment loans being retired will furnish all credits likely to be needed without raising rates.

If any more gold were needed the United States could command it. No more gold is needed. We have more than enough, and the present ratio of gold against notes is over 60%, while the Bank of England went below 15% in gold reserve without disturbing the peace of Great Britain, because if actually needed the Bank of England could issue legal-tender notes against loans.

England is economical in using gold, and the United States is uneconomical in the use of gold by keeping a percentage much higher than necessary. The surplus above actual need is so much non-interest-producing gold.

GOVERNOR HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD AGAIN CONTROVERTS SENATOR OWEN.

The correspondence which has passed between Senator Owen and W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, relative to the raising of the discount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks, and the effect of this on Liberty Bonds, has been enlarged by a further communication from Governor Harding, written in response to the one of Senator Owen which we printed in our issue of Saturday last, page 2140. Other letters which have been exchanged between the two have been given in the "Chronicle" of May 8, pages 1932 and 1933. In his letter which we published last week; Senator Owen contended that "the Reserve Banks pay no interest on deposits and 3% is a rate high enough to enable them to make the money they are entitled to make out of the public." In answering the Senator's contentions Governor Harding states that he cannot escape the conclusion "that were the Federal Reserve Banks to establish the stable low rate proposed by you they would soon reach the limit of their available resources, beyond which point you state, the expansion of credit, even for the most important of purposes, is not justified." Governor Harding adds that "it seems to me that the adoption of the policy proposed by you would result in a wild scramble for discount accommodations at the Federal Reserve Banks with an enforced denial of all credit after the first few days." Mr. Harding further says that from the Senator's own figures, "it is clearly impossible for the Federal Reserve banks to carry at any rate which may be fixed the entire volume of the Government war obligations, and if a stable low rate of 3% were to be established, no very great volume of additional loans could be made and instead of there being a stabilization of the bond market there would be chaotic conditions." "The Board" Governor Harding notes, "is insisting that all banks use a discriminating judgment in making loans, giving preference to those which are necessary for the production and distribution of the basic necessities of life, such as clothing, food and fuel, but in the exercise of this discretion it is necessary to have the restraining influence of a rate. It is idle to preach against excessive borrowings and then to invite borrowings by an artificially low rate less than half the current open market rate." Governor Harding calls attention to the fact that "official discount rates are high everywhere, even in countries where inflation has been carried to extremes and which are no longer on a gold basis." The official rate in Italy, he observes, is 5½%, that of the Bank of France is 6%, and that of the Bank of England is 7%, having recently been raised from 6%. Governor Harding's letter, dated May 24, is given in full herewith:

May 24, 1920.

My dear Senator: Your letter of the 14th instant was duly received, but unusual pressure of routine business has prevented an earlier reply.

I notice that you renew the suggestion made in your letter of April 27th that the Federal Reserve Board lower the discount rates of Federal Reserve Banks as a means of helping to restore Liberty Bonds to par, and that you take the view that as the Federal Reserve Banks pay no interest on deposits and that as they made very large earnings last year on a four per cent rate; that "3% is a rate high enough to enable them to make all the money they are entitled to make out of the public", and you say that "the Federal Reserve Banks should not be put in the attitude of profiteering or of setting the example of profiteering to member banks."

Your suggestion that the discount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks be fixed with reference to their dividend requirements is certainly a novel one, but before entering into a discussion of the propriety of fixing rates from this point of view I wish to say something regarding your intimation that the Federal Reserve Banks are putting themselves in the attitude of profiteering.

Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act provides that "after all necessary expenses of a Federal Reserve Bank have been paid or provided for, the stockholders shall be entitled to receive an annual dividend of six per centum on the paid-in capital stock, which dividend shall be cumulative". As originally enacted this section provided further that after dividend claims had been fully met "all the net earnings shall be paid to the United States as a franchise tax, except that one-half of such net earnings shall be paid into a surplus fund until it shall amount to forty per centum of the paid-in capital stock of such bank". The Act of March 3, 1919, which passed the Senate only as a result of your watchful care throughout an all-night session near the end of the Sixty-fifth Congress, amended Section 7 by providing that "after the aforesaid dividend claims have been fully met, the net earnings shall be paid to the United States as a franchise tax except that the

whole of such net earnings, including those for the year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be paid into a surplus fund until it shall amount to one hundred per centum of the subscribed capital stock of such bank, and that thereafter ten per centum of such net earnings shall be paid into the surplus".

Section 7 also provides that in case a Federal Reserve Bank should be "dissolved or go into liquidation, any surplus remaining after the payment of all debts, dividend requirements as hereinbefore provided, and the par value of the stock, shall be paid to and become the property of the United States". On May 21, 1920, the paid-in capital stock of all the twelve Federal Reserve Banks aggregated \$93,786,000. On this basis of capitalization for the year the member banks can receive dividends at the rate of 6%, amounting to \$5,627,160; the remainder of the net earnings, however great, will be paid in larger part directly to the Government as a franchise tax, the balance being carried to the surplus funds of the Federal Reserve Banks with ultimate reversion to the Government. On May 21, 1920, the consolidated statement of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks shows bills discounted secured by Government war obligations, \$1,446,723,000; all other rediscounts for member banks, \$1,053,663,000; bills bought in the open market, \$417,368,000; making a total of notes and bills rediscounted of \$2,917,754,000. At the same time the reserve deposits of member banks were \$1,833,665,000; total reserves held were \$2,079,538,000, and Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation amounted to \$3,085,202,000.

The ability of the Federal Reserve Banks to extend so large a volume of discount accommodations is due to the use of Federal Reserve notes, and this fact ought not to be overlooked. It follows therefore that the earnings of the Federal Reserve Banks are derived in larger part from the circulation of Federal Reserve notes, which are obligations of the Government. The Federal Reserve Board is authorized in Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act to require the Federal Reserve Banks to pay such rate of interest as the Board may establish on the amount of Federal Reserve notes outstanding less the amount of gold or gold certificates held by the Federal Reserve Agents as collateral security. On May 21st, after setting notes outstanding less the amount of gold or gold certificates held by the Federal Reserve Agents as collateral security. On May 21st, after setting aside the reserve of 35% against net deposit liabilities, the combined statement of the Federal Reserve Banks shows a reserve against Federal Reserve notes outstanding of 47.1%. Even though all excess gold were deposited with the Federal Reserve Agents there would be 52.9% of the outstanding note issue, or \$1,632,071,858, subject to an interest charge, the imposition of which would very materially reduce the apparent earnings of the Federal Reserve Banks. The Act gives the Board discretion in the matter, however, and no charge has been imposed for the reason that the excess earnings of the Federal Reserve Banks go to the Government in any event.

It seems to me, Senator, that you are disposed in all your discussions of the money and credit situation to ignore the fundamental law of supply and demand. Let me point out a few statements in your last letter which appear to be inconsistent. You state that you are "certainly opposed to inflation", but you are "strongly in favor of the extension of business, increasing production and improving distribution by extending credits on a stable low interest rate", and you say "The expansion of credit for such purposes is justified, but, of course, the expansion of credit beyond the available resources, even for the most important of purposes, is not justified". You say further that "credits ought to be extended at a low rate to the extent of the capacity of the Reserve Banks for productive purposes", and you intimate that as the Federal Reserve Banks pay no interest on deposits, a 3% rate is high enough. While you do not say in direct terms that Federal Reserve Banks should stand ready to make loans on Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes at a 3% rate your letter admits of this construction, although you do say that you do not advocate the Reserve Banks "lending beyond their resources at any rate, or on any securities." You say "Assuredly raising the rates of interest will deflate credits, even the credits of the United States, of which I complain, but I am anxious the Federal Reserve Board shall only deflate those credits that require deflation and not deflate credits of the Government and of legitimate productive business which ought not to be deflated." You say that "The only deflation of credit justified is the deflation of credits employed in speculative loans on investment securities, on real estate, and on commodities for hoarding by profiteers."

From all this I understand your view to be that the Federal Reserve Banks should lend at a low stable rate on Government securities and on other eligible paper, barring only "speculative loans on investment securities, on real estate, and on commodities for hoarding by profiteers" and that in your judgment this stable low rate ought to be 3%.

You admit the correctness of the observation made in my letter of the 3rd instant that "there is a world-wide demand for capital, and the demand for bank credit in this country for agricultural, commercial and industrial purposes is heavier than has ever been known before; investment demands for new construction, for the maintenance and equipment of railroads, and for the financing of our foreign trade are very great." You ask "Are these just demands to be met by denying the credits, or are they to be repressed by raising the rates." I cannot escape the conclusion, Senator, that were the Federal Reserve Banks to establish the stable low rate proposed by you they would soon reach the limit of their available resources, beyond which point, you state, the expansion of credit, "even for the most important of purposes, is not justified." It seems to me that the adoption of the policy proposed by you would result in a wild scramble for discount accommodations at the Federal Reserve Banks with an enforced denial of all credit after the first few days.

The Board is insisting that all banks use a discriminating judgment in making loans, giving preference to those which are necessary for the production and distribution of the basic necessities of life, such as clothing, food and fuel, but in the exercise of this discretion it is necessary to have the restraining influence of a rate. It is idle to preach against excessive borrowings and then to invite borrowings by an artificially low rate less than half the current open market rate.

You have had a good deal to say about the low rates which prevailed in bygone years, in England, France and Belgium, and I might call your attention also to the low rates which prevailed at the Federal Reserve Banks during the year 1915 when there was no demand for loans. But we are dealing with the pressing problems of the present; changing conditions must be recognized and dealt with as occasion demands. You no doubt know, although you have never called attention to the fact, that official discount rates are high everywhere, even in countries where inflation has been carried to extremes and which are no longer on a gold basis. The official rate in Italy is 5½%, that of the Bank of France is 6%, and that of the Bank of England is 7%, having recently been raised from 6%.

The Federal Reserve Board does not take the view that discount rates should be arbitrarily fixed by it; it recognizes the fact that there are certain basic conditions which affect the demand for and the supply of credit throughout this country and throughout the world, and that the formal establishment of a discount rate is merely an interpretation of these conditions. You call attention to the fact that the open market rate in London during the war was 3½%. It is now 6% to 6½%, against an official bank

rate of 7%. You do not question the wisdom of the management of the bank of England, which you say is conducted by the wisest merchants in the world, although I have always had an idea that many of these merchants are credit merchants, or private bankers, as they would be called in this country. The advances in rates in London are evidently due to natural causes and there has been no attempt to maintain artificially the low rates to which you refer. Why then is it not just as reasonable to concede to the directors of the Federal Reserve Banks and to the Federal Reserve Board some degree of honesty of purpose and intelligence in making the advances in rates of which you complain so vigorously?

From your own figures, Senator, it is clearly impossible for the Federal Reserve Banks to carry at any rate which may be fixed the entire volume of the Government war obligations, and if a stable low rate of 3% were to be established no very great volume of additional loans could be made, and instead of there being a stabilization of the bond market there would be chaotic conditions.

The obligations of the Government of the United States offer the best opportunity for investment in the world today. They are being sold now on a most attractive investment basis, and as speculative tendencies are curbed, as the gains of the profiteers are reduced, as commodity prices decline, and as the business and industry of this country settle down to a more normal peace basis, the market value of these securities will rise very rapidly. This conclusion is justified by the experience of the past. The six per cent 20-year bonds of the Government during the Civil War sold at a heavy discount (I think they were down at one time to about 80), but two years from the time of their greatest depression they reached par and were selling at a premium of about 25% in 1869, only twelve years before their maturity. I am satisfied that we will have a similar experience with Liberty Bonds, provided there are rigid economies in Governmental expenditures from this time forth and inflationary tendencies generally are held in check.

I do not know of anything further that I can say regarding the call money rates in New York. You continue to insist that the powers of the Government should be exercised through the offices of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Reserve Banks and the Comptroller of the Currency to remove the causes which lead to fluctuating rates there, and I have already pointed out to you that the interest rates in New York City are regulated by the laws of the State of New York and that there is nothing that can be done by the Federal Reserve Board, or by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, except, perhaps, to decline to make loans on Government bonds to banks which in turn lend on Stock Exchange collateral. This would result in even higher rates.

It is interesting to note, however, that the high rates of which you complain reached their peak in November, 1919, before the discount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks had been advanced and that since the rates were advanced to their present level, on January 23rd last, call money rates have ruled, with the exception of one or two temporary flurries, quite steadily around their present level of from six to seven per cent.

Very truly yours,

W. P. G. HARDING, Governor.

Hon. Robert L. Owen, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

GOVERNOR HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD RESPONDS TO SENATE—INQUIRY CONCERNING CREDIT INFLATION—FURTHER DETAILS OF CONFERENCE ON CREDIT RESTRICTION.

Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board submitted to the Senate this week (May 25) his answer to the resolution of Senator McCormick, adopted by the Senate on May 17, and published in our issue of a week ago, page 2141, calling for information from the Federal Reserve Board as to what steps have been taken "to meet the existing inflation of currency and credits, and consequent high prices, and what further steps it proposes to take or recommend to mobilize credits in order to move the 1920 crop." In his reply Governor Harding states that "the Board is convinced that if the unsold portions of last year's crops can be brought to market before the new crop matures, the liquidation of credits which are now tied up in carrying the old crops will be sufficient to offset to a considerable degree the credit demands which will be made upon the banks in moving the crop of 1920." In responding to the Senate resolution Governor Harding gives details of the conference held last week between the Federal Reserve Board, the Advisory Council, Class A Directors and the Committee representing the American Bankers' Association, mention of which was made in these columns last Saturday, pages 2138 and 2139, and in his account of the deliberations Governor Harding refers to the fact that "it was developed at the meeting that the present credit expansion is due in great part to the abnormally high prices of goods and commodities now prevailing throughout the country and to the congestion of food stuffs and essential raw materials at, or near, points of production because of lack of transportation facilities. He likewise alludes to the views of the Board outlined by him at the conference, in which banks were cautioned that in the effort to reduce non-essential loans, drastic steps should be avoided, and that the methods adopted should be orderly, the stand being taken that gradual liquidation will result in permanent improvement, while too rapid deflation would be injurious and should be avoided. He also states that "the Board pointed out the necessity for extending such credits as may be necessary to promote essential production, especially of foodstuffs, and that if for any reason it should prove impracticable to increase essential production, there should be greater economy in consumption and more moderation in the use of credit." While some of the information

imparted to the Senate by Governor Harding was contained in his statement made at the conference, and which we gave last week, some additional facts as to the developments of the meeting are presented, one of these being the report of the Advisory Council, made by James B. Forgan, President. This report, among other things, answers the question "How can the reserve position of the Federal Reserve banks be materially strengthened before the seasonal demand sets in next Fall without undue disturbance of the processes of production and distribution?" as follows:

By urging upon member banks through the Federal Reserve banks the wisdom of showing borrowers the necessity of the curtailment of general credits, and especially for non-essential uses, as well as continuing to discourage loans for capital and speculative purposes; by checking excessive borrowings through the application of higher rates.

While, as stated, a large part of the information which Governor Harding furnishes in his communication to the Senate was embodied in the matter given by us in our reference to the Conference, we nevertheless give herewith in full, the answer to Senator McCormick's resolution made by the head of the Reserve Board.

May 25, 1920.

Sir:

On May 17 1920, the Senate adopted the following resolution.

"Resolved, That the Federal Reserve Board be directed to advise the Senate what steps it purposes to take or to recommend to the member banks of the Federal Reserve system to meet the existing inflation of currency and credits and consequent high prices, and what further steps it purposes to take or recommend to mobilize credits in order to move the 1920 crop."

In response the Board desires to say that it has recognized for many months past that the expansion of bank credits in this country was proceeding at a rate not warranted by the production and consumption of goods. It has repeatedly admonished the Federal Reserve banks that influence should be exerted upon the member banks to induce them to avoid undue expansion of loans and to keep their volume of outstanding credits within moderate bounds.

Beginning six months ago the rates of discount on various classes of paper at the Federal Reserve Banks were advanced. During the latter part of January the present rates were put into effect. These advances, while undoubtedly checking credit transactions which otherwise would have been made, have not been entirely effective in bringing about the reduction in loans desired and which might normally have been expected during the early months of the year. Liquidation during these months is entirely natural and healthy and is necessary in order that the banks may be prepared to meet the demands made upon them during the crop making and harvesting seasons, but there has been no such liquidation and on the contrary commercial loans have steadily increased. Thus it appears that the public has anticipated demands for banking credit which are usually made later on in the year. The average reserves of the Federal Reserve banks are now a little over 42 1/4% as against 45% at the beginning of the year and about 51% twelve months ago.

The Federal Advisory Council, which is composed of one member from each Federal Reserve District, elected annually by the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank, is required by Section 12 of the Federal Reserve Act to meet in Washington at least four times each year. The Council is authorized "to confer directly with the Federal Reserve Board on general business conditions; to make oral or written representations concerning matters within the jurisdiction of said board; to call for information and to make recommendations in regard to discount rates, rediscount business, note issues, reserve conditions in the various Districts, the purchase and sale of gold or securities by Reserve banks, open-market operations by said banks, and the general affairs of the reserve banking system."

Upon receipt of a notice that the Council would hold its regular meeting on May 17th the Board extended an invitation to the three Class "A" Directors of each Federal Reserve bank, who are the representatives of the stockholding banks, to come to Washington at the same time for conference with the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Advisory Council. This conference was held on the 18th instant and it was developed at the meeting that the present credit expansion is due in great part to the abnormally high prices of goods and commodities now prevailing throughout the country and to the congestion of foodstuffs and essential raw materials at, or near, points of production because of lack of transportation facilities.

The Board is convinced that if the unsold portions of last year's crops can be brought to market before the new crop matures, the liquidation of credits which are now tied up in carrying the old crops will be sufficient to offset to a considerable degree the credit demands which will be made upon the banks in moving the crop of 1920.

At the conference above referred to the Board's views were outlined by its Governor substantially as follows: The member banks should lean less heavily upon the Federal Reserve banks and rely more upon their own resources, unnecessary and habitual borrowings should be discouraged and the liquidation of long standing, non-essential loans should proceed. Banks were cautioned, however, that drastic steps should be avoided and that the methods adopted should be orderly, for gradual liquidation will result in permanent improvement while too rapid deflation would be injurious and should be avoided. The Board pointed out the necessity for extending such credits as may be necessary to promote essential production, especially of foodstuffs and that if for any reason it should prove impracticable to increase essential production, there should be greater economy in consumption and more moderation in the use of credit. The problem of the banking system of the country is to check further expansion and to bring about a normal and healthy liquidation without curtailing essential production and without shock to industry, and, as far as possible, without disturbance of legitimate commerce and business. In order to effect this it seems necessary to distinguish between essential and non-essential loans but the Federal Reserve Board feels it would be a most difficult task, which it should not undertake, to attempt by general rule of country-wide application to make this distinction. During the war there was a broad underlying principle that essentials must be "necessary or contributory to the conduct of the war," but notwithstanding the sharp outline of this principle much difficulty was experienced by the various war boards in defining essentials and non-essentials. All the more difficult would it be for the Federal Reserve Board to make such a general definition in the present circumstances.

Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act defines the eligibility of paper for discount by the Federal Reserve banks and lays down a general rule that any paper maturing within the time prescribed and "issued or drawn

for agricultural, industrial or commercial purposes, or the proceeds of which have been used, or are to be used for such purposes" is eligible. No expressed condition is made regarding the essential or non essential character of the transactions giving rise to notes which may be offered for discount and the Federal Reserve Board is not required, and properly could not be expected, generally to adopt such a criterion of eligibility. It is too much a matter of local conditions and local knowledge to justify at this time any general country wide ruling by the Board even if such a ruling were deemed helpful.

On the other hand, there is nothing in the Federal Reserve Act which require a Federal Reserve Bank to make any investment or to rediscount any particular paper or class of paper. The language of both Sections 13 and 14 is permissive only. Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act, however, requires the directors of a Federal Reserve bank to administer its affairs "fairly and impartially and without discrimination in favor of or against any member bank," and subject to the provisions of law and the orders of the Federal Reserve Board to extend "to each member bank such discounts, advancements and accommodations as may be safely and reasonably made with due regard for the claims and demands of other member banks." Thus the Directors of a Federal Reserve bank have the power to limit the volume and character of loans which in their judgment may be safely and reasonably made to any member bank.

The recent amendment to paragraph (d) of Section 14 distinctly authorizes each Federal Reserve bank on its own account, without reference to action taken by any other Federal Reserve bank, to establish a normal discount or credit line for each member bank, and permits the imposition of graduated rates on discount lines in excess of the normal line. This amendment, however, does not repeal or modify Sections 4 and 13, and a Federal Reserve bank is still free to decline to discount any paper which in its judgment does not constitute a desirable investment for it or which in its opinion would not constitute a safe and reasonable investment within the meaning of Section 4.

It is the view of the Board, however, that while Federal Reserve banks may properly undertake in their transactions with member banks to discriminate between essential and non-essential loans, nevertheless that discrimination might much better be made at the source by the member banks themselves. The individual banker comes in direct contact with his customers; he is better qualified than anyone else to advise the customer, because of his familiarity, not only with the customer's business but with the general business conditions and needs in his immediate locality. In making loans he is bound by no general rule of law as to the character of the purpose for which a loan is being asked. He is entirely free to exercise discretion, and can make one loan and decline another as his judgment may dictate. He can estimate with a fair degree of accuracy the legitimate demands for credit which are liable to be made upon him, as well as the fluctuations in the volume of his deposits. He knows what industries sustain his community, and is thus qualified to pass upon the essential or non-essential character of loans offered him. He knows, or should know, what rediscount line he may reasonably expect of his Federal Reserve bank, and he ought not to regard this line as a permanent addition to his capital. With knowledge of the limitations or penalties put upon his borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks the banker may be depended upon to use a more discriminating judgment in granting credit accommodations to his customers, and that judgment he must exercise if the present situation is to be remedied fundamentally.

It is true that under existing conditions the volume of credit required in any transaction is much greater than was the case in pre war times; but it is also true that the resources of the member and non-member banks would be ample to take care of the essential business of the country and to a large extent of non-essentials as well if there were a freer flow of goods and credit. If "frozen loans" were liquified, and if commodities which are held back either for speculative purposes or because of lack of transportation facilities should go to the markets, and if large stocks of merchandise should be reduced, the resultant release of credit would have a most beneficial effect upon the general situation. In the meantime everything must be done to expedite the release of these credits and to restrict non-essential credits in future.

While the problem of credit regulation and control is national and even international in its scope, yet in the last analysis it is merely an aggregation of individual problems, and the proper working out of the situation must depend upon the public and upon the banks which deal with the public. The public must be made to realize the necessity of economy in expenditures and in consequent demands for banking credit. The banks themselves are best able to impress the importance of this policy upon the public.

For the further information of the Senate the Board quotes from the report of the Federal Advisory Council made to it on May 18th, signed by James B. Forgan, President.

"The Council has given consideration to the matters included in your communication of April 17th and begs to reply thereto in the following manner, following the order set out by you.

(a) "Causes of continued expansion of credits and of Federal note issues."

"There are many contributing causes of which the following may be regarded as paramount.

1. We recognize, of course, that the first cause is the Great War.
2. Great extravagance, national, municipal and individual.
3. Inefficiency and indifference of labor resulting in lessening production.
4. A shortage of transportation facilities, thus preventing the normal movement of commodities.

5. The vicious circle of increasing wages and prices.

(b) "How can the reserve position of the Federal Reserve Banks be materially strengthened before the seasonal demand sets in next fall without undue disturbance of the processes of production and distribution?"

By urging upon member banks through the Federal Reserve Banks the wisdom of showing borrowers the necessity of the curtailment of general credits, and especially for non-essential uses, as well as continuing to discourage loans for capital and speculative purposes; by checking excessive borrowings through the application of higher rates.

(c) "If steps cannot be taken at this time leading to a more normal proportion between the volume of credits and the volume of goods, when can they be taken?"

In our opinion steps should be taken now, as outlined in answer to the last question.

(d) "What is the effect upon the general situation of the increased Treasury borrowings and what should be the policy of the Federal Reserve Banks in establishing rates of discount on paper secured by certificates of indebtedness?"

It is obvious that the borrowings of the Treasury have the same effect upon the general credit situation as those of other borrowers. The Council would suggest the wisdom of Congressional relief from the burden of government financing by a policy of rigid economy; the provision of the tax laws for the sake of a more equitable distribution of the burden without reducing the revenue; the enactment of the budget system, the budget to include provision for the gradual payment of the short time obligations of the Treasury. These would of necessity preclude unwise appropriations, such as the proposed soldier's bonus.

In view of the large volume of Treasury certificates of indebtedness carried by member banks at the instance of the Treasury Department, we believe that rates established by the Federal Reserve banks on paper secured by them should not be materially greater than the rates borne by the certificates.

The Board feels assured that the banks of the country now realize the necessity of more conservatism in extending credits and of a reasonable

reduction in the volume of credits now outstanding. The Board will not hesitate, so far as it may be necessary, to bring to bear all its statutory powers in regulating the volume of credit, but wishes to point out that the more vital problems relating to the movement of the 1920 crop are physical rather than financial.

This was the unanimous view of those present at the conference on the 18th instant, at which the following resolution was adopted:

"The whole country is suffering from inflation of prices with the consequent inflation of credit. From reports made by the members of this conference, representing every section of the country, it is obvious that great sums are tied up in products which if marketed would relieve necessity, tend to reduce the price level and relieve the strain on our credit system.

"This congestion of freight is found in practically all of the large railroad centres and shipping ports. It arises chiefly from inadequate transportation facilities available at this time and is seriously crippling business. We are informed that the per ton mile of freight increased in three years—1916, 1917, and 1918—47%, while the freight cars in service during the same period increased 1.9%.

"A striking necessity exists which can only be relieved through the upbuilding of the credit of the railroads. This must come through adequate and prompt increase in freight rates. Any delay means the paying of greater cost directly and indirectly and places a burden on the credit system which in the approaching time for seasonal expansion may cause abnormal strain. Even under the load of war inflation, high price level, and extravagances the bank reserves would probably be sufficient if quick transportation could be assured during the time of the greatest strain.

"Therefore Be It Resolved: That this conference urge as the most important remedies that the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Shipping Board give increased rates and adequate facilities such immediate effect as may be warranted under their authority and that a committee of five, representing the various sections of the country, be appointed by the Chairman to present this resolution to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Shipping Board with such verbal presentation as may seem appropriate to the committee."

Much will depend upon the restoration of the normal efficiency of railroad and steamship lines. If adequate transportation facilities can be provided the Board sees no occasion for apprehension in connection with the movement of crops now being grown.

Respectfully,

W. P. G. HARDING, Governor.

The President of the Senate.

From the New York "Commercial" of May 22, we take the following regarding the representations of Governor Harding at last week's Conference:

That W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, advised the bankers in attendance at the recent conference of the Advisory Council and Class "A" Directors of the Federal Reserve banks to urge merchants to cut prices was learned today. A stenographic record of Mr. Harding's speech was made public. His remarks on this point were not included in the advance manuscript given to the press on the day of the conference.

"We find instances which always occur when there is a constantly advancing tendency to the market, where merchants have stocked up," said Mr. Harding. "There are many cases where mercantile loans are too large and ought to be reduced. There are merchants everywhere who ought to be reasoned with and who ought to be encouraged to push their stocks out and get rid of the high priced stuff, because some of these days, it may be sooner rather than later, the reign of reason is going to be restored, and the man in the street will no longer want to pay \$25 to \$30 for a silk shirt, or \$20 for a pair of shoes or \$1 for four pounds of sugar.

"Lower prices will be demanded, and trade will fall off unless lower prices prevail.

"It seems to me, from the standpoint of good merchandising and good banking, that the merchants should be encouraged to reduce their stocks and not tempt the passer-by by extravagant displays in the windows at high prices, which, under the abnormal state of mind which has prevailed, may themselves help to sell the goods, because you all know cases where a customer would pass by with contempt a two or three dollar article and turn his attention to something at \$25, although it may not be one whit better suited to his purpose."

Mr. Harding turned his attention to the hoarders and profiteers.

"In the case of the hoarder, who for selfish and profiteering purposes wishes to hold back from the mouths of hungry people essential articles of food, or from the backs of the naked essential articles of clothing, every good banker should exert every influence within his power to force people of that kind to turn loose their hoards," said Mr. Harding. "Here is an opportunity for wise discrimination, and this discrimination can be exercised more intelligently and effectively by the individual banker himself than by any governmental board."

Commenting on the extravagance of the people of the country, Mr. Harding said:

"There is undoubtedly, however, a spirit of extravagance in this country which must be curbed. There are some indications that the people are waking up to what the consequences will be if this wild orgy of extravagance and waste should be continued indefinitely. It may be that some real personal sacrifices must be made for the general economic good. But it is very clear that if we find it impossible under the present circumstances to increase the volume of production of the most essential articles, the only thing for us to do is to reduce consumption of those articles."

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S EFFORTS TO AID CATTLE GROWERS.

With a view to assisting Western cattle growers, whose loans have been cut off by the termination of the War Finance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, according to press dispatches from Washington May 22, has instructed Reserve and member banks to favor loans on livestock. This announcement was credited by the dispatches to Senator Kendrick, Democrat, of Wyoming, after a conference with members of the Board. He is said to have added that the Board would be willing to order rediscounts on cattle paper in order to support Federal Reserve banks in cattle districts.

GOVERNOR HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD SAID TO BE INVESTIGATING SUGAR LOANS.

On May 22 it was reported that Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board had proposed an investigation by bankers of loans made on sugar stocks with a view to the release of stock held for speculative purposes. The As-

sociated Press in a Washington dispatch May 22, relative to the reports, said:

Another step, designed to aid in driving down prices of necessities, has been taken by the Federal Reserve Board. Governor Harding is understood to have intimated to Federal Reserve Bank officials that they should scrutinize carefully the paper they hold as security for loans made to the sugar trade to the end that more sugar may be made available for domestic consumption.

It was estimated that probably \$250,000,000 was tied up in "frozen loans" on sugar stocks and it was regarded as probable that the banks would be able to locate any sugar stocks held for speculative purposes and force their distribution. The Reserve Board officials would not discuss Governor Harding's intimation further than to say that such a move was in line with the policy to which the support of the bankers was pledged at the conference here Tuesday [May 18] at which ways and means of preventing hoarding for speculative purposes were discussed.

G. L. HARRISON AND E. R. KENZEL DEPUTY-GOVERNORS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK—OTHER CHANGES.

The election of George L. Harrison and Edwin R. Kenzel as Deputy-Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was announced by the bank on Tuesday of this week, May 25. Other changes announced at the same time are the election of Laurence H. Hendricks as Comptroller-at-Large and a member of the Managing Committee; of Leslie R. Rounds as Comptroller of Accounts; J. Wilson Jones as Comptroller of the Fiscal Agency Functions and James M. Rice as Manager of the Bond Department. The official announcement of these changes follows:

George L. Harrison, at present general counsel to the Federal Reserve Board, has been elected a Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He will enter upon his duties about July 1 1920. Mr. Harrison is a graduate of Yale, 1910, and since 1914 has been connected with the Federal Reserve Board in its legal department, with the exception of one year during which time he was abroad in the service of the Red Cross.

Edwin R. Kenzel, controller of investments, has also been elected a Deputy Governor. For the present he will continue to act as controller of investments. Mr. Kenzel was elected an assistant cashier in November 1914. He devoted most of his time to and has been instrumental in developing the open market operations of the bank.

Laurence H. Hendricks, controller of collections, has been elected controller at large and a member of the managing committee. He will continue to act as controller of collections for the time being. Mr. Hendricks has developed and directed the transit and check collecting operations of the bank since its inception. In March 1915 Mr. Hendricks was elected an assistant cashier, and in July 1918 was made cashier of the bank.

Leslie R. Rounds, manager of the accounting and disbursing departments, has been elected controller of accounts, and for the present he will act as manager of the accounting and disbursing departments. Mr. Rounds entered the employ of the bank in April 1917 to assist the organization in the handling of the First Liberty loan. In January 1918 he was elected an acting assistant cashier, and in July 1918 was made an assistant cashier.

J. Wilson Jones, formerly manager of the Government bond department, has been elected controller of the fiscal agency functions and retires as manager of the Government bond department. Mr. Jones entered the employ of the Federal Reserve Bank as assistant cashier on Jan. 1 1918, in charge of the operations of the Government bond department.

James M. Rice, formerly chief of the Government bond department, has been elected manager of the Government bond department. Mr. Rice entered the employ of this bank in 1917 as accountant in the Government bond department and in September 1919 was elected chief of the division.

The Reserve Bank also announces the appointment of R. M. Morgan as a holder of procuration. William M. St. John has resigned as Manager of the Custody Department.

H. W. SNOW JR. ASSISTANT CASHIER OF BUFFALO BRANCH OF N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

H. W. Snow Jr. has been appointed Assistant Cashier of the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The Federal Reserve Board at Washington makes public the following list of institutions which were admitted to the Federal Reserve system in the week ending May 21 1920:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 9—			
East Helena State Bank,			
East Helena, Mont.....	\$50,000	\$10,500	\$189,442
District No. 11—			
First State Bank,			
Cloudcroft, New Mexico.....	25,000	1,500	156,823
The Coleman State Bank,			
Coleman, Okla.....	25,000	-----	196,176
Cameron County Bank,			
La Feria, Tex.....	25,000	1,500	194,018
District No. 12—			
Pacific State Bank,			
South Bend, Wash.....	100,000	50,000	1,501,734

CLARK, DODGE & CO. ON COMMODITY LIQUIDATION AND SECURITY VALUES.

In order to illustrate the marked decline in bond prices, Clark, Dodge & Co., New York bankers, in an interesting pamphlet, have attempted to measure the present day values

of bonds in terms of commodities, as compared with pre-war values. For example, an unskilled laborer can now exchange 15.4 days labor for \$100. Union Pacific First Mortgage 4s, as against 55.4 days in 1914. A planter can now exchange 188 pounds of cotton for the same bond, as against 746 pounds in May 1914. On the theory that declining commodity prices are accompanied by a rising bond market, it would appear, say the bankers, that an improvement in bond prices is to be looked for if the recent wave of price-cutting indicates that these economic laws have begun to operate.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY HOUSTON CONFERS WITH LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

Besides addressing members of the Bond Club at the Bankers' Club in this city on Wednesday of this week, Secretary of the Treasury Houston also held a conference at the Federal Reserve Bank with local bankers. Only the newspaper accounts as to what he had to say are available in each case, and, according to the "Journal of Commerce," his discussion at the Reserve Bank dealt with market conditions respecting Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes and the need of a campaign to obtain their broader distribution and firmer placement. At this conference besides representatives of the Reserve Bank, the bankers present were mainly those who were members of the Liberty Loan Committee, As to the conference the "Journal of Commerce" says:

Few details of the discussion were disclosed yesterday, but it was intimated that among the matters taken up was the question of preliminary preparations for dealing with the maturity of the Victory Loan. This event is still many months away, but the size of the operation involved, if the loan is to be funded or to be paid in part, is such that it is regarded as not too early to begin consideration of the course of procedure to be followed. Secretary Houston in his remarks to the Bond Club expressed the opinion that as much as possible of the loan should be paid off.

The Secretary is understood to have advocated a campaign to persuade employers to induce their employes to purchase Liberty bonds, thus giving support to the market. In the opinion of bankers, if workers could be persuaded to buy the bonds out of savings in hand or to apply their money to the purchase of Liberties instead of luxuries this would have an excellent effect, particularly in encouraging thrift. But if corporations are to be advised to sell Liberties to their employes on an installment plan, it is not seen that the movement would materially hasten the process of getting the bonds out of the bank loan account.

Other subjects broached at the meeting related to Treasury certificates of indebtedness and discount rates. Discussion on these topics, however, was only casual, it was said, and did not go much into detail. The question of rates, of course, falls more properly within the sphere of the Federal Reserve Board, and was, moreover, pretty fully canvassed at the Washington conferences.

Representing possibly a reaction from the conference or a consequence thereof, bond dealers reported that early yesterday morning the word was passed around that a strong upward movement of Liberties was about to begin. Subsequently developments in the market for Liberties tended to support this "tip," the interest on the buying side being strong, but no direct connection with the conference was traceable.

The meeting of the Secretary with members of the Liberty Loan Committee is in line with past procedure. The calling together of this organization is understood to have no special significance beyond the fact that it is the body with which the Treasury dealt during the war and offers a convenient group with which to continue relations. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Leffingwell, during his tenure of office, met this group on several occasions here for an informal discussion of matters bearing upon national and other finances.

EXCHANGE OF TEMPORARY 4% FIRST LIBERTY LOAN COUPON BONDS.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York yesterday May 28th, issued the following circular regarding the exchange of temporary 4% First Liberty Loan coupon bonds for permanent bonds.

Circular No. 283, May 28 1920.
PERMANENT FIRST LIBERTY LOAN BONDS IN EXCHANGE FOR TEMPORARY COUPON FIRST 4's.

Ready for Delivery on and after June 1, 1920.

To all Banks, Trust Companies and Savings Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:—Holders of temporary 4% First Liberty Loan coupon bonds may collect the interest at 4% due and payable on June 15 1920, by exchanging them on and after June 1 and before June 15 1920, for permanent bonds with all coupons attached drawing interest at 4% from December 15 1919 to June 15 1920, and at 4½% from June 15 1920 to maturity. Upon specific request permanent bonds bearing interest at 4% will be delivered in exchange. A sufficient supply of the permanent bonds has been prepared for this purpose and deliveries will commence promptly on Tuesday, June 1 1920.

Temporary 4% First Liberty Loan coupon bonds should be forwarded to us as soon as possible so that the permanent bonds may be prepared for shipment on June 1. If 4½% permanent bonds are desired, form L & C 25A should be used. This form is complete in itself and no other form is required. If, however, you desire permanent 4% bonds in exchange, form L & C 303-312 should be used for surrendering temporary bonds. Form A should be used for ordering denominations of permanent 4% bonds desired in exchange.

It is expected that permanent bonds will be available for exchange of temporary First 4½% bonds by August 1, and of temporary 4½'s on July 1. If these temporary First 4½'s and Second 4½'s are delivered to us at this time a receipt will be given and they will be cancelled by us and forwarded to the Treasury Department.

The provisions of our Circular No. 259 of March 5 1920, as above modified, issued subject to Treasury Department Circular No. 164 of Dec. 15 1919, govern such exchanges.

Very truly yours,
J. H. CASE, Acting Governor.

BANKS IN MINNEAPOLIS RESERVE DISTRICT COUNSELLED ON DECLINE IN LIBERTY BONDS.

That the present low prices on Liberty Bonds will not be relieved until we quit selling Liberty Bonds to buy silly luxuries in trying to make a show "which fools no one but fools," is emphasized in a statement in a circular issued to the banks and trust companies in the Minneapolis Federal Reserve District by E. C. Kibbee, Director of the Government Savings Organization of that District. Mr. Kibbee also calls attention to the fact that "if the \$800,000,000 odd Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes purchased at par by residents of the Ninth District are all sold at 90 (or less), that means \$80,000,000 is going to be taken out of the District never to return." In part his circular says:

The price of Liberty bonds is no more immune from the operation of the law of supply and demand than any other commodity. If there are more people who wish to buy Liberty bonds than wish to sell, the price surely will advance. It should be borne in mind at the outset that there is no suggestion in the present price decline that the Government has failed to live up to its bargain with the investors of the nation when it sold the Liberty bonds and Victory notes. The Government has paid and will pay the stipulated interest on the par value of these securities and will pay dollar for dollar on them when they mature. The security behind these obligations is the honor and faith of the United States and the whole wealth of this great nation. Our present national debt of approximately \$25,500,000,000 (against which we hold some \$10,000,000,000 of obligations of foreign governments) is the barest fraction of our national resources.

Notwithstanding the present market depreciation, Liberty bonds and Victory notes are the best securities in the world to buy and to hold. A sure and unmistakable indication of that fact is the character of the purchasing which goes with the present selling. Bonds of the small denominations are in large numbers being taken over from the small investors by those best informed and most experienced in investment matters, the large buyers. Look at the buying from another angle: people the country over are spending thousands of dollars for advertising and office expenses in their campaign to gather to themselves the bonds which are held by those of limited means and experience in investment matters. Obviously, in both instances, the bonds are bought because the buyers realize their present worth and their future possibilities.

It is certain that Liberty bonds and Victory notes will go to par at maturity and those best informed in investment matters are firm in their conviction that the Liberty bonds will go considerably above par long before maturity. The idea frequently indicated that the present price situation of Government bond issues is extraordinary or without precedent is erroneous. Take the Civil War bonds for example. The United States Government sold bonds at par in 1861 and again in 1864. Bonds of both issues went away below par and smart investors purchased them at liberal discounts, thereby establishing the foundations of many of the greatest fortunes in the country, for those bonds afterwards sold way above par long before maturity. While it cannot be said that the factors in the cases of these Civil War bonds and the United States issues of the recent World War period are precisely the same, the historical fact is not without its significance.

Here is another point: if Liberty bonds are turned into cash at this time, that cash will not buy as much as it would a few years ago, but if it remains invested in Liberty bonds, by the time the bonds mature, the interest on it will buy the article which we may be contemplating selling the bonds to purchase at this time and we will have the principal besides.

The present low prices on Liberty bonds will not be relieved until we quit selling Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps to buy silly luxuries in trying to make a show which fools no one but fools. It will not be relieved before that time because unwise spending keeps prices up as nothing else does.

You bankers are trained economists, and therefore every time you see a person sell Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps, you must know such a sale is hurting that person and his community because every bond shipped from your town to be absorbed by insurance companies, large investors or New York Stock Exchange firms cuts down Eastern loaning power to Western banks and individuals; every time a large insurance company or savings bank buys \$1,000,000 Liberty bonds shipped from the West, its capacity to loan money on Western farms is cut just that much. I do not refer to the sale of bonds which are held as collateral to loans but to the "free" bonds which people are spending. If the \$800,000,000 odd Liberty bonds and Victory notes purchased at par by residents of the Ninth District are all sold at 90 (or less) that means \$80,000,000 is going to be taken out of the District never to return.

If it is in your power to stop this unwise "bond spending," you might as well make up your minds that until you wield this power you and your community will have high prices.

HOUSE PASSES BILL AMENDING AND SIMPLIFYING REVENUE ACT AS TO INCOME TAX—NEW LIBERTY BOND EXEMPTIONS.

The House on May 27 passed a bill amending and simplifying the Revenue Act of 1918. The bill among other things authorizes the Treasury to make final settlement of back tax claims or assessments, this authority likewise being made to extend to the future, the bill proposing that Treasury decisions, accepted by the taxpayer, shall not be re-opened, modified or set aside by any official or court, except on a showing of fraud materially affecting the tax levy. Besides affecting the tax settlement, the bill would create additional Liberty bond exemptions. Bonds to the value of \$125,000 held by one individual would be exempt from the income, surtax, excess profits and war profits levies for two years after the proclamation of peace. The same exemptions on \$50,000 would be granted for three years after that proclamation. A number of minor amendments to the 1918 Revenue Law are also proposed in the bill. Under one amendment net income realized from services rendered over a period of years, or from the sale of property held for a

period of years, would be computed against the separate years instead of being considered a part of the income for the one year in which it was collected. The effect of this would be to reduce income surtax levies. The bill was introduced in the House by Representative Green on May 22, and was committed on that date to the Committee of the Whole House. The simplification of the income and excess profits taxes and the equalization of the tax upon corporate and unincorporated business was urged upon Congress by Secretary of the Treasury Houston in a communication addressed to Representative Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee in March, and the details of the Secretary's recommendations were given in the "Chronicle" of March 20, page 1139. A report on the bill just passed by the House and which was framed with a view to simplifying the Act, was submitted by Representative Green along with the measure, the changes which the latter is designed to effect in the law, being outlined by Representative Green in the report as follows:

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 14198) to amend and simplify the Revenue Act of 1918, having had the same under consideration, reports it back to the House without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

All revenue Acts involving taxation of incomes, either personal or corporation, at the high rates made necessary by our present governmental expenditures require certain adjusting provisions in order to prevent undue hardships on one hand and evasion on the other. In the effort to make such taxes bear fairly, the law necessarily becomes somewhat complex. Also, as the law is applied, it is found that conditions exist for which no definite provision was made. As a result, Treasury regulations have become necessary, but a Treasury regulation does not have the force and effect of a specific law. So, also, in many cases it has been found that the law itself is unnecessarily complex. A large number of amendments have been proposed to the Revenue Act of 1918, but the Committee has thought for the present it was best to present such amendments, and such amendments only, of which it could be said that their necessity and justice was obvious and which were merely administrative in their nature. Having this purpose in view, the Committee reported H. R. 14198, amending the Act of 1918 in the manner hereinafter explained. All of the changes made by the amendments of the bill are recommended by the Treasury.

Basis for Determining Gain or Loss.

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of Section 202 of the Revenue Act of 1918, provides that in the case of the sale or other disposition of property the basis for determining gain or loss in computing net income shall be the fair market price or value in the case of property which was acquired before March 1, 1913, and the cost of such property in case it was acquired after Feb. 28, 1913. In the case of property acquired by gift, bequest, devise, or descent the owner of such property takes it under the present law at its market value when he acquires it and thereafter depreciation, depletion, gain, or loss are computed on the basis of this value, which is often higher than the value when the property was originally acquired. In the case of property acquired by gift, the proposed bill makes the basis for determining gain or loss the same basis that the property would have in the hands of the donor of the last preceding owner by whom it was not acquired by gift.

In the case of a sale or exchange of property acquired by gift this section requires the entire amount received for such property to be included in the gross income of the donee unless the donee submits with his return evidence satisfactory to the commissioner showing the basis to the last preceding owner who acquired the property other than by gift.

In the case of property acquired by bequest, devise, or descent, no change is made in the present method of determining gain or loss. In such cases the basis is the fair market price or value of such property on the date of acquisition. This change in existing law is deemed necessary to make it impossible for taxpayers to turn over their property to friends or relatives for sale in order to evade paying income taxes upon the appreciation in value during the time the same was held by the original owner.

Section 2. This section merely incorporates the present Treasury regulation which sets forth the methods of determining the basis for computing net income in the case of the sale of stock with respect to which stock dividends have been paid since Feb. 28, 1913, or the sale of stock dividends paid since Feb. 28, 1913. In such cases the cost to the taxpayer of each sale of old or new stock for the purpose of computing the net income is the cost of the old shares of stock (or the market price or value thereof as of Mar. 1, 1913, if acquired prior thereto) divided by the total number of old and new shares of stock.

Extraordinary Net Income.

Section 3. Under the present law all gains, profit, and income derived by way of compensation for personal service and from sales from dealing in property, either real or personal, are taxable as income of the year in which received. The heavy surtaxes cause real hardships when income earned over a period of years is realized or received in one year and taxed as a lump sum in that year. It is not believed that compensation paid in a lump sum in one year for services rendered partly in that year and partly in prior years should be subjected to the higher rates of surtax which apply when the income is treated as income of a single taxable year, but that a part of such income should be set aside and allocated to the year in which it was received. This section proposes the addition of a new section to the Revenue Act of 1918 to consider income so received extraordinary income when it constitutes more than 20% of the gross income for that year and that the same shall be deemed to have accrued or been received ratably during the years in which the service was rendered or the property held, and that the amount thus ratably apportioned to any year shall be added to the other income of the taxpayer for such year and the tax redetermined upon the corrected amount at the rates applicable to such year. It is contemplated that if this provision is enacted into law, that a separate schedule will be provided in the income-tax return for the allocation for the extraordinary income to the proper years and a recomputing of the income taxes for such years and the payment of such taxes at the same installment dates fixed for the payment of taxes due upon income for the year in which the extraordinary net income is received.

Assessment and Collection of Taxes.

Section 4. Section 250 of the Revenue Act of 1918, now provides in subdivision (d) that no suit or proceeding for the collection of any tax shall be begun after the expiration of five years after the date when the return was due or was made except in the case of false or fraudulent returns with intent to evade the tax. This subdivision has been held to apply only to taxes due under the Revenue Act of 1918. Section 4 of the proposed

bill proposes that this limit be extended to all internal revenue taxes due either under present or prior acts of Congress.

Final Determination and Settlement of Tax Claims and Assessments

Section 5 of the proposed bill is deemed the most urgent and important of the proposed measures of the simplification. It authorizes the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and with the consent of the taxpayer, to make a final determination and settlement of any tax claim or assessment, which shall not thereafter be reopened by the Government or modified or set aside by any officer, employee, agent, or court of the United States, except on a showing of fraud, malfeasance, or misrepresentation of fact materially affecting the determination thus made. The Secretary of the Treasury, in his letter of March 17, 1920, to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means makes the following comment upon this recommendation:

This recommendation is of major importance. At present the taxpayer never knows when he is through. Every time an old ruling is changed by court decision, opinion of the Attorney General, or reconsideration by the department, the department feels bound to apply the new ruling to past transactions. The necessity of constantly correcting old returns and settlements is as distressing to the department as it is obnoxious to the taxpayer. But an even more serious situation arises in connection with the assessment of back taxes. The tax return of a large corporation is likely to be crowded with debatable points which the corporation, in the first instance, usually decides in its own favor. The auditing of these returns has been necessarily delayed by the inability of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to engage and hold a sufficient force of experts to audit promptly the more complex and difficult returns, but when the audit comes to be made it ordinarily brings to light a large amount of back taxes. A prompt determination and collection of such back taxes due would probably bring in additional revenue exceeding \$1,000,000,000. On the other hand, this situation must fill the taxpayers concerned with the gravest apprehension. If present taxes be continued and a period of industrial depression ensues during which the department finds the time and the men with which to clear up both current and back taxes within the same year, the result may be highly disastrous to business.

The Commissioner should be empowered and directed to dispose of these cases promptly and finally. This procedure would bring in much additional revenue, relieve business from grave uncertainty, keep out of the courts many debatable cases, and help to avert an administrative deadlock.

Interpretative Regulations of Treasury Decisions Not To Be Retroactive.

Section 5 of the proposed bill also proposes the addition of another section to authorize the commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary to provide in making a regulation or Treasury decision which reverses a prior regulation or Treasury decision if the same is not occasioned or required by an opinion of the Attorney General or a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, that the new regulation or Treasury decision may be applied without retroactive effect. While the policy of Congress in refusing to allow an administrative officer to waive a tax regularly imposed is a proper one, it is believed that in the case of interpretative regulations it is proper that a subsequent regulation reversing a prior ruling should be made to apply without retroactive effect and that such a ruling would greatly facilitate the work of the Treasury Department and avoid great embarrassment to both the taxpayer and the Treasury Department.

Liberty Bond Exemptions.

Section 6. The exemptions from income surtaxes authorized by the several Liberty bond acts are highly complex and responsible for perhaps the most intricate schedule of the return which the individual taxpayer is required to fill out.

Section 5 of the proposed bill proposes to grant taxpayers an exemption from graduated additional income taxes and excess-profits and war-profits taxation until the expiration of two years after the date of the termination of the war between the United States and the German Government as fixed by proclamation of the President on \$125,000 aggregate principal amount, and for three years more on \$50,000 aggregate principal amount.

These exemptions are in addition to the exemptions of all Liberty bonds from the normal income taxes and in addition to the exemption of not to exceed \$5,000 principal amount allowed to all taxpayers, and in addition to one issue of bonds which aggregate only \$3,492,050 which cannot be removed or consolidated with other exemptions without grave loss to the revenue; but in lieu of all other exemptions. The Secretary of the Treasury in proposing a simplification of the exemptions provided in this Section made the following statement relative thereto, which will be found at page 99 of his last annual report:

The only objection to these simplified arrangements which occurs to the Treasury is that they may confer upon holders of bonds who did not subscribe or hold bonds or notes as required by the Acts of Congress certain exemptions from taxation which were conferred upon original subscribers. On the other hand, they take away no right which any holder has and in so far as they confer rights upon those not now holders, they will in the end benefit original subscribers who are still holders by improving the market value of their bonds or notes. It is impossible to present any accurate calculation of the consequences to the Treasury of the amendments of the law proposed. I do not hesitate, however, to express my confident judgment that the loss in revenue will be relatively slight and that the gain to the Treasury which will result from the increased attractiveness of the taxable issues of the Liberty loans and the consequent benefit to the Government's credit, as well as the simplicity of administration, will amply compensate the Treasury for that slight loss.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF WHEAT AND CEREALS TERMINATED BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION.

Julius H. Barnes, U. S. Wheat Director, announced on May 27 that the President had issued a proclamation relaxing all Government control over cereals and cereal products on June first and returning trade in these commodities to private control. The announcement was made in a bulletin sent by Mr. Barnes to all licensees in the New England zone. The bulletin was as follows:

We desire to inform all licensees that by proclamation of the President of May 25 1920 there is terminated all licenses affecting wheat and wheat products and cereals and cereal products, effective June 1 1920, whether issued under the license authority of the Wheat Guaranty Act of March 4 1919 or under the original Food Administration Act of Aug. 10 1917. This is formal advice that requirements under that license authority for regular and special reports and other license regulations are terminated as of June 1.

In accordance with the terms of the voluntary contracts entered into between the Grain Corporation and various trades, particularly millers, flour handlers and bakers, this is advice that under the provisions of that contract the Grain Corporation announces as the fair equivalent of the Wheat Guaranty price level a price of straight flour of the Grain Corporation acceptable standards as \$10 75 track Baltimore, with the usual differentials made by the Grain Corporation. Attention is called to the fact that under those contracts if any of the trades desire to make tenders of flour to the Grain Corporation under the provisions of those contracts, it requires their

affirmative action and definite notice to the Grain Corporation. Otherwise it will be understood that the contracts expire without this resale privilege being used by the contractors.

JULIUS H. BARNES,

United States Wheat Director, United States Grain Corporation.

CANCELLATION OF ORDERS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY —REDUCTION ALSO IN SHOE INDUSTRY.

Reductions in operations have resulted in the textile industry from cancellation of orders. On May 25 notices were posted at the Stevens mills at North Andover, Mass., owned by the M. T. Stevens & Sons Co., manufacturers of woollens, announcing a schedule of four days a week. Discontinuance of night work also was ordered at the Osgood mills of the same company.

The following day the N. Y. "Evening Post" made the following comment on the decreased activity in the industry:

Bankers and commission agents in the wholesale dry goods district confirmed to-day reports of further reductions of operations in the textile industry, the silk trade again being most affected.

Cancellation of orders continues in heavy volume, it is said, despite the efforts of converters and jobbers to allay apprehensions. Loans to manufacturers here and in New England show steady contraction.

It is said that banks in this country are not directly concerned in the financial collapse reported from Japan, most advances against imports from the Orient having been cleaned up some time ago.

The financial position of American silk and cotton manufacturers is said to be strong for the most part, although some of the smaller mills are believed to be experiencing credit restrictions. There has been heavy buying of domestic silks at greatly reduced prices by retailers, who feature these wares in their price-cutting sales.

Reduced operations in the shoe industry were also reported in Boston advices of May 24 to the New York "Times." The advices said:

Shoe workers and manufacturers in important Massachusetts centres, including Brockton, Haverhill, Lynn and Marlboro, together with those of New Hampshire and Maine, are looking to the immediate future with misgivings. No one seems to know what is in store for the shoe manufacturing trade in general. All agree that the situation is decidedly muddled.

Announcement came from Marlboro to-day that the three factories of Rice & Hutchins, Inc., would be closed for at least a week, beginning Wednesday. The plants employ 2,500 persons. Beyond the statement that "business conditions" have forced the action no explanation was made.

The big factories at Brockton, which make the higher grade shoes almost entirely, are running on short time schedules, almost without exception. The cutting room of the W. L. Douglas plant, employing 4,000 hands, will close June 1 for "at least three weeks," it is stated.

Similar conditions exist in Haverhill, Lynn and the other centres. That the season has been an outright failure for shoe manufacturers and retailers alike is generally admitted. The sudden refusal of the public to continue to pay high prices caused a "back kick" that has been felt all along the line. Retailers have canceled orders on every hand, and it is stated that \$1,000,000 worth of returned shoes have been received in Haverhill alone in the last two weeks.

"The people are demanding lower prices and there is little doubt that the demand has got to be met," said a leading manufacturer. "The new goods are to be made to a price, and it is probable the level will be lower."

NEW YORK PETROLEUM EXCHANGE ORGANIZED FOR TRADING IN OIL SECURITIES.

The New York Petroleum Exchange, the purpose of which will be to afford a market place for trading in oil securities, products and leases "with the maximum of protection to investors," has been organized and will soon open in the financial district in this city. The Exchange is a membership corporation organized under the laws of New York. Its specific aims are set forth in a circular issued from its temporary offices at 158 Broadway, as follows:

1. To increase public confidence in oil security offerings;
2. To make it possible for banks to accept as collateral, securities listed with it;
3. To divert into legitimate oil channels considerable of the money now being invested in fraudulent oil schemes, which is estimated to have exceeded in 1919 the vast total of \$350,000,000;
4. As concerns the oil man directly and financial interests and the broker indirectly: to enable those dealing in petroleum products to secure for expansion outside capital as necessary, and to have at all times a standard of prices at their disposal, arrived at through competitive offers on the floor of the Exchange, to sell and to buy by a number of refiners on the one hand and marketers and exporters on the other—the Exchange tending to eliminate the irregularities of individual quotations and to establish a fair uniform market price, also to afford protection against shortage in periods of firm markets and curtailed deliveries;
5. To help materially, through general stimulation given the industry, all the various phases of it—not only in the United States, but in foreign trade as well.
6. To afford a home in the financial center of the world for this great industry, with facilities for getting into personal touch with men of all the various branches of the industry from all over the world; etc.

On the subject of "Regulations" the circular says:

The Exchange recognizes the urgent need of curbing the activities of the fake promoter. No stock will be traded in until it first shall have complied with rigid listing requirements covering a thorough examination of the company's properties, personnel and plan of operation.

These requirements will be similar to those now in effect with the New York Stock Exchange, with the added feature that independent reports will be furnished by the Exchange's field organization, composed of geologists and petroleum engineers of recognized standing in the industry, with divisional headquarters in the several oil fields.

Compliance with these listing requirements, together with certification by the Exchange, will establish the securities' value and render them acceptable as collateral for loans—a significant feature, of interest to both the company and the investor.

These regulations, affording protection from the fake promoter without handicapping legitimate transactions, will result in a substantial increase in public interest and confidence in the offerings of securities listed on the Exchange and hence tend to render more capital available to the industry at a lower cost than under present conditions.

The membership of the Exchange is limited by charter to 1,000 life members and 250 associate members. The Board of Governors as constituted in April 1920 was as follows:

John M. Walsh, Chairman of Board of Directors; Wm. M. Hutchinson, President, New York, President Securities Acceptance Corporation, former Vice-President and Treasurer Union Tank Line Co.; Max Epstein, Chicago, Ill. President General American Tank Car Corporation; Henri S. Brandt, New York, Mercantile Bank of the Americas.; Jos. L. Rhinock, New York, President Brinkley Producing & Refining Co., Vice-President and Treasurer Shubert Interests, Vice-President Loew Consolidated Enterprises; Asher R. Johnson, Bradford, Pa., President Pure Gasoline Co., Simpson Gasoline Co., Lewis Run Gasoline Co., Gilmore Gasoline Co., Director McKean County Trust Company; Wm. L. Russell, Lima, Ohio, President Russell Producing & Developing Co.; Wm. E. Walsh, Acting Secretary, New York.

The Board will number thirty-seven members in all when it is completed.

ANTHRACITE MINERS ACCEPT PRESIDENT WILSON'S WAGE SETTLEMENT PLAN—PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MINERS AND OPERATORS.

The anthracite coal miners, after approximately two months of unfruitful negotiations with the operators voted on May 27 at their tri-district convention at Wilkesbarre, Pa., to accept the proposal offered by President Wilson to settle their wage dispute by an arbitration commission appointed by him. This action followed the unanimous rejection of a wage agreement submitted by Secretary of Labor Wilson, containing the maximum offer of the anthracite coal operators. Its acceptance had been recommended by the international officers of the United Mine Workers, and, in voting it down, the miners indorsed that section of the report of their general scale committee recommending that the proposition be rejected. The rejected offer granted a wage increase of approximately 17% and recognition of the union.

Pending the award of the Presidential commission the miners will remain at work "under the retroactive understanding agreed to between operators and miners and reiterated by the President, which will protect the mine workers in wage increases as from April 1."

The resolution adopted by the convention was embodied in a report by the miners' scale committee, which declared that the anthracite miners were forced to accept the commission as "industrial class legislation" made it "almost humanly impossible to wage a successful strike."

The report of the scale committee was as follows:

Your full scale committee submits the following as the facts which compel this convention to accept the proposal of the President of the United States for the appointment of a commission to decide all matters at issue.

This convention has analyzed very carefully the various clauses in the proposition submitted by Secretary of Labor Wilson and we have arrived at the unanimous conclusion that it cannot be accepted and we have therefore rejected the same. The rejected proposition was objectionable in many features, and on its face would give a reduction to many classes of miners in the anthracite region, and through the application of arbitrary factors in the occupation the small increases would cause injustice to be done to a great body of men and would result in industrial unrest and chaos in the region.

This convention realizes that through industrial class legislation such as the court's interpretation of the Lever act, the abuse of the writ of injunction with the tying up of union funds and other repressive measures, makes it almost humanly impossible to wage a successful strike.

This convention further realizes that the only honorable way to adjust the matters at issue is to accept the proposal offered by the President of the United States for the appointment of a commission.

This convention further states that through the aforementioned circumstances and in the interest of public welfare we are forced to accept the only alternative, namely, the commission, therefore

Be It Resolved, That we accept the offer of the President of the United States for the appointment of a commission as contained in his letter addressed to the operators and mine workers' scale committee over date of May 21 1920, and that work be continued under the retroactive understanding agreed to between operators and miners and reiterated by the President, which will protect the mine workers in wage increases as from April 1.

The President's letter which is referred to in the above follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, 21 May 1920.

To the Operators and Miners of the Anthracite Wage Scale Committee

Gentlemen—I have watched with more than passing interest your efforts to negotiate a new wage scale for the anthracite coal fields. The arrangement to continue work at the mines after April 1, pending the adoption of a new agreement, which you entered into when the previous wage scale was about to expire, was highly commendable, and filled us all with hope that a new contract would be mutually worked out and the supply of anthracite coal continued without interruption. I sincerely trust that the hope will be fully realized.

I have, however, been advised that there is a possibility you may not come to an agreement.

I am sure I need not remind you that we have not yet recovered from the economic losses incident to the war. We need the fullest productivity of our people to restore and maintain their economic standards and to assist in the rehabilitation of Europe. A strike at any time in a great

basic industry like anthracite coal mining would be a very disturbing factor in our lives and industries. To have one take place now, while we are actively engaged in the problems of reconstruction, would be a serious disaster. Anthracite coal is used principally in domestic consumption. Any shortage in the supply would affect a multitude of homes that have been specially equipped for the use of this kind of fuel. It would have to be supplemented by the use of substitutes such as bituminous coal or oil, diverting these commodities from transportation and manufacturing industries which they now supply, using more cars because of the longer hauls and thereby reducing the efficiency of our transportation systems that are already burdened beyond their capacity. Such a condition must not occur if there is any way of avoiding it.

I am not familiar with the technical problems affecting the making of your wage scale. You are. You should, therefore, be able to effect an agreement. If for any reason you are unable to do so, I shall insist that the matters in dispute be submitted to the determination of a commission to be appointed by me, the award of the commission to be retroactive to the first of April in accordance with the arrangement you have already entered into, and that work be continued at the mines pending the decision of the commission. I shall hold myself in readiness to appoint a commission similarly constituted to the one which I recently appointed in connection with the bituminous mining industry as soon as I learn that both sides have signified their willingness to continue at work and abide by its decisions.

Respectfully yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

The sub-committee, composed of officers of the anthracite coal unions and of operators which for several weeks had been meeting in New York for the purpose of negotiating a new wage agreement for the anthracite fields, came to a deadlock on April 29. The committee, however, accepted an invitation from William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, to meet with him at Washington. The deadlock resulted from the rejection by the union officers of the counter-proposals made by the operators. On April 28 John L. Lewis, international President of the United Mine Workers of America, informed the Secretary of Labor that a strike in the anthracite fields was imminent as the result of the miners' action in rejecting the counter-proposals of the operators. The miners, who originally asked for a wage increase of 60%, had cut that demand in half, but the mine owners refused to grant an increase of more than 15%. In addition they had turned down, it was said, fifteen of the seventeen demands of the unions, including the 8-hour day and the closed shop.

After conferences with Secretary Wilson the committee representing the miners and operators recessed on May 4. It resumed its sessions at Washington after a short period, and subsequently received the President's letter.

SENATE ADOPTS AMENDMENT TO TRANSPORTATION ACT EXTENDING USE OF REVOLVING FUND.

The bill amending the Transportation Act by extending use of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund provided therein from five to fifteen years was adopted by the Senate on May 26 as a legislative rider to the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill. The measure was then sent to conference. The amendment, which was approved on May 12 by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, was referred to at length in the "Chronicle" May 15, page 2041. It will enable the railroads to make application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for loans to meet their maturing indebtedness, or to provide themselves with equipment or other additions and betterments.

BILL MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR RAILROAD OPERATION DEFICIENCIES—TEXT OF PROVISION AS ENACTED.

The bill carrying an appropriation of \$300,000,000 on account of the deficiency in the appropriation for the Federal control of the railroads was signed by President Wilson on May 8, as we reported in our issue of May 15, page 2041. The bill as enacted also makes available \$90,000,000 in cash by authorizing the War Finance Corporation to buy Liberty and Victory bonds held by the Railroad Administration to that amount, and to turn over to the Railroad Administration \$90,000,000 for those bonds. The Act (H. R. 13677) making these provisions is entitled "An Act making appropriations to supply a deficiency in the appropriations for the Federal control of transportation systems and to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920 and for other purposes." We give that part of it in so far as it relates to appropriations for the Federal control of transportation systems:

For an additional amount for carrying out the provisions of section 202 of the "Transportation Act, 1920," \$300,000,000, which sum shall be subject in all respects to the same authority for, and restriction of, expenditure as the appropriations named in the said section.

The War Finance Corporation, as rapidly as funds become available, shall take over from the United States Railroad Administration, at par value and accrued interest, such of the bonds of the United States of the various Liberty Loan issues and the Victory Loan issue as are held by the

said administration at the time of the approval of this Act and which it does not desire to retain.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission, in certifying to the Secretary of the Treasury the amount payable to any carrier under paragraphs (f) and (g) of section 204 of the Transportation Act, 1920, also shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury such sums, if any, as may be due from such carrier to the President (as operator of transportation systems under Federal control) on account of traffic balances or other indebtedness. The amount so certified to be due the President, upon his request, shall be deducted by the Secretary of the Treasury from the amount so certified to be due such carrier and thereupon shall be transferred from the appropriation made in paragraph (g) of the said section 204 and credited by him to the appropriation made in section 202 of the Transportation Act, 1920. Such deductions shall be considered as a payment pro tanto of such indebtedness to the Government.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

The bill, signed by President Wilson May 8, carrying an appropriation of \$300,000,000 on account of the deficiency in the appropriation for the Federal control of the railroads, also makes provision for the compensation to be paid to the two additional members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission whose appointment is provided for in the Transportation Act of 1920. The following is the provision in the bill making the appropriation in behalf of the new members of the Commission:

For two additional members of the Commission, at the rate of \$12,000 per annum each, from April 16 to June 30 1920, inclusive; and for the amount required to increase the compensation of nine members of the Commission from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per annum each and the Secretary of the Commission from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per annum from Feb. 28 to June 30 1920, inclusive, \$12,004 23.

General expenses: For all other authorized expenditures necessary in the execution of the laws to regulate commerce, including the same objects specified under this head in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1920 and including rent of buildings in the District of Columbia, \$125,000; *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be available for rent of buildings in the District of Columbia if suitable space is provided by the Public Buildings Commission.

To enable the Inter-State Commerce Commission to enforce compliance with section 20 and other sections of the Act to regulate commerce as amended by the Act approved June 29 1906, and as amended by the "Transportation Act, 1920," including the employment of necessary special accounting agents or examiners, \$25,000.

ORDERS ISSUED BY INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION BRING RELIEF IN NATION-WIDE FREIGHT TIE-UP.

Co-operative action by the Government, the railroads and shippers has brought about improved freight conditions on the railroads during the past week.

With the nation's industry and commerce seriously handicapped by the great congestion of freight in the principal railroad terminals the Inter-State Commerce Commission on May 20 took drastic action to remedy matters. On the recommendation of the railway executives the Commission exercised the emergency powers granted to it under the recently enacted Transportation Act and issued service orders to relieve the car shortage. These orders, three in number, provide the railroads with authority to:

1. Dispatch freight shipments by other routes than those designated by the shipper.
2. Make daily deliveries of freight cars to other systems.
3. Send solid trains of empty cars from one part of the country to another.

The orders were issued after consultation with railroad executives and officials of the American Railroad Association, which acts as the practical agent of the Commission in the matter of dispatching cars. The Commission stated that the emergency had come about "because of shortage of equipment and congestion of traffic aggravated by labor conditions."

Following the action of the Commerce Commission, the American Railroad Association on May 21 issued instructions from Washington to railway officials in thirty cities to form local car service committees to work out relief measures in the emergency. W. C. Kendall, Chairman of the Car Service Division of the American Railroad Association, sent out messages to railway men asking that committees of three men be appointed, one the railway official selected by Mr. Kendall, another a member of the National Industrial Traffic League, which is a shipper's organization, and the third, a representative of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. These committees were authorized to act in an advisory capacity to the local car service committees, which were instructed to aid in the following activities:

1. Obtaining prompt loading and unloading of equipment.
2. Loading of cars to full visible or carrying capacity.
3. Placement of car orders in accordance with necessities.
4. Reduction of use of equipment in trip or transfer service when movement can be made by motor truck or wagon.
5. Development of practical arrangements for expediting through merchandise cars.
6. Such other items of operation and transportation in the interests of car service and promoting increase in available equipment.

Mr. Kendall sent similar messages to Omaha, Seattle, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Youngstown, St. Paul, Minneapolis

Norfolk, New York, St. Louis, Boston, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Galveston, Atlanta, Denver, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Peoria, Birmingham, Kansas City, Cleveland, Detroit, Portland (Ore.), Washington, New Orleans, San Francisco, Dallas, Toledo and Chicago.

The provisions of the orders issued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and referred to above, were outlined in Washington advices of May 20 to the New York "Commercial" as follows:

Service Order No. 1 suspends all rules and regulations as to car service and directs the carriers to forward traffic by the most available routes without regard to the routing thereof made by shippers or by carriers or to the ownership of cars.

Service Order No. 2 suspends all car service rules and orders the relocation of open top cars from Western territory to Eastern territory, naming the number of cars which each carrier must send East each day. This order relates to the roads operating west of Chicago.

Service Order No. 3 is similar to order No. 2, only it applies to Eastern roads and orders the relocation of box cars from Eastern and South-eastern territory to Western territory. The order stipulates the number of cars daily that must be moved.

Service Order No. 1 follows in full:

"The subject of route of freight traffic being under consideration, and it appearing in the opinion of the Commission, that, because of the shortage of equipment and congestion of traffic, an emergency exists on the lines of all carriers by railroads in the United States subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, which requires immediate action.

"It is ordered, that until further order or direction of this Commission all said common carriers by railroad are hereby directed to forward traffic to destination by the routes most available to expedite its movement and relieve said congestion, without regard to the routing thereof made by shippers or by carriers from which the traffic is received, or to the ownership of the cars, and that all rules, regulations and practices of said carriers with respect to car service are hereby suspended and superseded in so far only as conflicting with the directions hereby made.

"It is further ordered and directed, that inasmuch as such disregard of routing is deemed to be due to carriers disability the rates applicable to traffic so forwarded by routes other than those designated by shippers, or by carriers from which the traffic is received, shall be the rates which were applicable at date of shipment over the routes so designated.

"It is further ordered and directed, that in each instance where the traffic is routed, or rerouted, by carriers by railroad under the authority of this order the carrier responsible for such routing, or rerouting, shall within 24 hours thereafter deposit in the United States mail a notice addressed to the consignee of the traffic stating the car numbers and initials, places and dates of shipment, the routing and respective routes over which the traffic is moving, and that charges for the transportation of the traffic, including transportation, and schedules of rates, fares and charges, as those terms are defined in said act, will be the same as they would have been if such routing or rerouting had not taken place.

"It is further ordered and directed that in executing the directions of the Commission contained in this order the common carriers involved shall proceed without reference to contracts, agreements or arrangements now existing between them with reference to the divisions of the rates of transportation applicable to said traffic; that such divisions shall be, during the time this order remains in force, voluntarily agreed upon by and between said carriers, and that, upon failure of the carriers to so agree, said divisions shall be hereafter fixed by the Commission in accordance with pertinent authority conferred upon it by said act.

"And it is further ordered that copies of this order and direction be served upon all carriers by railroad in the United States subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act, and that notice of this order be given to the general public by depositing a copy of the order in the office of the Secretary of the Commission at Washington, D. C."

The Eastern roads affected in to-day's orders, requiring a contribution from each system averaging 50 cars daily, are the following:

New York New Haven & Hartford, Boston & Albany, Long Island Railroad, New York Ontario & Western, Pennsylvania Railroad, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railroad, Seaboard Air Line, Wheeling & Lake Erie, Charleston & Western Carolina, Atlanta & West Point Railroad, Florida East Coast, Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic.

The exact number of cars with the date of starting delivery and place of interchange, are given in the instructions.

These railroads are simultaneously instructed to begin the delivery of open-top cars to Eastern systems:

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Chicago Great Western, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago & North Western, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, Great Northern Railroad, Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Missouri Kansas & Texas, Missouri Pacific, Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, St. Louis & San Francisco, St. Louis Southwestern, Texas & Pacific, Union Pacific.

The necessity of the drastic orders issued by the Commission to-day is seen from the fact that in normal times a congestion of 25,000 cars on the railroads is considered somewhat disquieting. At the height of the present traffic disability as many as 269,000 cars were blocking up the main transportation systems.

The recommendation of the railroad executives that the Commission use its emergency powers under the Transportation Act was contained in a petition presented by a special advisory committee, consisting of Alfred P. Thom, General Counsel, and P. H. Aishton, President of the American Railroad Association on May 15.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission took its first step toward breaking the freight blockade on May 17. Telegraphic appeals were sent to all State railway and public service commissions, urging them to join hands with the Government in lifting the burden, while the Commission's force of inspectors was put to work to help get accurate data respecting conditions at critical points. On the same day the Commission issued a statement saying:

Many complaints and requests for assistance have been received from shipping interests throughout the country, by letter, by telegraph, through members of Congress and by personal appeal. These have been handled with the carriers, and in many instances the inspectors of the Commission have been employed upon the ground to help break the jam at congested points.

The Commission to-day advised the Ore and Coal Exchange that there is a necessity for co-operation between the carriers and shippers in handling coal and ore upon the railroads and lakes, along the lines followed in 1918, by means of the creation of an effective coal and ore pool, saying that "the records show that continuance of existing arrangements means far-reaching hardship and perhaps disaster," and suggesting that as an initial step the interested parties should re-establish immediately a similar arrangement to that in effect in 1918.

Preceding the issuance of the service orders referred to at the outset of this article the Commerce Commission on May 19 held informal conferences with the railway executives. As far back as May 10 the railroad freight tie-up had been seriously felt by some of the large industries. On that date the Inter-State Commerce Commission telegraphed to the Mayors of fifteen cities where congested railroad yards were said to be hampering food distribution and glutting supply sources, asking them to co-operate to relieve the situation.

JOHN BARTON PAYNE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF RAILROADS—W. D. HINES ON MISSION TO EUROPE.

John Barton Payne, Secretary of the Interior, was on May 18 appointed by President Wilson as Director-General of Railroads to succeed Walker D. Hines, whose resignation became effective May 15. Secretary Payne's appointment was made by means of a proclamation stating that the President, by virtue of the powers vested in him under the Transportation Act and the unrepealed provisions of the Federal Control Act, transferred to Secretary Payne the duties of Director-General of the Railroad Administration. Mr. Hines will leave for Europe early the coming month, having been chosen by President Wilson to act as Arbitrator of Questions Affecting Navigation on Central European Rivers. Premier Millerand, President of the Peace Conference, has, it is stated, advised Washington of the acceptance by the Allied Governments of Mr. Hines's appointment. Brice Claggett, who served as assistant to the Director-General of Railroads under Mr. Hines and also under William G. McAdoo, has been selected by Mr. Hines as his executive assistant. Mr. Claggett will leave for Paris immediately to organize the force necessary to adjudicate the claims of the Governments involved.

HEARINGS ON APPLICATION OF RAILROADS FOR HIGHER FREIGHT RATES.

At the hearings this week before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the application of the railroads for higher freight rates, Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio R.R., in answering the argument that increased rates would tend to increase living costs declared that "nothing that I know of would reduce the cost of living as much as the prompt and speedy transportation of goods," adding that the revenues asked as necessary to provide the 6% return on the property investment would enable the carriers to purchase sufficient equipment to move commodities now unable to reach a market. Mr. Willard was heard by the Commission on May 24, when the opening testimony of Howard Elliott on behalf of the Association of Railway Executives was presented. This statement of Mr. Elliott's is referred to in a separate article in to-day's issue of our paper. Mr. Willard made the initial presentation of testimony for the Eastern group of roads, which is seeking an increase of 30.43% in rates. Gross earnings of the railroads in the Eastern group for the year ended Oct. 31 1919 were in excess of \$2,575,000,000, Mr. Willard said, but it costs the roads about 88% of the gross earnings for operation, which left a net income of \$220,000,000. But, he said, if the railroads had been obliged to pay during the entire year the wages and prices now in effect, they would have had a net income of only \$18,000,000, or barely more than expenses on properties representing an investment of more than \$9,368,000,000. He also said:

If we may assume that the railroads ought to operate on a basis not higher than 75%, if they ought as sound business concerns to have a net income equal to 25% of the gross earnings, to apply for capital purposes and other corporate obligations, then on the basis of last year's business and operating with the same measure of efficiency, the Eastern roads would require an increase in income, to be derived from higher rates, of about \$544,000,000 and that is the amount the Eastern carriers have asked the commission to grant in the shape of increased rates.

If the Commission should grant rates so as to yield 6% upon the aggregate book property investment account, by that measure also the increase in rates would produce about \$550,000,000 for the roads in the Eastern region.

In 1916 the combined property investment account of the 38 principal roads in the East was about \$7,000,000,000, and their earnings were \$448,000,000, or 6.46%. However, if the same roads were to do the same business today, paying wages and prices now in effect, they would fall short \$158,000,000 of earning their actual operating expenses and taxes.

Mr. Willard argued that the Commission should consider the property investment accounts of the railroads as the basis for determining the valuations of the roads in order to authorize rates to yield 6%. He declared that even with increased rates to provide the additional revenue this country would have the lowest rates in the world.

Frederick Strauss, of J. & W. Seligman & Co., also appeared before the Commission at Monday's hearing in support of the railroads' request for higher rates; Mr. Strauss ascribed the present inflation, in part, to the traffic congestion and the lack of needed new mileage, of additional double track and sidings, of adequate terminals and of increased motive power and rolling stock. In part he also said:

The most important principle of sound finance is that the superstructure of credit shall rest on an adequately firm base of capital. We hear much these days of an extension of credit facilities, but one hears little or nothing said of the capital on which this proposed credit is to be based. In other words, one hears much of increasing purchasing power (for that is what an extension of credit implies) and little of increasing production, which in reality constitutes capital.

Merely to increase purchasing power without increasing production is simply to create more bidders for the same commodities.

Increasing the superstructure of railroad credit without increasing the capital base on which that credit stands is to decrease stability of the financial structure and to cause a constantly increasing proportion of fixed charges, until an ever-growing doubt is entertained in the mind of the investor as to the ability of the company to meet the ever-growing fixed charges.

It is not enough that railroads should be able to borrow money, but they must, in order prudently to borrow money, increase steadily the amount of their capital stock outstanding. In order to accomplish this it is needless to say that the stocks of railroads must sell at a considerable premium.

No stockholder or investor will purchase stock at par when the same stock is selling at a discount in the market, or even when it is selling at only a small premium. In order to have stocks of railroads sell at a substantial premium it is necessary that the earnings of the carriers be sufficiently large to permit safely the payment of dividends on their stocks at rates which compare favorably with dividend rates on stocks of industrial and other concerns.

The number of railroad common stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange that sell above par is appallingly meager. With the exception of Union Pacific, which still sells at a fair premium, such stocks are practically confined to a few of the anthracite coal roads.

The recent remedial legislation is good so far as it goes. The return of 6% per annum will, I believe, turn out to be wholly inadequate, as time may demonstrate, but a beginning has been made on sound lines, and as time goes on Congress will realize that the rate of return on railroad property will have to compare favorably with returns to be had in other industries, or else government ownership will inevitably result.

Railroads can offer at the present time no inducement to investors in the way of safe bonds combined with added speculative attraction. Railroad stocks are so low in value that a conversion privilege would be looked upon for all practical purposes as worthless and as an effort at deception, certainly so long as there was doubt of the safety of even the best railroad stocks, as is the case at the present time.

In the long run the rate of 6% may have to be increased materially, unless, indeed, interest rates should greatly decline before long. At the moment the main thing is to establish in the mind of the investor a feeling of security, and this can only be done by the Inter-state Commerce Commission applying in the most liberal manner within its power the remedies under the terms of the Esch-Cummins bill.

Low nominal rates merely (and rates are nominally lower in the United States to-day than in any other country) are of no use to the shipper. What good is it to him if the traffic is not moved in sufficient quantity that such traffic as is moved enjoys a nominally low rate? What the shipper needs is the speedy movement of his goods, and there are only two ways in which this can ultimately be accomplished. One is by an increased charge for the shipment of the goods, and the other is by an appropriation out of the national treasury by a levy on taxpayers to cover the deficit.

Government guaranty would necessarily be followed by government ownership. But the people's aversion to Government ownership is of no avail unless such policies are adopted as will preclude it.

Whether government ownership shall come against the will of the people, or whether a system of private ownership shall once again obtain here as it did in the day when the American transportation system was regarded as second to none in the world, will be determined by the events of the next few months or weeks.

Opposition to the rate increases sought was expressed by S. H. Cowan, representing the Texas Cattle Growers' Association. Cattlemen are against any raise in rates for profits, he declared, adding that if the roads could not support themselves it was their own misfortune. Some of the further representations made to the Commission on Monday were given as follows in the "Journal of Commerce" of May 25 in special advices from Washington.

C. E. Cotterill, representing the Southern Traffic League, stated that when the Transportation Act was under consideration in the Senate the railroads questioned its constitutionality and asked if the roads still held that view. Mr. Elliott's reply was that the lines were not now debating the constitutionality of the act.

S. H. Cowan, speaking for organizations of cattle raisers, asserted that if rates are made too high the traffic will not bear it and urged that the commission should call upon the roads to substantiate all their claims with unquestionable facts. He said also that while the present applications for rate advances will add only \$1,000,000,000 to the income the demands of railroad labor for an additional billion in wages must be taken into consideration.

Doubt whether an increase in freight rates would result in strengthening railroad credit was expressed by William A. Wimbush, of Atlanta. Clifford Thorne, speaking for live stock, grain and oil shippers, attacked the valuation of \$20,000,000,000 placed on railroad property investment. He wanted the railroads to submit statements of security issues put out since the return of the lines to private ownership on March 1. He also wanted to know what obligations were maturing up to 1922. Mr. Elliott said that the roads would submit the data requested.

Mr. Thorne also inquired about the effect of an advance of 50 or 60% in rates on selling prices. Mr. Plumb quoted a statement which he said was made by Director General of Railroads Walker D. Hines to the effect that an increase in rates is multiplied from three to five times in the sales prices. Therefore, said Mr. Plumb, if an increase in railroad rates would result in an income of \$2,000,000,000 to the carriers it would mean about \$6,000,000,000 cost to the general public. Mr. Strauss who was testifying at the time, admitted that three times two billion dollars was six billion.

Commissioner Eastman asked Mr. Willard about the condition of the Baltimore & Ohio when it was turned back by the Government. Mr. Willard replied that the property was in a depreciated condition and was suffering from lack of proper maintenance.

Judge Cowan again brought up his argument that an increase in rates might result in a decrease in the volume of traffic. Mr. Willard stated that the great problem facing the shippers at present is to get freight moved and that this is more important than a small advance in rates.

Testifying on Tuesday (May 25) Mr. Willard stated that under private control the roads expect to show greater efficiency and reduce expenses, this statement being made in answer to questions by Glen E. Plumb, representing the railroad employees. For a period, Mr. Willard said, greater service will be demanded which will cut into immediate saving by the roads. Restoration of fast freight service and express passenger trains at the insistence of the public, he added, also will cut into savings resulting from greater efficiency.

Frank Nay, Vice-President of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific R.R., explaining the questionnaire sent out by the roads on which was based the estimated need of a \$1,000,000,000 additional income, said that because of the unsettled conditions during the coal strike last fall figures were used for the year ending Oct. 31 1919. Answering questions by shippers, Mr. Nay said that about 300 of the small railroads did not return the questionnaire but that if their valuation were taken into consideration the percentages of increases asked would not be materially changed. Additional incomes should be raised entirely from freight revenue, Mr. Nay declared, and not from passenger traffic, demurrage or terminal charges. G. M. Schriver, Vice-President of the Baltimore & Ohio, described in detail the statistics presented by Mr. Willard on which the carriers of the Eastern territory base their requests for an advance in rates. If the Commission should reduce the freight increase from 30 to 25% or allow a 5½% return instead of 6%, or reduce the property investment account valuation of the Eastern railroads by 10%, he said, the \$60,000,000 surplus provided for in the estimates would be wiped out, and those carriers would lose the benefit of the new Transportation Act. At the request of S. H. Cowan, representing the Texas Cattle Growers' Association, the carriers agreed on the 25th to file with the Commission data showing which of the roads would receive a return of more than 6% under the rate advances asked and how much of the excess would go to the Government and how much to the roads. On the 25th the carriers of the Southern group reduced their application for rate increases from 30.951% to 30.697%, withdrawing their request for special commodity rates and asking a blanket advance. R. V. Fletcher, Chairman of the Committee for the Southern district, explained that through an error an excess of \$16,506,101 had been added to the book value of the group and that with the reduction of that sum the lower rate increase would be sufficient.

S. DAVIES WARFIELD URGES THAT NATIONAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION BE FORMED TO CO-ORDINATE RAILROAD SERVICE.

The recent proposal of the Inter-State Commerce Commission that a national corporation be formed to supply equipment to the railroads has received the approval of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities. S. Davies Warfield, President of the Association, issued a statement at Washington on May 23 in which he said that the proposal of the Commerce Commission should be adopted and the powers of the equipment corporation extended to other facilities.

Mr. Warfield pointed out that a crisis exists in transportation conditions which can only be met by the establishment of a permanent means for the co-ordination of railroad service and necessary to maintain private ownership and operation. His statement in full follows:

The seriousness of the pending crisis in railroad conditions is apparently not generally recognized. The order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission suggests a national corporation to which Government loans should be made to purchase equipment to be leased to the railroads. In January, February and in August, 1919, the Association of Security Owners presented to the committees of Congress, together with the proposals for the fixed percentage return and division of excess earnings, the desirability of creating by act of Congress, a national corporation as the most effective means to provide co-operation between the railroads and further the co-ordination of service. On May 7, before the Senate Committee, this was again proposed.

Commanding attention should be given to that portion of the Inter-State Commerce Commission's recent order, which reads:

"The Commission had hoped that the carriers by co-operative action, as suggested in its (the Commission's) circular letter of April 28 would submit a definite and agreed plan for the distribution of the entire fund (\$300,000,000), but this apparently has proven impracticable."

This means that at present an effective method does not exist to bring about "co-operative action" between the railroads and it follows that as

yet there is no way to effectively co-ordinate railroad facilities and policy.

A press notice in connection with the Commissioner's order points out that "in the call of the Commission for the organization of 26 traffic committees a complete vindication of policy of Governmental control is seen," that these traffic committees will partly consist of practically the same personnel of similar committees which directed the operation of the roads under Government operation and will function in practically the same manner.

It may well be asked how long will the railroads themselves require that Government control—for it amounts to this—shall continue. These committees will be required to function until some other method is adopted to supply the "co-operative action" the Commission points out is now lacking, or until Government control so fastens itself upon the railroads that Government ownership will be forced upon an unwilling country. The forces now at work to produce it have succeeded in demoralizing railroads service. The railroads thus far have failed to meet this situation. Within three months from their return to the owners, we find the railroads invoking powers granted to the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the Transportation Act, which powers together with other vital provisions now in the Act the Association of Railroad Executives opposed being granted to the Commission. Without these provisions in the Transportation Act the Commission would be without power in this crisis to relieve the railroads and supply the needs of transportation.

Another outstanding statement of the Commission's order is the following:

"The Association of Railway Executives has recommended that the Commission offer to each company having indicated a desire to purchase equipment, its percentage of the \$125,000,000 being that percentage which the standard return of the company bears to the total standard return of all the railroads."

The Commission in calling attention to the fact that the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities opposed this plan, states that "it will not follow any arbitrary methods of allocation but will endeavor to apportion the funds in the manner which will most nearly meet the needs of the country." Accordingly a hearing is set for May 29. The Commission also announces that \$50,000,000 of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund will be tentatively set aside for maturities.

At the hearing before the Senate Committee on May 7 and before members of the Commission, the Association of Security Owners did oppose the plan of allocating loans for equipment based on standard rental, also the suggested use for betterments and improvements of the remainder of the fund available; first, because the standard rental paid a railroad represents neither its equipment needs nor its financial requirements; and, second, because the recommendations from the same source to apportion \$125,000,000 for betterments and improvements would absorb the entire fund available, leaving nothing to take care of railroad maturities. We asked that the apportioning of the funds be left with the Commission.

We understand that after the Senate Committee hearing a modification was made in the \$125,000,000 suggested for betterments, by deducting \$50,000,000 for maturities.

Knowing that the Treasury Department, doubting the availability of the fund for maturities, had submitted this question to the Attorney-General for legal construction, the attorneys of the Association of Security Owners submitted briefs to the Attorney-General. The intention of Congress was pointed out as clear that a part of the revolving fund was to be used to meet the financial as well as the operating needs of the railroads. The Attorney-General subsequently sustained this construction of the Act. Later, Senator Cummins' Committee offered an amendment to the Transportation Act specifically providing for maturities.

It is clear that the railroads cannot continue as privately owned and operated properties under conditions that will fail to supply the means for such "co-operative action" and methods as the transportation necessities of the country demand.

The National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities asked the committees of Congress over a year ago for the creation under Federal act of the National Railway Association, to operate without profit, with trustees to be composed of practical railroad operating, traffic and financial men and of Inter-State Commerce Commissioners or representatives of the Commission delegated by it from its staff. This corporation to deal with questions involving the joint use of railroad facilities, diversion of equipment from one railroad to another, the purchase of emergency equipment through guaranteed or unguaranteed car trust certificates or other evidences of debt or securities; such equipment to be leased to railroads in times like the present to relieve congestion; to deal with the division of rates and the rate gateways of the country, to decide upon joint use of terminals and the numerous other things which could be best done by the trustees of such a Federal corporation operating with the railroads in an auxiliary relation with the Commission to which Congress has delegated the power to do these things. These trustees would be in constant contact with the railroads in the various sections of the country and with the needs of transportation. Benefits which unified operation or co-operative use of facilities might produce would thus be worked out in the public interest better than in any other manner. Such a corporation in co-operation with the Commission could make better use in the public interest of the fund to be created from excess earnings than any other agency. The individual railroad would require, under such conditions, only the equipment necessary to its normal necessities, relying on the corporation to supply equipment by lease in emergencies and in times of congestion.

Trustees of this corporation, named as suggested, gives a management non-political in character and apart from political influences. To meet existing conditions this corporation could now be organized under the general law. Later, upon re-assembling Congress could pass such an act as might be deemed essential to give a permanent structure to the corporation. The Commission in forming its present emergency plans could have this in contemplation.

INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO RECEIVE RAILROADS' APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS.

Hearings are scheduled to be held to-day by the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington on applications of the railroads for loans under Section 310 of the Transportation Act. The Commission, as was noted in these columns last week, approved on May 21 a loan of at least \$125,000,000 out of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund provided in the Transportation Act, the purpose being to enable the carriers to purchase much needed equipment. The position of the Commerce Commission on the uses of the fund were set forth in a statement which it issued on May 21 explaining the requirements of the railroads. The statement was summarized in Washington press dispatches quoted in the "Chronicle" May 22, page 2156.

BENJAMIN CAMPBELL OF NEW HAVEN ROAD ON NEEDS OF ROADS FOR INCREASED REVENUES.

Benjamin Campbell, Vice-President of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., in a statement made before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on May 26 as to the needs of the railroads for higher rates, said in part:

As related in the statements presented by Mr. Daniel Willard, it is proposed that the Interstate Commerce Commission establish, or authorize, an increase in freight rates of not less than 30% in excess of existing rates in order to assure the carriers a return of 6% upon the aggregate value of their property; that such advance be permitted to be made by brief supplements to existing tariffs, and to be made effective as soon as practicable.

It is also stated that after September 1, 1920, when the Government's guaranty expires the carriers, unless immediate relief by an increase in revenue through increases in rates be granted, will be unable to earn any substantial return upon the value of their property.

Freight revenues have been selected for the needed increases, and while freight rates were in the main advanced 25% by General Order No. 28 under Federal control, local passenger fares were at the time increased from 20 to 50%. It is the judgment of the carriers that the freight rate level is relatively lower than the passenger, and that it would be unwise to add to the passenger fares at this time, but that the freight rate structure should be brought into a more equitable relationship which the increase now under consideration will tend to accomplish.

An increase in freight rates by 'percentage' is advocated because it is believed to be the fairest method and will work the least disturbance to rate relationships. It is true that specific or flat increases were made upon certain commodities under General Order No. 28, and these were justified at that time because many of the short haul rates were so low that the necessary increase in them could not have been reached through the percentage method.

The greatest number of complaints from shippers, of the increases made under General Order No. 28, were aimed at the specific or flat increases chiefly upon the ground that they discriminated against the short haul, the amount of increase being the same regardless of distance hauled. The desirability of preserving rate relationships or differentials where they are commercially important is recognized, and having that purpose in view the statement to this Commission provides for the publication of such tariffs, at the time the increases are made, as will avoid disturbance of the standard relative adjustment on grain and grain products from points in Central territory to points in Trunk Line, New England and Virginia territories, and upon coal and coke from group points of origin. Beyond this the carriers will undertake with the utmost expedition to substitute for the percentage supplements tariffs in the ordinary form preserving differentials or relationships where commercially important but only to such extent as will not prevent the ultimate adoption of a logical rate structure for the territory as a whole.

Safe reliance may be placed upon the carriers to make such readjustments with reasonable speed, because there now exists an organization in the territory that is more compact and efficient for conducting tariff work than has heretofore existed. Accordingly any disturbance of rate relationships that are important in a commercial sense, and resulting from the proposed increase by percentage, will be temporary but for the most part not serious in these times when service is of greater importance to the shipper than the question of rate relationship or even the rate itself.

The statement to the Commission proposes that the advances, which are concerned in this proceeding, be made by brief supplements to existing tariffs—such method, together with the percentage increase as proposed, being the only one by which the revenue sought can be obtained prior to termination of the period of the Government guaranty. It would prove physically impossible to accomplish the results otherwise. There would be involved not only the question of figuring each separate rate, but also setting up and printing the millions of figures included in the many thousands of tariffs, reading the proofs, and numerous other duties connected with such an undertaking. It is doubtful if even the paper could be secured, or a sufficient number of typists employed to accomplish the enormous task within the time required, so that there would be no gap between the end of the Government guaranty and the commencement of the flow of revenue from the needed increases.

If it should be desired to take testimony upon particular rate matters, there are witnesses present who will be glad to respond.

ORDER OF INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ANNOUNCING HEARINGS ON RATE INCREASES.

The formal order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission fixing May 24 as the date for the opening of the hearings on the application of the railroads for higher rates, was issued as follows:

Pursuant to the purposes of Section 15 (a) of the Inter-State Commerce Act, Section 422 of the Transportation Act, 1920, and at the suggestion of the Commission, the carriers in official, southern and western classification territories, respectively have filed with the Commission applications for authority to increase rates for the purpose of securing from those rates the revenue which the carriers believe to be essential to the successful operation of their properties and to which they believe they are entitled as a fair return upon the value of their properties in the groups referred to.

These applications are supported by suggestions of the carriers as to the manner in which the increase should be spread over the traffic. In general they propose to secure the revenue from increased freight rates, asserting that it is inadvisable to make a general increase in passenger fares.

The Commission has decided to deal with the carriers in three groups, to wit—those whose lines are substantially all within Official, Southern and Western classification territories, respectively.

It is not deemed necessary that before proceeding with hearings on these applications the Commission shall determine the aggregate property values for these several and respective groups which it will use in carrying out the provisions of Section 15 (a). It is deemed desirable and important that hearings on these applications shall be had at an early date. The Commission can not with satisfaction to itself or to the interested parties or with justice to the issues involved assign this subject for hearing at various points before examiners. It is wholly impracticable for the members of the Commission to near all or substantially all of the evidence elsewhere than at Washington. It will, therefore, begin hearings on these applications at offices in Washington on Monday, May 24, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There are certain considerations of a general character applicable alike to the situation in each of these groups. It is desirable to avoid duplication of that or any other evidence in this proceeding. The Commission will hear first the carriers in Official Classification territory together with the evidence of a general character which is applicable to all of the terri-

ties. It will then hear the carriers in Southern Classification Territory, followed by those in Western Classification Territory. It will then hear evidence of a general character applicable to all of the territories in opposition to the proposals, followed by the evidence in opposition to the proposals of the Official, Southern and Western Classification territories in the order named. It is impracticable at this time to indicate the time that will be devoted to each of the several branches of this subject.

APPLICATIONS OF RAILROADS FOR HIGHER FREIGHT RATES—STATEMENT OF HOWARD ELLIOTT.

The hearings on the application made by the railroads for increased freight rates were opened before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on Monday of this week, May 24. As was reported in these columns May 8 (page 1937), freight rate increases, averaging 28%, and to yield additional revenue of \$1,017,766,000, have been estimated by the Association of Railway Executives as necessary in order to enable the railroads of the country to meet higher operating costs and to permit the carriers to earn a 6% return on their property investment. The requirements of the roads were indicated in statements filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission on May 4, in which, as we made known in our previous reference, it was shown that in the case of the railroads in Eastern territory it is necessary for them to secure an increase of 21.16% in all their revenues, or an increase of 30.43% in their freight revenues, in order that they may earn a net operating income of 6%. Southern railroads have proposed an advance in rates of 30.9% to provide 20.7% larger revenues; the required freight rate advance in the West is placed at 24% to increase all revenues by 17%. The opening presentation of data in behalf of the carriers was made before the Commission on the 24th inst. by Howard Elliott, Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the General Rate Committee of the Association of Railway Executives. Mr. Elliott pointed out that "the railroads are now working under the new Act and trying hard to improve the difficult after-the-war conditions that confront all industry." Besides observing that "an adequate rail transportation system is essential if the country is to avail itself of that great opportunity and protect the present and future welfare of all the people," Mr. Elliott said:

To make a success of this new plan and to furnish the transportation needed will require much patience, forbearance, courage and the best of team work by all, with full assent to the fact that the roads must have adequate revenue if they are to survive as going concerns and if the decision of the people for private ownership and operation is to be effective.

Under the new Transportation Act, Mr. Elliott said: "There are two very pressing questions now under discussion, the prompt and proper solution of which will mean much to the present and future agricultural, industrial and social progress of the United States." Continuing, he said in part:

One relates to the fair adjustment of wages to be received by the 2,000,000 or more men who maintain, operate and manage the railroads of the country.

The other relates to the fair compensation to the railroads so that they will receive enough to pay these fair wages, all other costs, taxes and such returns on the properties as will induce the individual investor to put part of his savings each year into the transportation business, so that the capacity of the roads will grow a little faster than the country and permit the United States to continue its forward march.

The people, in this new act, have authorized nine men to make a decision as to the first great question, which decision, however, can only become effective through the force of public opinion. The newly created Labor Board has now before it requests for increases in pay amounting to more than \$1,000,000,000 a year.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission of eight men (with three appointees not yet confirmed) has been given the power and responsibility of determining the second great question which involves obtaining for the railroads for the service they render not less than \$1,017,000,000 of added revenue per year if the railroads are to be sustained. This sum is necessary to meet the present basis of wages, costs, interest and a sum for dividends and improvements, and does not include any part of the \$1,000,000,000 per annum now under consideration by the Labor Board.

This present conference is being held so as to bring to the Inter-State Commerce Commission from the representatives of the railroads of the shippers and from other interested parties, all available information so as to help the Commission under the terms of the new law to reach a prompt and wise decision about the revenue question.

This proceeding is not the old-fashioned rate case, where one group of men is trying to obtain an increase in rates against the protests of other groups of men, but it is a meeting for the purpose of co-operating in a friendly spirit as American citizens, in order that the will of the people as represented in the new law can be put into effect.

After a number of informal conferences between the Commission and representatives of the railroads, careful tabulations have been made, giving the best judgment of the railroads as to the minimum amount of additional revenue that is needed to carry out the theory of the new law. These statements are based on 6% upon the property investment account of the carriers, in the belief that this account should, under the law, be considered in connection with an supplemented by any other available evidence or data sufficiently complete and reasonably adequate for the purpose, on the basis of present wages and costs, but including an estimate for increased fuel prices, but not including anything for any increase in wages if the Labor Board, in the pending hearing in Chicago, should make such increase.

The calculations have also been based on a volume of business substantially equal to that of 1919, which may, however, not prove to be the case because of disturbed commercial and industrial conditions in this country and the world. This question of volume should be considered, because with 1919 volume used as a basis the railroads run the risk of any decrease in volume and it would be impossible to obtain, on a falling volume of business, the minimum return provided by the law.

The revenue tons carried one mile from 1906 to date were as follows:

1906	215,877,551,241	1913	301,398,752,108
1907	236,601,390,103	1914	288,319,890,10
1908	218,381,554,802	1915	276,830,302,723
1909	218,802,986,929	1916	343,099,937,805
1910	255,016,910,451	1917	394,382,077,643
1911	253,783,701,839	1918	404,322,467,000
1912	264,080,745,058	1919	362,962,480,000

For the five-year period, 1906 to 1910, the average annual revenue tons carried one mile were 228,936,084,708. From 1911 to 1915 the average was 276,882,678,387, an increase of 20.94%, or a growth per year of about 4.2%. On this basis the average ton miles for the period 1916 to 1919, inclusive, without the stimulus of the great war, would have been approximately 334,000,000,000 tons one mile, whereas the average was 374,721,628,727 tons, or over 40,000,000,000 more than the average based on the growth from 1906 to 1916.

If the United States can settle down to industrial work and will meet the world demand that no other nation could meet as well as we can if we really work, I have confidence that there will be, in time, an increase in business in this country, and it is surely a sound national policy to plan now for enlarged transportation facilities. It is, however, only fair to point out to the Commission the possibility that business for the next year or two, for various reasons, may not show the same rapid growth that took place between 1915 and 1919.

A summary of the tabulation shows the following results for the railroads of the United States as a whole, the figures being for the year ending Oct. 31 1919. These figures are arrived at by applying to the actual operations of the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1919, rates and costs as of March 1920.

Property investment account	\$20,616,573,399
Six per cent return	1,236,994,402
Adjusted net railway operating income	219,217,407
Deficit below 6% return	1,017,776,995
Total freight revenue	3,653,928,492
Percentage of freight revenue needed to meet deficit	27.85
Total of all revenues	5,230,981,932
Percentage of all revenues to meet deficit below 6%	19.46

The railroads, after conference with the Commission and at their suggestion, have prepared and filed statements and figures for the three classification territories of the country and the figures for these three groups and the supporting reasons therefor will be explained by competent witnesses as follows:

For the Eastern territory, by D. Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co., and others.

For the Southern territory, by C. H. Markham, President of the Illinois Central Railroad Co., and others.

For the Western territory, by S. M. Felton, President of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad Co., and others.

Very Small Return on Investment.

The returns on property investment in the three groups for the year ending Oct. 31 1919, were:

- For the Eastern territory, less than one-fifth of 1%.
- For the Southern territory less than ¼ of 1%.
- For the Western territory, slightly over 2%.
- For the country as a whole, slightly over 1%.

To meet the difference between the 6% return on property investment permitted under the Transportation Act, there will be needed increases in freight revenue as follows:

In the Eastern territory	30.43%
In the Southern territory	30.95%
In the Western territory	24.10%

Increases in Rates in Europe.

While the action taken in other countries is not, of course, compelling in this country, it is significant evidence showing the economic conditions prevailing throughout the world. Rates have been increased in some other countries as follows:

England.—Passenger fares increased 50%; freight rates increased 20 to 100%, plus terminal charges per ton of 3d. to 1s.; average freight rate increase (estimated), 71%.

France.—Passenger rates increased 70 to 80%; freight rates increased about 140%.

Belgium.—Freight and passenger rates increased about 100%.

Italy.—Passenger rates increased 60 to 120%; freight rates increased 40 to 100%.

Holland.—Passenger rates increased 75%; freight rates increased 70 to 140%.

Sweden.—Passenger rates increased 100 to 200%; freight rates increased 200%.

Norway.—Passenger rates increased 60 to 180%; freight rates increased 150%.

The railroads have felt that the wisest way to obtain the additional revenues now needed was through an increase in the freight revenue and have made their calculations accordingly. It has been said by some that there could be very marked reductions in expenses that would produce a substantial part of the additional revenue. Under present disturbed conditions in this country, and under present price levels, it does not seem possible to obtain much help in that direction. Railroad managements hope, by close supervision and by the hardest kind of work, to increase the capacity of the existing machine, to encourage a greater spirit of performance and in that way obtain a larger net result from any given quantity of business.

March Returns are Disturbing.

This, however, will be a slow process and until the present feeling unrest throughout the world and in this country which encourages, apparently, a lack of a desire to work, is changed and there is a greater spirit to work and save, the country cannot count on any large contribution to the net earnings of the railroads through a saving in expenses. In fact, the results for the month of March are even more disturbing than those for February.

The returns for February show as follows:

Net Operating Income.

United States (deficit)	\$12,217,639
Eastern District (deficit)	28,059,711
Southern District	6,654,752
Western District	9,187,320

a decrease over February 1919 of \$22,006,294, or 224.8% for the railroads of the United States as a whole.

To show how expenses have overtaken revenues, the following comparison of the relation of operating expenses (excluding taxes) to operating revenue is significant.

	Eastern Roads.	Southern Roads.	Western Roads.
1916	67.41	66.63	63.01
1917	74.21	69.10	66.40
1919	87.87	88.44	80.67
Oct. 31 1919, adjusted	92.70	91.64	84.15

Even more impressive are these figures for net railway operating income for the same years.

	Eastern Roads.	Southern Roads.	Western Roads.	United States.
1916	\$464,434,104	\$120,903,341	\$460,181,522	\$1,045,518,967
1917	368,231,549	127,232,978	431,359,919	926,824,446
1919	182,238,706	44,876,819	261,453,373	488,568,898
Oct. 31 1919 adj	18,008,219	16,269,429	184,939,759	219,217,407

The following comparison of the net operating income for the years 1916 and 1917, before the full effect of war conditions was felt, and 1919, are interesting and show the very great reduction in the earning power of the roads named.

	1916.	1917.	1919.
Baltimore & Ohio	\$26,807,297	\$23,249,360	\$5,082,426
Central RR. of N J	9,947,331	8,833,745	1,384,554
Eric	15,730,254	8,849,761	703,914
Maine Central	3,345,272	2,790,862	def. 1,231,427
Pennsylvania (East)	59,985,590	51,753,648	7,613,938
Pennsylvania (West)	19,286,281	10,777,836	5,802,162
Wabash	8,461,457	7,543,985	831,152

	1916.	1917.	1919.
Atlantic Coast Line	12,259,687	13,592,000	7,144,000
Illinois Central	18,825,649	23,512,000	4,192,000
Louisville & Nashville	22,080,130	24,318,000	11,792,000
Seaboard Air Line	7,319,533	6,867,000	1,852,000
Southern	22,266,478	26,407,000	10,612,000
Central of Georgia	4,081,370	4,653,414	1,551,955
Florida East Coast	3,920,985	3,079,031	1,430,535

	1916.	1917.	1919.
Texas & Pacific	4,965,625	5,990,352	4,602,457
Chicago Great Western	3,789,584	2,927,000	1,094,000
Great Northern	28,840,991	24,415,000	12,459,000
Minneapolis & St. Louis	2,912,154	2,613,000	def. 327,000
Soo Line	13,702,019	10,631,000	5,003,000
Chicago North Western	27,714,459	24,903,035	12,678,750
Chicago, Burl & Quincy	38,534,215	38,034,538	25,156,532
Northern Pacific	33,446,012	31,379,000	17,279,000

In fixing the so-called "standard return," Congress, in 1918, thought that the average of the net operating income for a three-year period was a fair price for the use of the railroads as war measure. But this is not fair pay if the railroads are to be treated, as the people have now decided they shall be, as business enterprises to be self-sustaining and self-supporting, and competing in the markets of the world with other forms of business for the necessary money to carry on the enterprise.

Pre-war Return Not Adequate Now.

The new Transportation Act in fixing the rate of return at 5½ and 6% evidently reflects the idea which has been prevalent for many years—that the rate of return under which the railroads had grown up in the past would be sufficient for to-day; but conditions have changed, the speculative element eliminated from the business, and if the Commission were free agents to-day they might readily conclude that the 5½ and 6% return for this two-year period is wholly inadequate to meet the situation.

Also in their future interpretation of what constitutes a fair return on fair values, the Commission may well find that we are in a period of higher returns for capital and that if the business is to be sustained 6% return is not enough. And it should always be borne in mind that the Commission has the power, if any decision as to rates produces any so-called excess earnings, to make reductions in rates; also that the new bill provides for taking away for the general benefit of the public a part of the earnings of any carrier that may be in excess of 6% on fair value.

The railroads, therefore, find that it is to the interest of the country to give the maximum encouragement to the transportation business at this time, when it is not equal to the demands, and permit the rates to be adjusted so as to produce the 6% return permitted under the law.

High Cost of New Railroad Capital.

The cost of new capital to-day, as is well known, is in excess of 7%. Only recently there have been borrowings by five roads heretofore called strong roads. The New York Central sold about \$36,000,000 of 15-year equipment notes; the Pennsylvania sold some \$50,000,000 of 10-year collateral notes; the Northern Pacific, \$4,500,000 of 10-year equipment notes; the Atlantic Coast Line, \$6,000,000 of 10-year collateral notes; the Louisville & Nashville, \$7,500,000 of 10-year collateral notes.

These notes all carry a rate of 7% and the cost to the carriers, after paying the expenses of distribution to individual investors, means a rate of interest in excess of 7½% in each case.

I desire to file with these remarks a statement compiled by F. J. Lisman, of New York, who has specialized in railroad securities for about 30 years. He gives some interesting data about the yield that the investor can obtain to-day from existing securities on 171 railroads. A very few of the underlying bonds of the very best railroads sell at a price to yield 5½%; a few to yield 6%, but the majority of the bonds can be purchased to yield 7%, 7½%, 8%, 9%, 10%, or even 12% and 16%.

In the next three years there are \$564,210,817 of maturing obligations (not counting equipment notes or notes running one year or less) which can be handled to much better advantage if the railroads are self-sustaining. Many of these obligations bear low rates of interest which, of course, is a benefit to the whole situation. If they have to be refunded at a very much increased rate of interest, the burden on the transportation business is that much greater.

A prompt and liberal decision as to the revenue needs of the railroads will have an undoubted effect on the minds of the investors when these maturing obligations have to be taken up and paid off by the issue of new securities.

The officers of the railroads are here not only as representatives of the 1,500,000 people who own securities, but also of the 50,000,000 or more people who are interested in the integrity of their savings bank deposits and of their insurance policies, which are secured in a large degree by investment in railroads.

They are approaching this subject, not only as railroad officers, but as quasi-public servants realizing their responsibility to do their part in adjusting rightly these two \$1,000,000,000 questions.

They realize also the responsibility of the Commission and they are here for the common cause of obtaining promptly an adjustment of rates that will meet the letter and spirit of the new law, make the railroads self-sustaining and relieve the Treasury of the United States from the necessity of constant appropriations.

Other statements before the Commission this week are noted elsewhere in the "Chronicle" of to-day.

PRESIDENT WILSON VETOES KNOX PEACE RESOLUTION PASSED BY CONGRESS.

President Wilson vetoed on May 27 the Knox peace resolution which had been passed by the Senate on May 15 as a substitute for the resolution which had previously (on April 9) passed the House. The latter on May 21 accepted the Senate substitute, which declared at an end the state of war existing between the United States and the German and Austro-Hungarian Governments, thus placing the resolution before the President. An effort in the House yesterday (May 28) to pass the resolution over the President's veto failed; the vote was 219 in favor of overriding the veto, against 152 votes in opposition, the votes for its adoption having thus failed of the necessary two-thirds majority by 28 votes. Two Republicans, Representatives Kelley of Michigan and Fuller of Massachusetts, voted to sustain the President's veto. Seventeen Democrats joined the Republican majority in an effort to override it. President Wilson in vetoing the resolution states that he has not felt at liberty to sign it "because I cannot bring myself to become a party to an action which would place an ineffaceable stain upon the gallantry and honor of the United States." The resolution, the President says, "seeks to establish peace with the German Empire without exacting from the German Government any action by way of setting right the infinite wrongs which it did to the peoples whom it attacked and whom we professed it our purpose to assist when we entered the war." The President makes the statement that "when we entered the war we set forth very definitely the purposes for which we entered, partly because we did not wish to be considered as merely taking part in a European contest." "This joint resolution which I return," he says, "does not seek to accomplish any of these objects, but in effect makes a complete surrender of the rights of the United States so far as the German Government is concerned." The following is the President's veto message:

To the House of Representatives:

I return herewith, without my signature, House Joint Resolution 327, intended to repeal the Joint Resolution of April 6 1917, declaring a state of war to exist between the United States and Germany, and the Joint Resolution of Dec. 7 1917, declaring a state of war to exist between the United States and the Austro-Hungarian Government, and to declare a state of peace.

I have not felt at liberty to sign this resolution because I cannot bring myself to become party to an action which would place ineffaceable stain upon the gallantry and honor of the United States. The resolution seeks to establish peace with the German Empire without exacting from the German Government any action by way of setting right the infinite wrongs which it did to the peoples whom it attacked and whom we professed it our purpose to assist when we entered the war. Have we sacrificed the lives of more than 100,000 Americans and ruined the lives of thousands of others and brought upon thousands of American families an unhappiness that can never end for purposes which we do not now care to state or take further steps to attain?

The attainment of these purposes is provided for in the Treaty of Versailles by terms deemed adequate by the leading statesmen and experts of all the great peoples who were associated in the war against Germany. Do we now not care to join in the effort to secure them?

We entered the war most reluctantly. Our people were profoundly disinclined to take part in a European war, and at last did so, only because they became convinced that it could not in truth be regarded as only a European war, but must be regarded as a war in which civilization itself was involved and human rights of every kind as against a belligerent Government. Moreover, when we entered the war we set forth very definitely the purposes for which we entered, partly because we did not wish to be considered as merely taking part in a European contest. This Joint Resolution which I return does not seek to accomplish any of these objects, but in effect makes a complete surrender of the rights of the United States so far as the German Government is concerned.

A treaty of peace was signed at Versailles on the 28th of June last which did seek to accomplish the objects which we had declared to be in our minds because all the great Governments and peoples which united against Germany had adopted our declarations of purpose as their own and had in solemn form embodied them in communications to the German Government preliminary to the armistice of Nov. 11 1918. But the treaty assigned at Versailles has been rejected by the Senate of the United States, though it has been ratified by Germany. By that rejection and by its methods we had in effect declared that we wish to draw apart and pursue objects and interests of our own, unhampered by any connections of interest or of purpose with other Governments and peoples.

Notwithstanding the fact that upon our entrance into the war we professed to be seeking to assist in the maintenance of common interests, nothing is said in this resolution about the freedom of navigation upon the seas, or the reduction of armaments, or the vindication of the rights of Belgium, or the rectification of wrongs done to France, or the release of the Christian populations of the Ottoman Empire from the intolerable subjugation which they have had for so many generations to endure, or the establishment of an independent Polish State, or the continued maintenance of any kind of understanding among the great powers of the world which would be calculated to prevent in the future such outrages as Germany attempted and in part consummated.

We have now, in effect, declared that we do not care to take any further risks or to assume any further responsibilities with regard to the freedom of nations or the sacredness of international obligations or the safety of independent peoples. Such a peace with Germany—a peace in which none of the essential interests which we had at heart when we entered the war is safeguarded—is, or ought to be, inconceivable, and is inconsistent with the dignity of the United States, with the rights and liberties of her citizens, and with the very fundamental conditions of civilization.

I hope that in these statements I have sufficiently set forth the reasons why I have felt it incumbent upon me to withhold my signature.

WOODROW WILSON.

The White House, May 27 1920.

The House joint resolution declaring at an end the state of war existing since April 6 1917 between the German Government and the United States had been adopted by the House on April 9 of this year by a vote of 242 to 150, and its text was given in our issue of April 17 1920, page 1609. On April 20 the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate decided to draft a new measure in place of the House resolution and the resolution which had been introduced in the Senate by Senator Knox last October. The substitute, which was drafted by Senator Knox, was laid before the Committee on April 28 and was reported to the Senate on April 30. The passage by the Senate of the re-drafted resolution on May 15 was effected by a vote of 43 to 38. Three Democrats, Senators Reed of Missouri, Walsh of Massachusetts and Shields of Tennessee voted with the Republicans in favor of its adoption; Senator Nelson of Minnesota (Republican) voted in opposition. The vote whereby the House on May 21 accepted the Senate substitute for its own resolution was 228 to 139. Of the 228 votes whereby the resolution was adopted in the House, 208 were cast by Republicans, 19 by Democrats and 1 by an Independent (Keller); the 19 Democrats voting with the Republicans were Representatives Ashbrook, Ohio; Carew and Dooling, N. Y.; Gallivan, Mass.; Goldfogle, N. Y.; Huddleston, Ala.; McLane, Pa.; Mead, N. Y.; Olney and Tague, Mass.; Caldwell and Cullen, N. Y.; Evans, Nev.; Ganly, N. Y.; Hamill, N. J.; McKiniry, Maher, O'Connell and Sullivan, N. Y. Voting with the 136 Democrats in opposition to the resolution were two Republicans, Representatives Kelley of Michigan and Fuller of Massachusetts, and one Independent, Representative Carss of Minnesota. The following is the Knox resolution as adopted by the Senate and House, and which the President vetoed this week.

That the joint resolution of congress passed April 6, 1917, declaring a state of war to exist between the Imperial German Government and the Government and people of the United States, and making provisions to prosecute the same, be, and the same is hereby repealed and said state of war is hereby declared at an end. Provided, however, that all property of the Imperial German Government, or its successor or successors, and all German nationals which was on April 6 1917, in or has since that date come into the possession or under control of the Government of the United States or any of its officers, agents or employes from any source or by any agency whatsoever, shall be retained by the United States and no disposition thereof made, except as shall specifically be hereafter provided by Congress until such time as the German Government has, by treaty with the United States, ratification whereof is to be made by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, made suitable provisions for the satisfaction of all claims against the German Government of all persons, wheresoever domiciled, who owe permanent allegiance to the United States, whether such persons have suffered through the acts of the German Government or its agents since July 31 1914, loss, damage or injury to their persons or property directly or indirectly, through the ownership of shares of stock in German-American or other corporations, or have suffered damage directly in consequence of hostilities or any operations of war, or otherwise or until the German Government has given further undertakings and made provision by treaty, to be ratified by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for granting to persons owing permanent allegiance to the United States, most favored nation treatment, whether the same be national or otherwise, in all matters affecting residence, business, profession, trade, navigation, commerce and industrial property rights, and confirming to the United States all fines, forfeitures, penalties and seizures imposed or made by the United States during the war, whether in respect to the property of the German Government or German nationals, And waiving any pecuniary claim based on events which occurred at any time before the coming into force of such treaty any existing treaty between the United States and Germany to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 2. That in the interpretation of any provision relating to the date of the termination of the present war or of the present or existing emergency in any acts of Congress, joint resolutions or proclamations of the President containing provisions contingent upon the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency, the date when this resolution becomes effective shall be construed and treated as the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency, notwithstanding any provision in any act of Congress or joint resolution, providing any other mode of determining the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency.

Sec. 3. That until by treaty or act or joint resolution of Congress it shall be determined otherwise, the United States, although it has not ratified the Treaty of Versailles, does not waive any of the rights, privileges, indemnities, reparations or advantages to which it and its nationals have become entitled under terms of the armistice signed Nov. 11, 1918, or any extensions or modifications thereof or of which under the Treaty of Versailles have been stipulated for its benefit as one of the principal allied and associated powers and to which it is entitled.

Sec. 4. That the joint resolution of Congress approved Dec. 7 1917, declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian Government and the Government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same be, and the same is hereby repealed, and said state of war is hereby declared at an end, and the President is hereby requested immediately to open negotiations with the successor or successors of said Government for the purpose of establishing fully friendly relations and commercial intercourse between the United States and the Governments and peoples of Austria and Hungary.

Amend the title so as to read "Joint resolution repealing the joint resolution of April 6 1917, declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany and the joint resolution of Dec. 7 1917, declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and the Austro-Hungarian Government."

On May 4, following a conference of Democratic members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with Secretary of State Colby it was announced by Senator Hitchcock that no attempt would be made by the Democrats to delay action

on the resolution by filibuster; the vote, it was indicated, would be expedited, with the expectation (which has now been fulfilled) that the President would veto the Knox resolution and would probably return the Versailles Treaty to the Senate.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS URGING THAT THE UNITED STATES ACCEPT MANDATE OVER ARMENIA.

President Wilson on May 24 asked Congress for authority to accept a mandate over the Republic of Armenia. "I am conscious that I am urging upon Congress a very critical choice," the President said, "but I make the suggestion in the confidence that I am speaking in the spirit and in accordance with the wishes of the greatest of the Christian peoples."

The President's request followed an invitation extended to him by the recent San Remo Conference of the Allied Supreme Council to act as arbitrator in delimiting the boundaries of Armenia and also urging acceptance of a mandate for that country by the United States. The President already had agreed to determine the Armenian boundaries before he sent his message to Congress regarding the mandate. An official announcement was made on May 22 when Hugh C. Wallace, American Ambassador at Paris, informed the Council of Ambassadors of the President's decision. In accepting the invitation to arbitrate the question of the Armenian frontier President Wilson, it was officially stated, will be guided by the suggestion of the Allied Premiers that he do so without regard to what the ultimate attitude of the United States may be concerning the request of the Powers that this country assume the mandate over Armenia.

In his message to Congress urging the acceptance of the Armenian mandate the President said:

It is to this people and to their Government that the hopes and earnest expectations of the struggling people of Armenia turn as they now emerge from a period of indescribable suffering and peril, and I hope that the Congress will think it wise to meet this hope and expectation with the utmost liberality. I know from unmistakable evidence given by responsible representatives of many peoples struggling towards independence and peaceful life again that the Government of the United States is looked to with extraordinary trust and confidence, and I believe that it would do nothing less than arrest the hopeful processes of civilization if we were to refuse the request to become the helpful friends and advisers of such of these people as we may be authoritatively and formally requested to guide and assist.

The full text of the President's message follows:

Gentlemen Of the Congress:—On the 14th of May an official communication was received at the executive office from the secretary of the Senate of the United States conveying the following preambles and resolutions:

"Whereas, The testimony adduced at the hearings conducted by the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has clearly established the truth of the reported massacres and other atrocities from which the Armenian people have suffered; and

"Whereas, The people of the United States are deeply impressed by the deplorable conditions of insecurity, starvation and misery now prevalent in Armenia; and

"Whereas, the independence of the Republic of Armenia has been duly recognized by the Supreme Council of the peace conference and by the Government of the United States of America; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the sincere congratulations of the Senate of the United States are hereby extended to the people of Armenia on the recognition of the independence of the Republic of Armenia, without prejudice respecting the territorial boundaries involved; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Senate of the United States hereby expresses the hope that stable government, proper protection of individual liberties and rights, and the full realization of nationalistic aspirations may soon be attained by the Armenian people; and be it further

"Resolved, That in order to afford necessary protection for the lives and property of citizens of the United States at the port of Batum and along the line of the railroad leading to Baku, the President is hereby requested if not incompatible with the public interest, to cause a United States warship and a force of marines to be dispatched to such port with instructions to such marines to disembark and to protect American lives and property."

I received and read this document with great interest and with genuine gratification, not only because it embodied my own convictions and feelings with regard to Armenia and its people, but also, and more particularly, because it seemed to me the voice of the American people expressing their genuine convictions and deep Christian sympathies and intimating the line of duty which seemed to them to lie clearly before us.

I cannot but regard it as providential and not as a mere casual coincidence that almost at the same time I received information that the conference of statesmen now sitting at San Remo for the purpose of working out the details of peace with the central powers, which it was not feasible to work out in the conference at Paris, had formally resolved to address a definite appeal to this Government to accept a mandate for Armenia.

They were at pains to add that they did this "not" for the smallest desire to evade any obligations which they might be expected to undertake, but because the responsibilities which they are already obligated to bear in connection with the disposition of the former Ottoman Empire will strain their capacities to the uttermost, and because they believe that the appearance on the scene of a power emancipated from the prepossessions of the Old World will inspire a wider confidence and afford a firmer guarantee for stability in the future than would the selection of any European power"

Early in the conferences at Paris it was agreed that to those colonies and territories which as a consequence of the late war have ceased to be under the sovereignty of the states which formerly governed them, and which are inhabited by peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under the strenuous conditions of the modern world, there should be applied the principle that the well being and development of such peoples form a sacred

trust of civilization, and that securities for the performance of this trust should be afforded.

It was recognized that certain communities formerly belonging to the Turkish Empire have reached a stage of development where their existence as independent nations can be provisionally recognized, subject to the rendering of administrative advice and assistance by a mandatory until such time as they are able to stand alone.

It is in pursuance of this principle and with a desire of affording Armenia such advice and assistance that the statesmen conferring at San Remo have formerly requested this Government to assume the duties of mandatory in Armenia. I may add, for the information of the Congress, that at the same sitting it was resolved to request the President of the United States to undertake to arbitrate the difficult question of the boundary between Turkey and Armenia and the Vilayets of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis, and it was agreed to accept his decision thereupon, as well as any stipulation he may prescribe as to access to the sea for the independent State of Armenia.

In pursuance of this action, it was resolved to embody in the treaty with Turkey, now under final consideration, a provision that "Turkey and Armenia and the other high contracting parties agree to refer to the arbitration of the President of the United States of America the question of the boundary between Turkey and Armenia in the Vilayets of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis, and to accept his decision thereupon as well as any stipulation he may prescribe as to access to the sea for the independent State of Armenia;" pending that decision the boundaries of Turkey and Armenia to remain as at present. I have thought it my duty to accept this difficult and delicate task.

In response to the invitation of the council at San Remo, I urgently advise and request that the Congress grant the executive power to accept for the United States a mandate over Armenia.

I make this suggestion in the earnest belief that it will be the wish of the people of the United States that this should be done. The sympathy with Armenia has proceeded from no single portion of our people, but has come with extraordinary spontaneity and sincerity from the whole of the great body of Christian men and women in this country, by whose free-will offerings Armenia has practically been saved at the most critical juncture of its existence. At their hearts this great and generous people have made the cause of Armenia their own.

It is to this people and to their Government that the hopes and earnest expectations of the struggling people of Armenia turn as they now emerge from a period of indescribable suffering and peril, and I hope that the Congress will think it wise to meet this hope and expectation with the utmost liberality. I know from unmistakable evidence given by responsible representatives of many peoples struggling toward independence and peaceful life again that the Government of the United States is looked to with extraordinary trust and confidence, and I believe that it would do nothing less than arrest the hopeful processes of civilization if we were to refuse the request to become the helpful friends and advisers of such of these people as we may be authoritatively and formally requested to guide and assist.

I am conscious that I am urging upon the Congress a very critical choice, but I make the suggestion in the confidence that I am speaking in the spirit and in accordance with the wishes of the greatest of the Christian peoples. The sympathy for Armenia among our people has sprung from untainted consciences, pure Christian faith and an earnest desire to see Christian people everywhere succored in their time of suffering and lifted from their abject subjection and distress and enabled to stand upon their feet and take their place among the free nations of the world.

Our recognition of the independence of Armenia will mean genuine liberty and assured happiness for her people if we fearlessly undertake the duties of guidance and assistance involved in the functions of a mandatory.

It is, therefore, with the most earnest hopefulness and with the feeling that I am giving advice from which the Congress will not willingly turn away, that I urge the acceptance of the invitation now formally and solemnly extended to us by the council at San Remo, into whose hands has passed the difficult task of composing the many complexities and difficulties of government in the one-time Ottoman Empire and the maintenance of order and tolerable conditions of life in those portions of that empire which it is no longer possible in the interest of civilization to leave under the Government of the Turkish authorities themselves.

The President's message was referred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Following is the text of the letter which Ambassador Wallace addressed to Premier Millerand as President of the Peace Conference, informing him of President Wilson's decision to accept the role of arbitrator on the Armenian frontier:

In reference to the note relative to the frontiers of Armenia, drawn up and approved at San Remo at the meeting of Monday afternoon, April 26, and of which the text has been transmitted to Washington by Robert Underwood Johnson, Ambassador of the United States at Rome, I have the honor to inform your Excellency that President Wilson has taken into consideration the request formulated by the Supreme Council, asking him to act in the quality of arbitrator in the question of the Armenian frontier, and that he states that he is willing to accept these functions.

I am charged to add that the President accepts with satisfaction this occasion for rendering service to the people of Armenia.

In communicating this decision to your Excellency I have the honor to ask you to transmit it to the powers represented at San Remo.

HUGH C. WALLACE.

ACCEPTANCE OF ARMENIAN MANDATE WOULD COMPEL UNITED STATES "TO SURRENDER A VITAL PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRACY," SAYS W. J. BRYAN—OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS.

"All the colonial exploitation of helpless peoples is defended on the theory of their incapacity for self-government," declared William Jennings Bryan in a statement on May 25 voicing his opposition to the proposal of an Armenian mandate by the United States.

Mr. Bryan believes that "any mandate is impossible." And this seems to be the sentiment of leaders in both branches of Congress. In a statement on May 25 Chairman Porter of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs said: "If my views prevail with the Committee, we shall give the President a mandate to follow that portion of Washington's farewell

address admonishing us to keep out of European entanglements, or I would gladly give him power forcibly to intervene in Mexico and stop the murder and robbery of American citizens which has been going on for over ten years.

Mr. Bryan's comment, issued at Washington, was as follows:

Any mandate is impossible. The one proposed for Armenia, if accepted would involve us in an enormous expenditure in a time when war taxation is still so grievous a burden that Congress has difficulty in finding the money necessary to do justice to the men who served in the World War.

It would involve us in the politics of Europe and would compel us to deal with implacable race hatreds.

It would involve us in the fierce commercial rivalry of the big nations.

But, worst of all, it would compel us to surrender a vital principle of democracy, namely, that all people are capable of self-government.

Nearly 100 years ago Henry Clay set forth the American view on this subject in dealing with aspirations of South American republics. Referring to the old contention of monarchists that subject peoples were incapable of self-government, Clay declared it to be a reflection on the Almighty to assume that He would create peoples incapable of self-government and leave them to be the victims of kings and emperors.

All the colonial exploitation of helpless peoples is defended on the theory of their incapacity for self-government. We cannot indorse this theory. It would be injurious to the Armenians instead of a kindness to affirm or admit their incapacity of self-government. If it were once admitted they would never be permitted to outgrow the presumption of incapacity, because consent to their independence would encourage other subject peoples to ask for independence.

Christianity does not require us to abandon our ideas of government or to adopt monarchical forms in rendering aid to suffering peoples. American ideas are entirely consistent with Christianity. We can recognize the independence of the Armenian Republic and send as Minister to Armenia a man who has faith in democracy and who believes that Governments should rest upon consent of the governed. He can advise with Armenian officials when they desire advice and help them as a friend. We can be of much service to them in this way than we can be exercising authority over them. Then, if we will ratify the treaty and enter the League of Nations as the friend of all the little countries and insist on universal disarmament, we may be able to make the world safe for democracy—even for democracy in Armenia.

Representative Porter's statement characterized "the proposition of sending American soldiers to Armenia or any other foreign country for the purpose of settling their political and economical quarrels as utterly absurd." The statement continued:

If my views prevail with the committee we shall give the President a mandate to follow that portion of Washington's farewell address admonishing us to keep out of European entanglements; or I would gladly give him power forcibly to intervene in Mexico and stop the murder and robbery of American citizens which has been going on for over ten years.

The word "mandate" is misleading. In the past the action suggested by the President would have been called forcible intervention with the equivalent to war.

If the President would apply "watchful waiting" to Armenia and other foreign countries and forcible intervention to distracted Mexico, our immediate neighbor, I could agree with him; but distance appears to end enchantment to the Presidential view.

The opinions of four United States Senators on the President's appeal that the United States take a mandate for Armenia were given as follows in Washington advices of May 24 to the "Sun and New York Herald":

Senator Smoot (Utah)—"Considering that an American Army in Armenia alone would cost \$88,000,000 in the first year and that in five years it is estimated the entire expense will be \$756,000,000, I do not think the mandate has much chance with Congress.

Senator Borah (Idaho)—"Before America considers a mandate for Armenia, France and England should restore the territories and resources of Armenia, without which to assume a mandate would be like taking a poorhouse. It is unconscionable to strip Armenia, as has been done, and then turn it over to be cared for by another Power. Armenia will always be a foundling under present conditions."

Senator Poindexter (Wash.)—"The United States will never do it. The people are opposed to it. Congress will not commit the nation to such a colossal undertaking without submitting it to the country first."

Senator Jones (Wash.)—"I am opposed to taking any mandates."

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE CHARGES GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE SEEK ECONOMIC GAIN IN ARMENIA.

Following President Wilson's request to Congress that the United States accept a mandate over Armenia, the American Committee for Armenian Independence sent from its office in New York a telegram to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee saying that if the full rights of Armenia are not recognized "an American mandate will simply mean that American soldiers will join the French and their proteges . . . to prevent Armenians from coming into their own heritage."

Characterizing Cilicia as the Armenian California, able alone to sustain 15,000,000 people, the statement asserted that this fact explained why "a certain Power is ready to sell its soul to the devil and the Turk in order to get possession of the richest province, not only of Armenia, but of the entire world." The statement in part follows:

President Wilson in his message to Congress recommending the advisability of America assuming a mandate for Armenia, states that he will arbitrate the question of the boundaries between Turkey and Armenia in the vilayets of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis. This means that Armenia is to be despoiled of her most fertile province of Harpoot, Diarbekr, Sivas and Cilicia."

Senator Borah is right in saying that the Allies should restore to Armenia the portions they have allocated to themselves by the secret Sykes Picot pact," the statement said. "America helped win the war to make the world

safe for democracy. It is not democracy, however, Great Britain and France want to save in Armenia, but the cotton fields of Cilicia and the rich wheat lands, the mineral wealth, gold, silver, copper, iron, lead, coal, petroleum, marble, saltpetre, quicksilver, sulphur and salt of Harpoot, Diarbekr and the other southwestern provinces.

It is these richest provinces—really the heart and backbone of Armenia—that the Allies are hypocritically representing as poor and barren lands.

If the full rights of Armenia are not recognized an American mandate will simply mean that American soldiers will join the French and their proteges, the Turks, the British and their proteges, the Kurds, to prevent Armenians from coming into their own heritage.

Let it be known also that the Armenians can defend themselves if the Turkish soldiery is compelled to evacuate Armenia. The recent massacres in Cilicia would not have occurred had not the Armenians been disarmed by the French. The most salient proof of the Armenian national valor is that General Antranik at the head of his Armenian revolutionary bands fought against the Turks and the Turkish Government for thirty years and was never vanquished; it was the British who prevailed upon him to cease fighting after the armistice.

Whatever money America advances for the rehabilitation of an Armenia that includes all her territories can and will be repaid by the Armenians. The required expenditures for such assistance will not amount to more than the loss which America will otherwise sustain on account of future wars that will certainly happen if Armenia is left a prey to Turkish persecution and allied rapacity.

REPORT OF HARBORD MISSION ON CONDITIONS IN NEAR EAST TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

President Wilson on April 3 sent to the U. S. Senate a copy of the report on conditions in the Near East made last year by the mission headed by Major-General James G. Harbord, United States Army, known as the "Harbord mission." The report was transmitted to the Senate in response to a resolution adopted on March 6 which was introduced by Senator Wadsworth, Republican, of New York. A similar resolution had been passed by the Senate some time before. The Harbord mission was sent to gather information which was to serve as the basis upon which this Government might formulate its policy with respect to a mandate for Armenia.

On March 30 the State Department at Washington had made public a note which President Wilson on March 24 sent to the Premier of France expressing his opposition to the plan of the Allied Powers for settlement of the Turkish problem. In that note the President urged expulsion of the Turk from Constantinople (see "Chronicle" April 3, page 1380). In taking this view the President, it is pointed out, was acting in accord with the report of the Harbord mission. Referring to the President's memorandum to the French Premier and the report of the Harbord mission a Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" on April 3 made the following comment:

A possible reason for President Wilson's urging the expulsion of the Turk from Constantinople was revealed to-day when he sent to the Senate the report made to him last Autumn by the Mission to Armenia, headed by Major General James G. Harbord.

The President appeared to have accepted at least one conclusion of the report, which was the Constantinople and the Hinterland of Anatolia must be taken from the Turk and given to the power accepting a mandate over Armenia, if that mandate was to be successfully administered. In his recent note to the Allied Governments on Turkey, the President called for expulsion of the Turks from Constantinople.

Dealing with the salient points in the report of the Harbord mission the "Times" correspondent wrote as follows:

The report, based upon six weeks' travel and study of conditions in Armenia, Turkey, Anatolia, Roumelia, Trans-Caucasia and Georgia, made no recommendations as to the acceptance or refusal of a mandate by the United States. General Harbord stated that his instructions did not require such recommendations, and that he therefore confined himself to setting out information gathered and conclusions drawn therefrom as to the time required to restore order and set up a stable regime in Armenia, as well as the cost in men and money of such an undertaking.

The report was definite to the point of emphasis, however, in recommending that the United States make its own conditions before even considering acceptance of a mandate and require binding guarantees from England, France, Russia and Germany that those conditions would be respected.

General Harbord said that because of rapidly changing conditions all estimates were approximate. He said that at least five years would be required to put the country in order, and that if the United States undertook the work it probably would not be able to withdraw for a generation. In money it would cost, in the initial five-year period, \$750,000,000, he said, and a military force of from 25,000 to 200,000 men would be required. This force, General Harbord personally placed at 59,000 under existing conditions, for the continuance of which he said no one could give guarantees. Because of this the force might have to be larger.

The report was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. It consisted of thirteen bound volumes, one devoted to General Harbord's report and the others to findings of experts who accompanied him on the six weeks' trip.

Taking up the question of an American mandate for Armenia, the report said:

"We would again point out that if America accepts a mandate for the region visited, it will undoubtedly do so from a strong sense of international duty and at the unanimous desire, so expressed at least, of its colleagues of the League of Nations. Accepting this difficult task and without first securing the assurance of conditions would be fatal to success. The United States should make its own conditions as a preliminary to consideration of the subject—certainly before and not after acceptance, as there are a multitude of interests that could conflict with what any American would consider the proper administration of the country.

"Every possible precaution against international complications should be taken in advance. In our opinion there should be specific pledges in terms of

formal agreements with France, and England, and definite approval from Germany and Russia of the dispositions made of Turkey and Trans-Caucasia and a pledge to respect them.

Of particular importance are the following:

"Absolute control of the foreign relations of the Turkish Empire, no Ambassador, envoy, Minister or diplomatic agent to be accredited to Turkey and the latter to send none abroad.

"Concessions involving exclusive privileges to be subject to review if shown contrary to the best interests of the State.

"Concessions undesirable from the standpoint of a mandatory upon which work has not been started, to be canceled. Compensation to be allowed to holders when necessary.

"The system by which specified revenues are assigned for particular purposes to be discarded; all revenues to be controlled by the Treasury, and all creditors to look to the Treasury as the source of payment.

"Foreign control of Turkish financial machinery to cease—meaning the dissolution of the Council of Administration of the Ottoman Public Debt, reserving the right to retain some individual members of the council as advisers because of their familiarity with Ottoman finances.

"All foreign obligations of the Empire to be unified and refunded.

"Those countries receiving territory of the Turkish Empire, that is, Syria and Mesopotamia, to assume their reasonable share of the paper currency, of the foreign obligations, and of obligations for possible reparations payments.

"Abrogation, on due notice, of existing commercial treaties with Turkey.

"All foreign Governments and troops to vacate territorial limits of mandate at dates to be fixed by the mandatory power.

"Consent to many of these measures would not easily be obtained. Many nations now have some sort of financial control within the Ottoman Empire and would not see it taken away without protest.

"It needs no argument, however, to show that the United States could not submit to having her financial policies controlled from foreign capitals. The refunding of the debt, possibly with a reduction of the capital amounts, would raise a storm of protest, but it should be insisted upon. Otherwise American administration would be embarrassed and run the risk of being discredited.

"The mission has not felt that it is expected to submit a recommendation as to the United States accepting a mandate in the Near East. It, therefore, simply submits the following summary of reasons for and against such action, based on information obtainable during six weeks' constant contact with the people of the region:

Reasons For.

"1. As one of the chief contributors to the formation of a League of Nations the United States is morally bound to accept the obligation and responsibilities of a mandatory.

"2. The insurance of world peace at the world's crossways, the focus of war infection since the beginning of history. Better millions for a mandate than billions for future wars.

"3. The Near East presents the greatest humanitarian opportunity of the age, a duty for which the United States is better fitted than any other, as witness Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama and our altruistic policy of developing peoples rather than material resources alone.

"4. American is practically the unanimous choice and fervent hope of all the peoples involved.

"5. America is already spending millions to save starving people in Turkey and Trans-Caucasia, and could do this with much more efficiency if in control. Whoever becomes mandatory for these regions we shall still be expected to finance their relief and will probably eventually furnish the capital for material development.

"6. America is the only hope of the Armenians. They consider but one other nation, Great Britain, which they fear would sacrifice their interests to Moslem public opinion as long as she controls hundreds of millions of that faith. Others fear Britain's imperialistic policy and habit of staying where she hoists her flag. For a mandatory, America is not only the first choice of all the people of the Near East, but of each of the great powers after itself. American power is adequate; its record clean, its motives above suspicion.

"7. The mandatory would be self-supporting after an initial period of not to exceed five years. Building railroads would offer opportunities to our capital. There would be great trade advantages not only in the mandatory region but in the proximity to Russia, Rumania, &c. America would clean this hotbed of disease and filth as in Cuba and Panama.

"8. Intervention would be a liberal education for our people in world politics, give outlet to a vast amount of spirit and energy, and would furnish a shining example.

"9. It would stop further massacres of Armenians and other Christians, give justice to Turks, Kurds, Greeks, and other peoples.

"10. It would increase the strength and prestige of the United States abroad and inspire interest at home in the regeneration of the Far East.

"11. America has strong sentimental interests in the region of our missions and colleges.

"12. If the United States does not take responsibility in this region it is likely that international jealousies will result in a continuance of the unspeakable misrule of the Turk.

"13. And the Lord said unto Cain, 'Where is Abel, thy brother?' And he said, 'I know not; am I my brother's keeper?'

Reasons Against.

"1. The United States has prior and nearer foreign obligations and ample responsibilities with domestic problems growing out of the war.

"2. This region has been a battle-ground of militarism and imperialism for centuries. There is every likelihood that ambitious nations will still manoeuvre for its control. It would weaken our position relative to the Monroe Doctrine and probably eventually involve us with a reconstituted Russia. The taking of a mandate in this region would bring the United States into the politics of the Old World, contrary to our traditional policy of keeping free of affairs in the Eastern Hemisphere.

"3. Humanitarianism should begin at home. There are a sufficient number of difficult situations which call for our action within the well-recognized spheres of American influence.

"4. The United States has in no way contributed to and is not responsible for the conditions, political, social or economic that prevail in this region. It will be entirely consistent to decline the invitation.

"5. American philanthropy and charity are worldwide. Such a policy would commit us to a policy of meddling or draw upon our philanthropy to the point of exhaustion.

"6. Other Powers, particularly Great Britain and Russia, have shown continued interest in the welfare of Armenia. Great Britain is fitted by experience and Government, has great resources in money and trained personnel, and though she might not be as sympathetic to Armenian aspirations, her rule would guarantee security and justice. The United States is not capable of sustaining a continuity of foreign policy. One Congress cannot bind another. Even treaties can be nullified by cutting off appropriations. Non-partisanship is difficult to obtain in our Government.

"7. Our country would be put to great expense, involving probably an increase of the army and navy. Large numbers of Americans would serve in a country of loathsome and dangerous diseases. It is questionable if railroads could for many years pay interest on investments in their very difficult construction. Capital for railroads would not go there except on Government guarantees. The effort and money spent would get us more trade in nearer lands than we can hope for in Russia and Roumania. Proximity and competition would increase the possibility of our becoming involved in conflict with the policies and ambitions of states which, now our friends, would be made our rivals.

"8. Our spirit and energy can find scope in domestic enterprises or in lands southward west of ours. Intervention in the Near East would rob us of the strategic advantage of the Atlantic which rolls between us and probable foes. Our reputation for fair dealing might be impaired. Efficient supervision of a mandate at such distance would be difficult or impossible. We do not need or wish further education in world politics.

"9. Peace and justice would be equally assured under any other of the great Powers.

"10. It would weaken and dissipate our strength which should be reserved for future responsibilities on the American continent and in the Far East. Our line of communication to Constantinople would be at the mercy of other naval powers and especially of Great Britain with Gibraltar and Malta &c. on the route.

"11. These institutions have been respected even by the Turks throughout the war and the massacres and sympathy and respect would be shown by any other mandatory.

"12. The Peace Conference has definitely informed the Turkish Government that it may expect to go under a mandate. It is not conceivable that the League of Nations would permit further uncontrolled rule by that thoroughly discredited Government.

"13. The first duty of America is to its own people and its nearer neighbors. Our country would be involved in this adventure for at least a generation and in counting the cost Congress must be prepared to advance such sums less such amounts as the Turkish and Trans-Caucasian revenues could afford for the first five years as follows: First year \$275,000,000; second year \$174,000,000; third year, \$123,750,000; fourth year, \$96,750,000; fifth year, \$85,750,000. Grand total, \$756,014,000."

The report, referring to the military problem involved in an American mandate for Armenia, said that a force of troops would be required to cooperate with the native constabulary. The expeditionary force required would include marines or infantry, with artillery, an air force and a regiment of railway engineers, together with an extra proportion of sanitary troops.

"Estimates of the number of mandatory troops vary greatly from 23,000 to 200,000," said the report. "Conditions change so rapidly that plans made to-day for the use of troops might be obsolete in six months. Uncertainty as to the time the mandate will be tendered and accepted makes estimates merely approximate. Under conditions as they exist to-day the undersigned believes that a force of two American divisions with several hundred extra officers, or a total force of 59,000 would be ample.

"Such force should be specially organized; one airplane squadron; a minimum of artillery, not to exceed one regiment of 75's motorized, a minimum of the special services; four times the usual number of sanitary troops, four regiments of cavalry with minor changes in organization, at the discretion of the senior general officer on duty with the mandatory government. This force could be substantially reduced at the end of two years and by 50% at the end of the third year. After that some further reductions could be slowly effected, but the irreducible minimum would be reached at about the strength of one division.

"The annual cost for the force of the army above stated would be, at the maximum, for the first year \$88,500,000, at the end of two years perhaps \$59,000,000, at the end of three years \$44,250,000. With, therefore, a continuing appropriation of that sum less such amount as local revenues could afford, probably a very substantial fraction of the cost. To offset our expenditures there would be available at least a part of the naval and military budget hitherto used for the support of the disbanded armies in the region. In Turkey, before the war, this totalled about \$61,000,000 annually for the army, including \$5,000,000 for the navy.

"The naval establishment should consist of a station ship for the Capital and probably one each for Smyrna, Messina, Batum and Baku to meet local needs in quick transportation of troops. A troopship of light draft, capable of carrying a complete regiment, should be permanently on station at the Capital. Four to six destroyers would be needed for communication and moral effect. Collier, repair and hospital service afloat should be in support. Old ships of obsolete type would probably answer for all except the station ship at the capital and the destroyers. Some ships of the Turkish navy, of which there are over thirty, could doubtless be used with American crews, soon to be replaced by natives. The naval establishment might not entail any additional Federal appropriations. Ships and personnel could probably be drawn from existing establishments; the only additional expense would probably be the difference in cost of maintenance in Near Eastern and home waters."

The mandatory power must have Constantinople, the report stated:

"A power which should undertake a mandatory for Armenia and Trans-Caucasia without control of the contiguous territory of Asia, Minor, Anatolia and of Constantinople, with its hinterland of Roumelia, would undertake it under most unfavorable and trying conditions, so difficult as to make the cost almost prohibitive, the maintenance of law and order and the security of life and property uncertain, and ultimate success extremely doubtful. With the Turkish Empire still freely controlling Constantinople such a power would be practically emasculated as far as real power is concerned."

A Washington correspondent of the "Sun and New York Herald," writing under date of April 3, had the following to say regarding the report of the Harbord mission: "Much comment was caused by President Wilson's submission of the document, which comprises thirteen volumes, with many illustrations. There is a general report by Gen. Harbord and supplemental reports by various experts attached to the mission." Continuing the "Sun" correspondent said:

Senator Williams (Miss.) introduced a resolution several months ago giving the President authority to employ the United States military and naval forces to protect Armenia. At the time it was regarded as indicating that the President had undertaken some tentative engagements in that region. A few days ago the Foreign Relations Sub-Committee that had considered it reported the resolution in amended form to the full committee, authorizing the sending of a cruiser and force of marines to protect Batum on the Black Sea and the railroad thence to Baku, and also authorizing the Government to equip an Armenian army.

This report was a surprise, for it indicated a disposition of the Senate committee to concede to the President authority to insert the thin edge of a

wedge aimed at American participation in that region. About the same time the President's note was published dealing with the Turkish settlement, insisting that the Turk should be ejected from Europe and indicating opposition to imperialistic enterprises by the Entente Powers.

It is generally assumed, therefore, that in sending the Harbord report to the Senate the President aims to inform the European Powers of the general attitude of the Washington Government. In this view it is assumed that his transmission of the document in a general way implies the President's approval of its principles and program.

Thus the publication of the report serves the purpose of notifying Europe of the terms on which the United States might consider the mandate, and also of answering the criticisms which the European press and public men have directed lately against this country for not assuming its share of the obligations in settling the Near East. Washington judges that London and Paris will take less interest in pressing an Armenian mandate on the United States when they learn that as a condition of taking it this country would require Constantinople, control of foreign relations of Turkey and complete fiscal control of the old Ottoman Empire, as well as the condition that Powers receiving slices of Turkey, as Mesopotamia and Syria, &c., should assume their proportionate share of the Ottoman indebtedness.

A Senate Sub-Committee on Foreign Relations appointed several months ago to give hearings as to conditions in Armenia filed its report on March 24. It recommended that the American Government supply to the new Republic of Armenia sufficient arms and ammunition "to equip a suitable Armenian army, to maintain tranquility and protect the lives and property of the citizens" of that country. Dispatch of American marines to protect American interests along the railroad from Batum to Baku also was recommended by the sub-committee, of which Senator Harding, Republican, Ohio, was Chairman.

The committee was appointed last fall following the introduction of a resolution by Senator Williams (Mississippi) to authorize the President to send to Armenia such military forces as he might deem necessary to maintain peace. The resolution was introduced Sept. 9. Besides Senator Harding, the members of the sub-committee were Senators New, Republican, Indiana, and Williams, Democrat, Mississippi. The report was unanimous.

The sub-committee's hearings, the report said, "clearly establish the truth of the reported atrocities and massacres from which these unfortunate people have suffered, and impress us deeply that deplorable conditions of insecurity and starvation exist in Armenia to-day."

The report, which was filed with Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, was as follows:

The sub-committee of the Foreign Relations Committee appointed to give hearings relating to conditions in Armenia and to make recommendations relating to becoming action to be taken by the Senate and the Congress of the United States, begs to report that copies of the hearings already held have been placed in the hands of your committee. The hearings clearly establish the truth of the reported atrocities and massacre from which these unfortunate people have suffered, and impress us deeply that deplorable conditions of insecurity and starvation exist in Armenia to-day.

Your committee recommends a suitable resolution by the Senate congratulating the people of Armenia on the recognition by the Peace Council of the independence of the republic of Armenia, without prejudice relating to territorial boundaries involved, and said resolution might express our hope for early stability and the full realization of Armenian aspirations to nationality.

It is further recommended that the executive branch of the United States Government dispatch a warship and a force of marines to the port of Batum, with instructions to land the marines to protect American lives and property at that port and along the railway lines to Baku.

The committee further recommends the passage of the necessary legislation by Congress to authorize and direct the Secretary of War to furnish to the Government of the Armenian republic arms and munitions necessary to equip a suitable Armenian army to maintain tranquility and protect the lives and property of the citizens of the Armenian republic.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ARMENIAN MANDATE DISAPPROVED BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the U. S. Senate on May 27 refused to approve the President's recommendation that Congress vest him with authority to accept a mandate for Armenia in behalf of the United States. By a vote of 11 to 4 the Committee adopted a resolution which Senator Lodge, its chairman, later reported to the Senate, respectfully declining the proposal.

The action of the Committee was not unexpected and its conclusion was reached quickly.

Following the Committee's action, Senator Lodge made a report to the Senate, in which he said:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, having had under consideration the message of the President of the United States of May 24, 1920, report the following resolution, with the request it be adopted:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring) that the Congress hereby respectfully declines to grant to the Executive the power to accept a mandate over Armenia as requested in the message of the President dated May 24, 1920.

In urging immediate adoption of the resolution by the Committee Senator Lodge, it was said, read from the testimony of the representatives of Armenia before the Committee, in which all the Armenians who testified had opposed a mandate. They urged recognition of their

complete independence and asked for financial assistance to enable their country to reestablish herself, Senator Lodge said.

Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, a Republican, introduced the resolution, and when it was voted upon the roll call stood:

For the resolution—Democrat: Shields; Republicans, Lodge, McCumber, Borah, Brandegee, Fall, Knox, Harding, Johnson, New, Moses.

Against the resolution—Democrats: Hitchcock, Pittman, Williams, Smith of Arizona.

Senator Shields, in explanation of his vote for the resolution, was quoted as having said:

It is, I have no doubt, a very attractive proposition to Great Britain, who, wishes a buffer state created in Eastern Asia for the protection of her commerce and her protectorate over and control of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Hedjaz, Persia, and India, and also to the Armenians, who are always soliciting aid in this country and want some other country to fight their battles and feed them. But, as I view it, it is simply monstrous. It is the legitimate and natural offspring of the league of nations and what we would have been compelled to stand for if we had become a member of the league.

If we must have a foreign war why not send an army into Mexico to stabilize that country and protect Americans and their property there? There have been over 500 Americans murdered, many American women horribly treated and hundreds of millions of dollars of American property destroyed there in the last five years.

RESIGNATION OF EUGENE MEYER JR. FROM WAR FINANCE CORPORATION—OPPOSITION TO SUSPENSION OF LOANS IN AID OF EXPORTS.

Eugene Meyer Jr. has tendered his resignation as Director of the War Finance Corporation, effective May 31. His action follows the recent suspension by the Corporation, at the request of Secretary of the Treasury Houston, of further advances in aid of exports, as a result of which, Mr. Meyer says in his letter of resignation, "the work of the Corporation will be confined largely to the closing up of commitments already made and the caring for its assets until such time as it goes into liquidation." In expressing appreciation of Mr. Meyer's services, President Wilson sets out that "the War Finance Corporation, with no precedents to guide it, has efficiently and successfully fulfilled the important mission for which it was created, and credit for the results achieved is attributable in no small degree to your effective leadership and signal service." Mr. Meyer's letter of resignation, tendered on May 17, is as follows:

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury the War Finance Corporation has suspended the making of further advances in aid of exports except pursuant to commitments heretofore made. Some time ago, the Corporation discontinued the exercise of any of its powers with respect to advances to assist industries and enterprises necessary or contributory to the prosecution of the war. As a result of its latest action in terminating further activities for the purpose of assisting in the financing of the foreign trade of the country during the period of readjustment, the work of the Corporation will be confined largely to the closing up of commitments already made and the caring for its assets until such time as it goes into liquidation. Under these circumstances I feel that the time has arrived when I may properly retire, and I therefore respectfully tender my resignation as a director of the War Finance Corporation, effective May 31.

The following is President Wilson's letter of acceptance:

You have served the Government in various important capacities, during the war and since, in a fine spirit of unselfish patriotism. You assisted the War Industries Board, served as a member of the National War Savings Committee, acted as special representative of the Secretary of War in aircraft work, made a special trip to Europe in connection with financial matters during the peace conference, and, finally, you have served as a Director of the War Finance Corporation since its organization or for a period of two years, during more than half of which time you have been the active executive officer of that body in the capacity of Managing Director.

I have known, particularly from the Secretaries of the Treasury with whom you have been associated, of your readiness ever to place your talents and time at the disposal of the Government in the solution of many perplexing problems that have confronted the nation during the last three crowded years. The War Finance Corporation, with no precedents to guide it, has efficiently and successfully fulfilled the important mission for which it was created, and credit for the results achieved is attributable in no small degree to your effective leadership and signal service. I cannot permit the occasion of your resignation to pass without expressing my deep appreciation of the notable and loyal service you have rendered to your country, with the single aim of performing the duties of a patriotic American.

The intention to discontinue further loans by the War Finance Corporation in the interest of foreign trade was noted in our issue of May 15, page 2036. Their suspension was disapproved of by some of the members of the Corporation, according to information from the Washington Bureau of the "Journal of Commerce," published as follows in the May 14 issue of that paper:

Opposition to the action of Secretary of the Treasury Houston in ordering the suspension of advances to American exporting interests by the War Finance Corporation has developed within the ranks of Treasury officials. Protests from other sources also are possible, it is believed, as soon as the effect of the Secretary's action is felt, even to the limited extent to which advances thus far have been made by the Corporation for the financing of export operations.

A sharp difference of opinion continues to exist within the official personnel of the Treasury Department as to the wisdom of the Secretary's action. The cleavage of opinion of the two schools of thought has become perceptible despite the earnest efforts of certain members of the War Finance Corporation to reconcile themselves to the Secretary's viewpoint.

May Hurt Exports.

Most members of the War Finance Corporation, it is known, while accepting the Secretary's order as final in the matter of advances for export purposes by that agency, nevertheless believe that the act will have a serious effect upon the development of the country's export business. While the Secretary's order is supreme, the private opinion of War Finance Corporation members as to the harm to be worked by the suspension of loans by the Corporation has not been changed by the logic of the officials' step.

Frankly, officials of the War Finance Corporation cannot arrive at the same conclusion reached by Secretary Houston that the agency should suspend loan operations and reduce its activity as a part of the Government's war machinery. While it was admitted that the cessation of export loans would be helpful from the viewpoint of improving Treasury conditions, it is not believed that the step is worth the sacrifice of a possible loss of foreign business to American export interests, resulting from the inability of exporters to obtain Government financial aid, unavailable at other sources.

Further, certain members of the War Finance Corporation cannot accept the view of Secretary Houston as accurate that the Corporation should suspend operations by reason of its character derived from its war-time functions. When the War Finance Corporation was created by Congress it was expressly provided that it should assist business and agencies in activities for the successful prosecution of the war.

A later Act by Congress, however, utterly transferred the character of the War Finance Corporation and designated it as an agency to function during the reconstruction period. The effect of the Congressional act was to transform the Corporation from a war agency to that of a peace agency, it was said.

The authority vested in the Corporation to issue \$1,000,000,000 in bonds to finance exports until such time as funds could be obtained elsewhere by export interests was thought to be ample proof of the intention of Congress to set up new facilities for the furtherance of foreign trade in this country. Therefore, officials of the War Finance Corporation find it difficult to understand why Secretary Houston has taken his action so construed as against the intention of Congress to order the cessation of export loans by the Corporation.

Secretary Houston explains his reasons for ordering the discontinuance of export loans by the War Finance Corporation as those of necessity. After all merits of both sides of the question have been reviewed, it was said, what ever loans are made by the Corporation, resolves itself into the process whereby the Government must go into the money market for its funds at high interest rates, and then lend the money to export interests at a low figure. The continuation of this process would result in a constant accumulation of loss to the Government.

Further defending his action, Secretary Houston pointed out that the \$1,000,000,000 bond authority voted by Congress to the Corporation was for the purpose of aiding exporters and not the relieving of European conditions as its real object. Therefore, those persons who oppose the Secretary's action are referred to the words of the amendment to the act creating the corporation. The Treasury Department, it was reminded, has made its position clear as to the extension of Government credits to finance European purchases in this country.

The objections of those members of the War Finance Corporation who oppose the Secretary's step are based on fears that the Treasury Department has been premature in withdrawing the aid of the War Finance Corporation from exporters. Despite the assertion of the Secretary, they said, that foreign trade of the country continues to increase without the extension of Government financial aid, it is believed that some governmental facilities should be provided which could be used by exporters in case of emergency when other sources of relief have failed.

It also is believed that the advances of the War Finance Corporation should be continued until the new facilities created to finance foreign trade have been tried and found successful. As yet it was said, the foreign banking corporation authorized under the Edge Act have not begun operations on the scale contemplated by the act.

While loans made by the War Finance Corporation to exporters to date have not reached an impressive total, it was said that a way was open to exporters to obtain funds for emergency purposes. Some sense of confidence is imparted to those business interests by the fact that the War Finance Corporation was authorized to extend aid when actually needed.

Other officials of the Treasury Department are disposed to take a broad view and, although recognizing merit in the arguments of the two opinions, hold that the order suspending export loans be continued because of its good effect upon the condition of the country's finances. In this case, it is said, the need of export business interests for occasional Government aid must yield to the greater needs of Government for more satisfactory financial conditions.

R. C. LEFFINGWELL OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT OPPOSES ACCEPTANCE OF LIBERTY BONDS FOR TAXES.

Opposition to a proposal for the acceptance of Liberty bonds in payment of Federal taxes has been registered by R. C. Leffingwell, who recently resigned as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Leffingwell's objections are set forth in a letter under date of May 10 to a correspondent whose name has not been made public. The letter was given to the press by the Treasury Department for publication May 22. To accept payment of even 10% of the taxes in Liberty bonds, Mr. Leffingwell said, "would add to the Government's financial burdens and the difference would have to be made up by additions to floating debt, an operation which could not in the end benefit the outstanding bonds." If, he says, "we are to reach promptly a sound economic position, the people's taxes and other current outgo should be met out of their current income. To accept the Government's funded war debt in payment of current taxes would be a step towards further undoing the work of the Liberty Loan organization in seeking out permanent investment from savings." The letter in full is as follows:

May 10, 1920.

My Dear Sir—I received your letter of May 7th.

I think it would be a mistake to accept Liberty Bonds in payment of any part of the Federal taxes for 1921 except estate taxes. The Government's necessities are so urgent that the whole amount of its revenues must be applied to meet its current disbursements including, if possible,

the reduction of its floating debt. To accept payment of even 10% of the taxes in Liberty Bonds would add to the Government's financial burdens and the difference would have to be made up by additions to floating debt, an operation which could not in the end benefit the outstanding bonds. After all, the thing which will most benefit the market for Liberty Bonds is the retirement of the floating debt. The suggestion which has been made to you would reverse this process and in effect convert funded debt into floating debt.

I may add that Liberty Bonds are widely distributed among persons of small means, who are not themselves heavy taxpayers, and are not so largely held by corporations and persons of great wealth. A provision at this time permitting them to be accepted in payment of taxes would under these circumstances result in making it possible for corporations and wealthy persons to reduce the amount of their taxes by buying Liberty Bonds in the market at a discount and turning them in to the Government at a profit. It would not correspondingly benefit the great majority of holders of Liberty Bonds.

The effort in the Liberty Loan campaigns and since has been to reach the savings of the people and place the Government's war debt in the hands of millions who would become to that extent capitalists and permanent investors. If we are to reach promptly a sound economic position, the people's taxes and other current outgo should be met out of their current income. To accept the Government's funded war debt in payment of current taxes would be a step towards further undoing the work of the Liberty Loan Organization in seeking out funds for permanent investment from savings. This objection does not lie against the acceptance of Liberty Bonds in payment of estate taxes which, economically speaking are capital taxes, but to accept Liberty Bonds which are or should be a capital investment in payment of an income tax would be a mistake. The present depreciation of Liberty Bonds is largely due to the reaction which our people underwent after armistice day and the tendency to treat them as spending money for current purposes. This is a tendency which the Government should discourage, not encourage.

It is a matter of the utmost importance for our future welfare that the Government should exercise the most rigid economy and retire the war debt with the utmost rapidity. The proper course, however, to be pursued in that respect is to retire first the debt of shortest maturity. This in the long run will benefit most the holders of the Liberty Bonds of longer maturity because they will be relieved of apprehension of further financing to meet the floating debt and earlier maturing funded debt. I hope very much that as a result of rigid economy in Government expenditure, the maintenance of adequate revenue from taxation and the prompt salvaging of disposable war assets it will be possible within the next two years to retire the bulk of the floating debt (Treasury Certificates) and to apply taxes due during the year before their maturity to the payment of the Victory Notes which mature in May, 1923. The adoption of such a course will do more to bring Liberty Bonds to par or better than anything else that can be done. In the long run their holders would only be injured by the reverse process of retiring the bonds of longer maturity before the floating debt and the short-dated Victory Notes have been gotten out of the way.

For these reasons I believe that the suggestion which has been made to you would be undesirable in every way.

Sincerely yours,

R. C. LEFFINGWELL.

[Signed]

CONVENTION OF FINANCIAL ADVERTISERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Financial Advertisers' Association, a department of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, under direction of F. D. Conner of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, Chairman of the Program Committee, Financial Division, A. A. C. of W.—has secured a corps of specialists on financial advertising for the Indianapolis convention June 6 to 10. This important department of the Associated Clubs has taken for its program the practical working out of an advertising campaign for a typical bank. First will come discussions of "Why" advertise, followed by the actual preparation of a campaign, step by step.

For the first time in the history of any convention, it is stated, representatives of the various media which banks use, have been invited to address the convention and "sell" the audience. These fifteen-minute talks by a representative of newspapers, of direct-by-mail, of street cars, of trade papers and of outdoor advertising, will be followed by a general discussion. An interesting art exhibit, illustrating financial advertising, will be presented. Among the speakers are William P. Green, John G. Lonsdale, President National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis; Everett P. Currier, H. M. Cottrell, Little Rock, Ark., agriculturist, Edwin T. Meredith, Secretary of United States Department of Agriculture, and Charles A. Otis, of Otis & Co., Cleveland. A feature of the program will be the five-minute talks by twelve financial advertising experts under the general heading, "My one best bet," and at the conclusion of these talks the audience will vote on the most helpful one, an award being made the speaker accordingly. This award is a cup donated by Fred W. Ellsworth, Vice-President Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, President of the Financial Advertisers' Association.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Ten shares of bank stock were sold at auction this week and no sales were made at the Stock Exchange. No trust company stocks were sold. The sale this week of 10 shares of East River National Bank stock at 175 was the first public transaction in the stock since September 1917, when the price was only 70. Since that time the bank's capital has

been increased (in February 1919) from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, and the controlling interest has changed hands.

Shares.	BANK—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
10	East River-National Bank	175	175	175	Sept. 1917— 70

Contrary to the general expectation, to-day (Saturday) will not be a holiday on the New York Stock Exchange. A petition to close to-day, so that a three-day holiday might be availed of (Memorial Day, May 30, will be observed on Monday) was denied by the Governors of the Exchange on May 26. The request is said to have been signed by 400 or more members. The Chicago Stock Exchange is to be closed to-day in addition to Monday.

Paul M. Warburg, formerly Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, will leave for a trip to Europe next Tuesday.

Plans looking to the merger of the Chemical National Bank and the Citizens National Bank of this city were ratified by the stockholders of both institutions at meetings held on May 25. The consolidation becomes effective at the close of business to-day (May 29). It is to take place under the name of the Chemical National, which has increased its capital from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000. The officers of the merged institution under the merger plans are as follows: Herbert K. Twitchell, Chairman of the Board; Percy H. Johnston, President, and Edwin S. Schenck, First Vice-President. Edward H. Smith, previously Cashier of the Chemical, has been elected Vice-President, effective to-day. All other officers of the respective institutions will hold similar positions to those held by them with the consolidating banks. References to these merger plans appeared in these columns March 20 and May 1.

Announcement is made of the purchase by the Columbia Trust Co. of this city of a three-story building, the Hawthorne Building, at 151 and 153 West 125th St. Upon the completion of alterations planned, the Trust Co. will use the first and second floors as banking space for its Harlem branch, now located at Lenox Ave. and 125th St.

At the 27th annual meeting of the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, held at Lake Mohonk, New York, on May 27, John J. Pulleyn, President of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, New York City, was elected President of the Association for the coming year. Mr. Pulleyn succeeds Samuel H. Beach of Rome, N. Y., who had held the position of President for two years and who declined the nomination this year on account of ill health. The various Presidents of the five groups of savings banks in the State automatically became Vice-Presidents of the Association, as the result of an amendment to the by-laws. These new Vice-Presidents will elect the other officers.

Purchase of the Dreier residence at 6 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn, to be made into a clubhouse, was announced yesterday by the City Bank Club, the organization of the staffs of the National City Bank, the National City Co. and the International Banking Corporation. Some fifty men from the club will make their homes at the clubhouse, which also will be a social and recreational centre for the entire organization of some 3,000 members. The property is to be remodelled and done over for this purpose. The rates at the clubhouse will be \$50 per month, which will include a room and two meals a day. The house will be run on a cost basis and is expected to maintain itself. It will be used for temporary accommodation, in addition, of some members of the College Training Class, which is conducted at the bank each year. These young men are selected from many American colleges to enter the foreign service of the bank.

At a meeting of the directors of the French-American Banking Corporation, held on May 19, Harry B. Thayer resigned. Charles G. DuBois, President of the Western Electric Co., was elected a director in his place.

The Banque Industrielle de Chine, head office Paris, and which has branches in Europe, China, Indo-China, Straits Settlements, Japan, Siberia, Manchuria and the United States, announces the opening on May 26 of a branch of the bank at 27 Pine Street in this city. G. J. Thomen is the New York agent of the bank, which has a capital of 150,000,000 francs and deposits in excess of 600,000,000 francs.

Mr. Thomen was one of the founders of Redmond & Co., whose foreign exchange business has been taken over by the bank. The Banque Industrielle de Chine was organized in 1913. Its central office is in Peking, China.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announced on May 27 the appointment of James Nicholson Chrystie as Auditor of its Paris office, and of Charles S. France and Edward F. Paulu as Auditor and Assistant Auditor, respectively, of its Brussels office.

The Foreign Credit Corp., which since its organization last September, has occupied temporary offices at 37 Liberty St., N. Y., has leased the ground floor banking space at 30 Pine St. and expects to move to the latter address about June 10.

The Irving National Bank of this city has issued a pamphlet entitled "Co-operation with the Farmer Needed to Steady the Nation's Business." This is a reprint of a recent address delivered by Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the board. This pamphlet is the thirty-eighth of a series published by the Irving National Bank as a contribution to public thought upon questions relating to national prosperity.

The Fifth National Bank, corner of 23d St. and Lexington Ave., this city, has more than tripled its deposits during the past seven years since the present executive, Edward E. Watts, became identified with the bank. At the last bank call, May 4, the deposits were \$13,810,295, which compares with \$4,276,287 Feb. 4 1913, seven years ago. The institution recently increased its capital from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 and surplus from \$250,000 to \$500,000. On May 4 undivided profits were \$120,519 and aggregate resources \$19,832,756. The bank has increased the office accommodation and also the official personnel to handle its growing business.

A revised ownership certificate guide for use in the preparation of income tax ownership certificates which are required to be attached to dividend coupons or checks of non-resident foreign corporations and interest coupons of corporations and foreign governments, has been issued by the National Bank of Commerce in New York. The guide reduces to tabular form the revised provisions of the income tax regulations regarding the collection of coupons. The form of ownership certificate required in each case and the manner in which it is to be filled out are shown at a glance. There are ten different classifications of owners and more than thirty different ways for filling in the ownership certificate returns, depending upon whether the bonds contain a tax-free clause and whether they are issues of domestic or foreign corporations or foreign governments. The guide simplifies the work of filling out the certificates in all instances.

Important additions to the staff of the Guaranty Trust Co.'s Fifth Avenue office, which moved to its new quarters at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Forty-fourth Street last Monday, have been announced. They include the appointment of the following officers: James E. Switzer, Assistant Treasurer, who will have charge of the new business activities; E. M. Hoffman, Assistant Manager of the Foreign Department, who will have charge of all matters relating to Foreign Trade, and other business of that nature; E. P. Tate, Assistant Treasurer, who will be occupied in the service work of the branch.

At a meeting of the directors of the Peoples Trust Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 19, M. S. Sloan, President of the Brooklyn Edison Co., was elected a member of the board to succeed George W. Davison, President of the Central Union Trust Co.

The directors of the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse, N. Y., have elected Albert B. Merrill Treasurer of the bank to succeed William A. Boyd, who, as we have previously announced, resigned to accept the office of First Vice-President of the First National Bank of Ithaca, N. Y. Mr. Merrill had been Assistant Secretary and Manager of the Investment Department. Eugene A. Tholens, Assistant Treasurer of the First Trust & Deposit Co., was made Assistant Secretary, and Roy W. Bell, Assistant Trust Officer, was also made Assistant Secretary. Joseph W. Dawson was made a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William S. Landon.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Springfield, Mass., on May 14, George H. Kemater, previously Vice-President of the institution, was elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. A. Lincoln. Harry L. Bradley, Treasurer, was made Vice-President and Treasurer, and Edward Kronvall, Assistant Treasurer and Trust Officer, was made Vice-President and Trust Officer. The two latter have also been elected directors of the company. Mr. Kemater has been associated with the Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co. since its opening in 1886. He began his banking career in 1880, when he became clerk in the Chapin National Bank. Prior to becoming Treasurer of the Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Mr. Bradley had been Cashier of the Hampden National Bank of Westfield. He is also a director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kronvall entered the employ of the bank at the time of the absorption of the Hampden Trust Co. by the Union Trust Co. in 1909.

At a meeting of the directors of the Union Trust Co. of Springfield, Mass., on May 18, B. L. Bragg, Jr., and Raymond Burt were elected Assistant Secretaries, and Harris A. Colwell and Roy C. Chapin were elected Assistant Treasurers.

The Peoples Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., capital and surplus \$9,000,000, has purchased control of the East End Savings & Trust Co., capital and surplus \$350,000. As a result of this purchase, Benjamin Thaw and J. O. Miller, both directors of the Peoples Savings & Trust Co. were elected President and Vice-President, respectively, of the East End Savings & Trust Co. which continues its separate existence. J. H. Hillmann, Jr., and J. M. Shields, directors of the Peoples, and Frank G. Love, were elected directors of the East End institution. Mr. Miller is also Vice-President of the Peoples.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Garfield Savings Bank Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, on May 10, the proposal to increase the capital from \$500,000 to \$600,000 was ratified. It was decided to offer the additional stock to stockholders of record May 29 at \$150 per share, the par value being \$100. Payments are to be made on or before June 30. Reference to the proposed increase was made in our issue of April 24.

The Ohio National Bank of Columbus, O., has increased its capital from \$400,000 to \$600,000. The new stock (par \$100) was sold at \$250 per share. The increase was authorized by the stockholders on Jan. 13 and was made effective May 19 1920.

The Greenville National Bank of Greenville, O., has issued \$150,000 of new stock, thus increasing its capital from \$100,000 to \$250,000. In enlarging its capital by \$150,000 the bank declared a dividend to stockholders of \$100,000 and sold \$50,000 of stock at \$200 per share. The proposal to increase the capital was ratified by the stockholders on May 8 and the new amount became effective May 19.

The sum of \$100,000 has been added to the capital of the Farmers Trust Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., thereby increasing it to \$200,000. As payment for the additional capital a dividend of \$100,000 was declared by the directors of the bank. Besides increasing the capital, the surplus account has been raised to \$141,000. The increased capital became effective April 15, the date on which it was authorized by the stockholders.

At a special meeting of stockholders of the State Bank of Chicago on May 25 the capital stock of the bank was increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000, the additional capital to be issued as a stock dividend to stockholders of record at the close of business June 15 1920. After the new stock has been issued the bank will have a capital of \$2,500,000 and surplus of \$3,500,000. The bank is paying dividends at the rate of 20% a year.

At the regular monthly directors' meeting of the First National Bank, Chicago, six Assistant Cashiers were appointed Assistant Vice-Presidents. The appointees are H. H. Heine, G. H. Dunscomb, J. B. Forgan, Jr., J. P. McManus, A. N. Cordell and H. A. Anderson. The change in title is

made to conform more closely with the official duties of the men.

Louis K. Boysen was made Manager of the real estate loan department of the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

The Montana Bankers' Association will hold its annual convention in Butte, Mont., on Aug. 6 and 7. An attractive program has been arranged for this meeting, which promises to be the largest and best ever held by the Association.

E. P. Ellison, formerly Vice-President of the First National Bank of Layton, Utah, has been elected President of the Pingree National Bank of Ogden, Utah, to succeed James Pingree, who has resigned. Mr. Pingree has also resigned as President of the National City Bank of Salt Lake City. Mr. Ellison also succeeds Mr. Pingree as President of the First National Bank of Layton, Utah. He is also a Vice-President of the National City Bank of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The capital of the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been increased (effective May 1) from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000; the proposal was ratified by the stockholders on March 9. The additional stock (par \$100) has been disposed of on a basis of \$170 per share, the surplus as a result being raised to \$1,000,000. Out of the latter a special dividend was declared to enable the purchase of the stock of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank for the benefit of the shareholders of the Hamilton National. As noted in our issue of Feb. 28, the latter has a capital of \$250,000 and a surplus and undivided profits of \$225,000. With regard to the common ownership which has been effected an announcement made by the joint interests on May 14 said:

The first step necessary to join the Hamilton National Bank and the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank in common ownership was for the Hamilton National Bank to increase its capital to \$1,500,000 and its surplus and profits to \$1,000,000. From this surplus extra dividends will be taken from time to time and placed in the hands of five trustees, T. R. Preston, G. H. Miller, John Stagnaler, C. M. Preston and F. L. Underwood, this to be used in purchasing the entire capital stock of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank, the consideration being \$425,000.

The practical way of joining together the two banks in common ownership was by each shareholder of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank exchanging his stock in that bank for a like number of shares in the Hamilton National Bank, after the book value of the stock of the two banks having been adjusted by an extra dividend to the shareholders of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank.

Each certificate of stock in the Hamilton National Bank will in the future carry with it a proportionate interest in the stock of the Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank, and each stockholder will own exactly the same proportion of stock in each bank.

There will be no change in the board of directors or in the officers or in the location of either of the banks. The Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank will maintain its identity just as heretofore, with its principal office on the corner of Main and Market streets, with a branch at Rossville, Ga.

Several important changes occurred in the staff of the Hamilton National at a meeting of the board on May 5. J. B. F. Lowry, heretofore Cashier, was made active Vice-President; S. A. Strauss, Assistant Cashier, was elected to succeed Mr. Lowry as Cashier; E. B. Shadden, Auditor, was made Assistant Cashier and Auditor; W. E. Harrell, Discount Teller, and D. B. Harris, Teller, were made Assistant Cashiers; Miss Lulu A. Strain, heretofore Secretary to the President, was made Secretary to the board of directors, and L. B. Lockwood was made Manager of the bond department.

The Georgia National Bank of Albany, Ga., has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000, this increase having been deemed necessary to keep pace with the large growth of its business. Since 1911, without consolidation or merger of any kind, the bank's deposits have increased from \$167,000 to \$1,300,000. In addition to its capital of \$200,000 the bank has surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$150,000, making a total of \$350,000. In this respect it is claimed, it is the largest financial institution in Albany. The new capital became effective May 12 the plans to increase the capital were ratified by the stockholders on Jan. 13; the additional stock was disposed of at \$150 per \$100 share to those who were already shareholders of the bank.

A charter has been issued by the Comptroller of the Currency for the National Bank of Harrisonburg, Va., with a capital of \$150,000. The new institution is a conversion of the Peoples Bank of Harrisonburg, Inc. It began business as a national bank on May 1. The officers of the bank are: J. E. Reherd, President; W. H. Cunningham and J. O. Stickle, Vice-Presidents; Thos. P. Beery, Vice-President and

Cashier; C. D. Beard and S. J. Prichard, Assistant Cashiers.

The board of directors of the Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Louisiana has adopted and recommended to the stockholders an increase in the capitalization from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000. This increase in capitalization became necessary as a result of the expanding business, as well as from a realization of the opportunity for other business which may be obtained through increased facilities. The deposits of the bank are over \$7,000,000 and the capital \$400,000 with a surplus of \$300,000. It is the purpose to declare a stock dividend of 2,000 shares out of the surplus to the present 4,000 shareholders, who also will be allowed to subscribe for 2,000 shares of the new stock at \$125. The remaining 2,000 shares of the proposed 6,000 new issues will, under the direction of the board, be sold and distributed among prospective customers of the bank. These 2,000 shares are to be sold at \$175 per share. The bank also plans to establish two branches, one opposite the Tremé Market on Orleans Street, which should be in readiness by the first of September, and the other in the vicinity of the French market.

The State Bank & Trust Co. of Houston, Texas., has increased its capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000, effective May 3. The institution had \$75,000 surplus and undivided profits and it assessed the stockholders 25% of the \$100,000 capital and then issued a stock dividend of 100%. Under date of the 18th inst. we are advised that there is no stock for sale at the present time, and that the market value is \$125 to \$130 per share. The deposits of the institution on May 4 were \$2,188,978; its resources on that date were reported as \$2,411,358.

Houston Land & Trust Co. of Houston, Texas, has increased its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Its surplus and undivided profits are \$350,000. The new stock was disposed of to the stockholders of record at \$100 per share, its par value. In addition to its trust, real estate and safe deposit business, it will hereafter conduct a commercial banking and savings department. Its charter was amended on April 23 1920.

The City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas (capital \$400,000) and the National Bank of Commerce of that city (capital \$300,000) have been consolidated under the charter of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls and under the corporate title of the City National Bank of Commerce of Wichita Falls, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The consolidation became effective May 3. Besides its capital of \$1,000,000 the institution formed through the merger has surplus and profits of \$867,488. Its deposits are reported as \$19,233,886, while its resources are given as \$23,854,999. The officers are J. A. Kemp, President; C. W. Snider, C. W. Reid, W. L. Robertson and C. E. Basham, Vice-Presidents, and R. E. Shepherd, Cashier.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco on April 28 R. M. Sims, formerly trust officer, was made a Vice-President and Director. All the other officers of the bank were re-elected.

The Bank of Montreal statement for the six months to April 30 is a particularly reassuring document. During the past year the banks, along with the industries of the country, have been readjusting their business from war to peace conditions. On account of the strong position it has maintained the Bank of Montreal has been able to take care of a very large proportion of the expanding business of the Dominion and as a result it reports an increase for the year of \$70,000,000 in current loans to Canadian manufacturers and municipalities. As compared with a year ago there is a marked expansion in all departments and as a result total assets now stand at \$571,150,138, against \$489,271,197 a year ago. Of the total assets liquid assets amount to \$302,821,820, against \$293,980,708 last year, while total current loans and loans to cities, &c., have gained to \$253,637,259, compared with \$183,668,838, an increase of \$69,968,421. Both classes of deposits have shown steady advances during the year and deposits not bearing interest now stand at \$157,790,000, against \$124,736,000 a year ago, while deposits bearing interest have now reached a total of \$312,317,174, up from \$268,167,111. This represents a gain in total deposits for the year of approximately \$77,000,000.

The profit and loss account shows a slight gain as compared with the corresponding period in the previous year. Net profits for the six months to April 30 amounted to \$1,803,585, as compared with \$1,751,237 in the corresponding period last year. After the payment of dividends and making reservation for bank premises and war tax, the balance carried forward totaled \$2,090,440, against \$1,661,614 at the end of April a year ago. Throughout the unprecedented conditions of the war period the Bank of Montreal was reported to be following a very conservative policy, in order to prepare for any conditions which might arise during the period of readjustment.

Sir James Bell, Bart., C.B. (Chairman of the Clydesdale Bank, Ltd.), and John Henderson, Esq. (director and General Manager of that bank), have been appointed directors of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.; and the Right Hon. R. McKenna (Chairman of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.), and Samuel B. Murray, Esq. (Joint Managing Director of that bank), have been appointed directors of the Clydesdale Bank, Ltd.

The Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Credit Suisse, of Zurich, has just issued its balance sheet for Dec. 31 1919, showing total assets of 906,118,808 francs, of which 291,963,610 francs represent cash and in bank; other items making up the assets are: Bills, 110,400,284 francs; loans, 21,143,366 francs; securities, syndicates, participations, 35,950,114 francs; current accounts, 435,251,432 francs, and bank premises, 11,410,001 francs. The liabilities of customers for guarantees are given as 37,283,887 03 francs. The current accounts are reported as 529,269,169 francs; the small deposit accounts amount to 51,853,550 francs, while the long-term deposits and bonds total 134,529,776 francs. The bank also reports bills payable of 51,442,013 francs. The net profits of the bank for 1919 were 9,024,300 francs. It has a capital of 100,000,000 francs and reserve funds of 30,000,000 francs. The institution was established in 1856. It has offices at Basle, Berne, Frauenfeld, Geneva, Glaris, Kreuzlingen, Lugano, Lucerne, Neuchatel, St. Gall, Horgen, Oerlikon, Romanshorn and Weinfelden. The following are Joint General Managers: E. Gross, A. Johr, R. G. Bind-schedler, F. Autenrieth and W. Fessler.

The balance sheet of the Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd., as of Dec. 31 1919, which was presented at the recently held annual meeting of the stockholders in London, showed a balance of profits for the year, including £199,183, 17s. 6d., brought forward as of Dec. 31 1918, of £833,258 10s. 1d. Out of this amount there was paid an interim dividend at the rate of 14% for the half year ended June 30 last amounting to £109,375, leaving a balance of £723,883 10s. 1d. After deducting £109,375, representing another dividend payment at the rate of 14% and after making various other deductions there was carried to the new account £110,446. The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 also showed total assets and liabilities of £70,155,611. Included in the assets was the total cash account of £10,097,103. Herbert G. Hoey, Chairman, in his address to the stockholders stated that the investments of the bank had increased from £4,170,981 to £4,683,190. He also informed the shareholders that since the last meeting 116 new branches, sub-branches and agencies had been opened in Africa and 17 agencies converted into branches or sub-branches. In addition a branch has been established at Amsterdam.

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,	May 22.	May 24.	May 25.	May 26.	May 27.	May 28.
Week ending May 28.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.	d. 59 1/4	Holiday	59 1/4	59 3/4	59 3/4	57 1/2
Gold, per fine oz.	108s. 2d.		107s. 2d.	107s. 2d.	106s. 6d.	105s. 8d.
Consols, 2 1/2 per cents.		Holiday		47 1/4	48	47 1/4
British, 5 per cents.		Holiday		86	86 1/4	86 1/4
British, 4 1/2 per cents.		Holiday		77 1/2	77 3/4	77 3/4
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.						59.70
French War Loan (in Paris) fr.						87.85

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. 100 1/4 101 102 102 1/4 102 100

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

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

Table listing shares and bonds with prices per share and per cent. Includes items like 10 East River National Bank, 110 Chrome & Asbestos Mines, Ltd., etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing shares and stocks with prices per share. Includes items like 10 Mass. Cotton Mills, 5 U. S. Worsted, 2d pref., etc.

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

Table listing shares and stocks with prices per share. Includes items like 13 Nat. Shawmut Bank, 2 Merchants Nat. Bank, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing shares and stocks with prices per share. Includes items like 5 Market St. Nat. Bank, 203 1/2 Am. Manganese Mfg., pref., etc.

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

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table listing conversions of state banks and trust companies, original organizations, and capital stock increased. Includes items like The First National Bank of Menasha, Minn., etc.

CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED.

Table listing capital stock increases for various banks. Includes items like The Fayette County Nat. Bank of West Union, Ia., etc.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

The Santa Barbara County National Bank, Santa Barbara, Calif., to County National Bank & Trust Company of Santa Barbara.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

The Emporia National Bank, Emporia, Kans. Capital, \$200,000. To take effect May 15 1920. Liquidating committee: L. Jay Buck, W. C. Hughes and H. E. Peach.

APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTERS.

Table listing original organizations and their capital. Includes items like The First National Bank of Kremmling, Colo., The Vernon National Bank, Vernon, Texas, etc.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending May 20 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1919, show an increase in the aggregate of 32.3%.

Table showing Canadian bank clearings for 1920, 1919, 1918, and 1917. Includes columns for Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

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 Miscellaneous. Includes 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.	
Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued)				
American Multigraph, common (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Goodrich (B. F.) Co., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 16	Holders of rec. Aug. 5a	
Common (extra)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21a	
Common (payable in common stock)	7/20	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Goodyear Tire & Rubber, common (quar.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	
Amer. Power & Light, com (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 19	Guantanamo Sugar (quar.)	\$1.25	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	
American Radiator, common (quar.)	\$1	June 30	June 22 to June 30	Extra	\$5	July 1	Holders of rec. June 22	
Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	*7/50	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30	Guffey-Gillespie Oil, preferred	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 22	
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 30	Hackensack Water, com. & pref. (quar.)	1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22	
American Smelting & Refin., com. (quar.)	1	June 15	May 22 to May 30	Harbison-Walker Refrac., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	May 15 to May 23	Common (payable in common stock)	5/50	July 15	Holders of rec. July 5a	
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (in com. stk.)	7/32	May 29	Holders of rec. May 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 19	
American Stores, common (quar.)	\$1	July 1	June 20 to July 1	Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a	
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	June 20 to July 1	Hartman Corporation (quar.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	
Amer. Sugar Refg., com & pref (qu)	1 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a	Haskell & Barker Car (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	
Common (extra)	1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 1a	Hupp Motor Car, preferred (quar.)	7/50	May 31	Holders of rec. May 25	
Common and preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Independent Brewing, pref. (quar.)	87 1/2	May 29	*Holders of rec. May 18	
Common (extra)	1/2	Oct. 2	Holders of rec. Sept. 1a	Inland Steel (quar.)	*7/50	June 10	*Holders of rec. May 10	
American Sumatra Tobacco, preferred	3 1/2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a	Internat. Agric. Chemical, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a	
American Telegraph & Cable (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Internat. Cotton Mills, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17	
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 19a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17	
Amer. Tobacco, com. (in Class B com.)	\$75	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a	International Harvester, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a	
American Tobacco, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. June 1	Internal Motor Truck, 1st & 2d pref.	\$2.33	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	
Arkansas Natural Gas, pref. (No. 1)	*3/20	May 29	*Holders of rec. April 9	Kennecott Copper Corp. (quar.)	25c	June 30	Holders of rec. June 1a	
Art Metal Construction, special	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 3a	Capital distribution	25c	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15	
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 3a	Keystone Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	30c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 3a	Kresge (S. S.) Co., common	*2 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	
Atlantic Gulf & W. I. S. S. Lines, com.	*5	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. May 30	La Belle Iron Works, com. (quar.)	*2 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 18	
Atlantic Refining, common (quar.)	5	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 10	
Atlas Powder, common (quar.)	3	June 10	May 30 to June 9	Lackawanna Steel, com. (quar.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22	
A. T. Securities (quar.)	\$1.25	June 5	Holders of rec. May 18a	Lake of the Woods Milling, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 22	
Baldwin Locomotive Works, com. & pref.	*3 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 5	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 22	
Bethlehem Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Lancaster Mills, common	5	June 1	Holders of rec. May 26	
Common B. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Lanston Monotype Machine (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 31	*Holders of rec. May 21	
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Lee Rubber & Tire (quar.)	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	
Eight per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Lehigh Coal & Navigation (quar.)	\$1	May 29	Holders of rec. April 30a	
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec., common	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22a	Lehigh Valley Coal Sales (quar.)	*2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 17	
Preferred	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 22a	Libby, McNeill & Libby	50c	July 1	June 6 to July 11	
Booth Fisheries, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 12	Libby, McNeill & Libby (in stock)	*6/50	Aug. 14	*Holders of rec. June 5	
Borden Company, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	Liggett & Myers Tobacco, com. (quar.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a	
Brer IHI Steel, com. (in com. stock)	*2/20	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	Common B. (quar.)	3	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a	
British-American Chem., com. (quar.)	*2 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 10	Liggett & Myers Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. May 31	
Preferred (quar.)	*2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 10	Lindsay Light, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. May 31	
Brit.-Amer Tobacco (ordinary Interim)	5	June 30	Holders of coup. No. 81m	Ludlow Manufacturing Associates (qu.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1	
Brooklyn Edison (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	Special	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1	
Brown Shoe, Inc., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Mackay Companies, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a	
Common (payable in common stock)	7/33 1-3	July 1	Holders of rec. May 19	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a	
Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	*2	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 1	Mahoning Investment (quar.)	\$1.50	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21	
California Packing Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a	Manat Sugar, common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a	
Calumet & Arizona Mining (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a	Manhattan Shirt, common (quar.)	43 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	
Cambria Steel (quar.)	75c	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a	Martin-Parry Corporation (quar.)	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a	
Extra	50c	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Massachusetts Gas Companies, pref.	2	June 1	May 1 to May 31	
Canada Steamship Lines, common	1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 19	May Department Stores, com. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a	
Carbo-Hydrogen Co., pref. (qu.)	*8 1/2	July 30	*Holders of rec. July 26a	Common (quar.)	2	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 16a	
Carrington Steel, 2d preferred	6	July 1	Holders of rec. June 14	Common (payable in common stock)	7/33 1-3	-----	Holders of rec. Aug. 25a	
Case (J. I.) Thresh. Machine, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 14	Mergenthaler Linotype (quar.)	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 5a	
Central Leather, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10	Merrimack Mfg., com. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. April 27	
Cerro de Pasco Copper (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a	Michigan Drop Forge, com. (monthly)	*25c	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	
Chandler Motor Car (payable in stock)	633 1-3	June 10	Holders of rec. June 1	Common (extra)	*50c	June 1	*Holders of rec. June 10a	
Chandler Motor (quar.)	\$2.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Middle States Oil Corporation (quar.)	40c	July 10	Holders of rec. June 14a	
Chesbrough Mfg., common (quar.)	*3 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 12	Middle States Oil Corp. (in stock)	650	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 12	M-I Factors Corp., class A & B (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a	
Chicago Telephone (quar.)	*2	June 30	*Holders of rec. June 29	Minnesota Flour, first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a	
Childs Co., common (quar.)	2	June 10	May 29 to June 10	Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 18a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 10	May 29 to June 10	Montgomery Ward & Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	
Cities Service	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Class A (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	
Common and preferred (monthly)	*1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Montana Power, common (quar.)	3/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 14	
Common (payable in common stock)	*7/13 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 14	
Preferred B. (monthly)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	Montreal Cottons, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	
Common and preferred (monthly)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	
Common (payable in common stock)	*7/13 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	Nashua Manufacturing, common (quar.)	2 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 25	
Preferred B. (monthly)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	National Aene (quar.)	87 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	
Cities Service, Bankers' shares (monthly)	49c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	National Aniline & Chem., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 14	
Colorado Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29	National Biscuit, common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. June 30a	
Computing-Tabulating-Recording (quar.)	*1	July 10	*Holders of rec. June 25	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	Holders of rec. July 17a	
Connecticut Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 25	National Cloak & Suit, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21a	
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 27a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 11a	
Consolidated Gas of N. Y. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 12a	National Lead, common (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a	
Consol. Gas, El. Lt. & P., Balt. (quar.)	*1 1/2	2	July 1	National Lead, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a	
Continental Motors, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. May 20	National Refining, common (in com. stock)	7/5	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	
Copper Range Co. (quar.)	50c	June 15	Holders of rec. May 17a	National Sugar Refining (quar.)	3 1/2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 10	
Cosden & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	May 23 to June 15	National Surety (quar.)	3	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18a	
Crescent Pipe Line (quar.)	75c	June 15	Holders of rec. May 28a	National Transit	*50c	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 29	
Crex Carpet	1 1/2	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Extra	*50c	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 29	
Crew's Nest Pass Coal (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Nebraska Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	
Crescent Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. June 30	New Jersey Zinc (payable in stock)	*2/20	June 1	Holders of rec. May 26	
Cuba Company, preferred	*3 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10a	New Niquero Sugar, common and pref.	3 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 26	
Cuban-American Sugar, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	Common and preferred (special)	10	June 1	Holders of rec. May 26	
Common (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10a	New York Air Brake (quar.)	2 1/2	June 25	Holders of rec. June 2a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	New York Dock, preferred	2 1/2	July 16	Holders of rec. July 6	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a	New York Shipbuilding (quar.)	\$1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21	
Davies (William) Co., Inc., class A (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	New York Transit	4	July 15	Holders of rec. June 10a	
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a	Niles-Bement-Pond, common (quar.)	2	June 21	Holders of rec. June 15	
Deere & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	Noble Oil & Gas, com. & pref. (in stock)	7/20	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1a	
Detroit & Cleveland Navigation	*4	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. July 31	Com. (extra payable in com. stock)	7/6	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	
Detroit Edison (quar.)	*2	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. June 30	North American Co. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	
Diamond Match (quar.)	2	June 15	*Holders of rec. June 14	Nunnally Company, common	50c	June 1	Holders of rec. April 30a	
Dominion Glass, common (quar.)	*1	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 14	Ogilvie Flour Mills, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 24	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 14	Ohio Cities Gas, common (quar.)	\$1	June 1	May 18 to June 5	
Dominion Iron & Coal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Ohio Oil (quar.)	\$1.25	June 30	*Holders of rec. May 29	
Dominion Oil (monthly)	10c	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15	Extra	*2/27.5	June 30	*Holders of rec. May 29	
Stock dividend	610c	June 1	Holders of rec. June 5	Otis Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	
Domintion Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29	Owens Bottle Co., com. (pay in com. stk.)	*7/5	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 21	
du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. & Co., com. (qu.)	*2	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 29	Pabst Brewing, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	June 8 to June 16	
Common (payable in common stock)	*7/23 1/2	June 15	*Holders of rec. May 29	Pacific Mail Steamship, common	50c	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	
Debuture stock (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 26	*Holders of rec. July 10	Common (extra)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	
du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. Powd., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. July 20	Peerless Truck & Motor (quar.)	\$1.25	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1a	
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Aug. 2	*Holders of rec. July 20	Pennsylvania Water & Power (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18	
Eastern Mfg. (quar.)	*50c	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	Petibone, Mulliken Co., 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 21	
Extra	*1	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	Philadelphia Electric (quar.)	43 7/50	June 15	Holders of rec. May 21a	
Eastern Shore Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 24	Pick (Albert) & Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 3	June 26 to June 30	
Eastern Steel, common (quar.)	42 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1	Pierce Oil Corp., com. (qu.) in com. stk.	7/2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a	
First and Second, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Common (quar.) (pay in com. stock)	7/2 1/2	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 31a	
Eastman Kodak, common (quar.)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a	Preferred (quar.)	*2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 19	
Common (extra)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a	Pittsburgh Brewing, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	May 29	*Holders of rec. May 19	
Common (extra)	5	June 1	Holders of rec. April 30a	Pittsburgh Steel, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a	Porto Rican-American Tobacco (quar.)	93	June 3	Holders of rec. May 15a	
Eisenlohr (Otto) & Bros, pref (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. May 19a	Pressed Steel Car, common (quar.)	2	June 9	Holders of rec. May 19a	
Elk Horn Coal Corp., pref. (quar.)								

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Sherwin-Williams Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 14
Sherwin-Williams of Canada, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19
Smith (Howard) Paper Mills, com. (qu.)	2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 10
Preferred (quar.)	2	July 20	Holders of rec. July 10
Solar Refining	*5	June 20	Holders of rec. May 31
Extra	*5	June 20	Holders of rec. May 31
South Penn Oil (quar.)	*5	June 30	Holders of rec. June 11
Southwestern Pipe Line (quar.)	*5	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Southwestern Pow. & Lt., pref. (quar.)	*2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Southwest Pa. Pipe Lines (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Southwestern Fow. & Lt., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Standard Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29
Standard Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20a
Standard Milling, common (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20a
Preferred (quar.)	2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20a
Standard Oil (California) (quar.)	2 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15
Extra	2 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 15
Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	*3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 17
Extra	*3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 17
Standard Oil (Kan.) (quar.)	3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Extra	3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31a
Standard Oil (Kentucky) (quar.)	*3	July 1	Holders of rec. May 31a
Standard Oil of New Jersey, com. (quar.)	5	June 15	Holders of rec. May 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 20a
Standard Oil of New York (quar.)	*4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Standard Oil (Ohio) (quar.)	*1	July 1	Holders of rec. May 28
Extra	*1	July 1	Holders of rec. May 28
Stand. Textile Prod., com. (in com. stock)	2 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15
Steel Products Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
Stern Brothers, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Preferred (accout accum. dividends)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20a
Stromberg Carburetor (quar.)	*\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18
Studebaker Corporation, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Submarine Signal	50c.	June 30	Holders of rec. May 27
Superior Oil Corporation (quar.)	50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Texas United Oil (monthly)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Extra	1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1
Todd Shipyards Corp. (quar.)	*\$1.75	June 21	Holders of rec. June 7
Extra	*\$1.25	June 21	Holders of rec. June 7
Tonopah Extension Mining (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
Tooke Bros., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 12	Holders of rec. May 31
Torbenesen Axle, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 25a
Truseon Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 21
Underwood Typewriter, com. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a
Com. (payable in U. S. Victory bds)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a
Union Bag & Paper (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a
Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	*\$1.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10
United Tank Car, com. & pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 5
United Clear Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 15	Holders of rec. May 28a
United Drug, common (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a
United Drug, second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15a
United Paperboard, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. May 1
United Profit Sharing	14c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
Extra	14c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 10a
U S Gypsum, common (quar.)	*1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	2	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1 a
U. S. Steel Corporation, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	June 2
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 29	June 2
U. S. Title Guaranty	3	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31
U. S. Worsted, com. (pay. in com. stock)	(0)	June 1	Holders of rec. June 15
U. S. Worsted, common (No. 1)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. July 1
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	July 9 to July 15
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 19	July 16 to July 19
Vacuum Oil	*3	May 29	Holders of rec. May 1
Extra	*2	May 29	Holders of rec. May 1
Wabasso Cotton, Ltd. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Wahl Co., common (quar.)	*\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 22
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 22
Waldorf System, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Van Raalte Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17
Wabasso Cotton, Ltd. (quar.)	2	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15
Waldorf System, common (quar.)	*25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
First preferred and preferred (quar.)	*20c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Waygamaek Pulp & Paper (quar.)	1	June 1	Holders of rec. May 17a
Weber & Helbronner, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 27
Welch Grape Juice, com. (quar.)	75c.	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 31	Holders of rec. May 20
West Coast Oil (quar.)	*\$1.50	June 5	Holders of rec. June 30
West India Sugar Finance, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) Engineering, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) Management, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White (J. G.) & Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
White Motors (quar.)	\$1	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a
Willis Corporation, 1st pref. (quar.)	2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20
Wire Wheel Corp., pref. (monthly)	1	June 10	Holders of rec. June 1
Woods Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	June 1	Holders of rec. May 26
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	2	June 1	May 2 to May 19
Com. (payable in com. stock)	2	June 1	May 2 to May 19
Woolworth (F. W.), preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10a
Worthington Pump & Mach., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 3
Preferred A (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 21
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	5	July 1	Holders of rec. June 18

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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 May 22. 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.)

CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS (000 omitted.) Week ending May 22 1920.	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discounts, Investments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositaries.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time Deposits.	Net at Bank Circulation.
	Natl. May 4 State, Feb. 28 Tr. Cos., Feb. 28							
Members of Fed. Res. Bank	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,040	\$ 54,121	\$ 767	\$ 5,248	\$ 36,257	\$ 4,730	\$ 749
Bk of NY, NBA	5,000	16,146	135,420	2,769	13,516	101,719	10,474	1,000
Manhattan Co.	9,000	13,679	175,417	9,522	19,428	146,621	4,169	1,000
Mech & Metals	15,500	36,051	57,907	1,992	9,613	53,825	1,768	437
Bank of America	25,000	58,875	575,238	13,720	75,007	635,767	38,511	1,381
National City	3,000	10,151	111,220	1,176	10,643	80,363	1,528	437
Chemical Nat.	1,000	1,069	22,696	450	2,472	18,499	509	183
Atlantic Nat.	300	162	5,617	116	725	4,131	—	264
Nat Butch & Dr	5,000	6,453	128,075	1,391	12,805	97,524	5,800	4,863
Amer Exch Nat	25,000	31,040	342,828	2,711	34,644	266,115	6,651	—
NatBkof Comm	1,000	1,697	27,018	1,475	3,932	22,572	21	—
Pacific Bank	7,000	7,272	128,998	5,236	14,775	107,331	12,899	4,628
Chath & Penix	3,000	1,529	125,944	5,376	22,118	131,903	—	100
Hanover Nat	3,000	3,946	56,839	1,048	5,778	38,414	141	977
Citizens' Nat	2,800	2,910	33,759	1,957	5,454	37,648	—	—
Metropolitan	4,620	8,776	148,384	6,673	20,861	149,576	9,057	—
Corn Exchange	1,500	8,651	35,609	834	3,715	28,293	40	51
Imp & Trad Nat	5,000	21,582	210,876	1,525	21,678	165,241	3,435	4,895
National Park	1,000	796	11,959	356	1,566	11,384	790	50
East River Nat	1,000	4,450	22,872	858	2,933	19,379	100	633
Second National	10,000	35,505	239,576	967	22,133	168,041	9,115	7,884
First National	9,000	10,340	201,101	5,892	25,951	194,356	2,858	2,272
Irving Nat Bk.	1,000	384	14,899	807	1,995	13,341	984	195
N Y County Nat	1,000	731	8,519	135	989	6,641	120	—
Continental	15,000	22,227	403,948	5,331	41,574	309,281	14,976	1,094
Chase Nat Bank	500	3,348	20,552	1,048	3,415	21,333	—	—
Fifth Avenue	200	967	8,010	468	1,309	8,040	—	—
Commercial Ex.	1,000	795	9,446	427	2,236	9,589	—	—
Commonwealth	1,000	2,089	18,775	1,272	2,694	18,565	64	210
Lincoln Nat	1,000	1,478	15,224	505	2,266	14,999	199	393
Garfield Nat	1,000	620	15,302	293	1,758	13,400	426	246
Fifth National	1,000	4,395	50,962	1,045	6,778	48,186	503	69
Seaboard Nat.	5,000	7,161	84,518	526	10,403	78,799	3,085	1,958
Liberty Nat.	1,000	1,456	25,700	2,392	4,622	29,594	82	—
N Y Prod Exch.	1,500	1,580	24,640	834	2,091	14,356	595	410
Coal & Iron Nat	1,000	1,571	22,152	552	2,791	20,398	464	395
Union Exch.	1,500	2,504	42,958	774	4,083	29,633	5,379	—
Brooklyn Trust	20,000	18,547	289,777	872	31,132	234,563	12,903	—
Bankers Trust	2,000	4,803	62,322	684	7,061	51,797	9,087	—
U S Mtge & Tr	25,000	31,757	517,459	2,699	52,763	450,994	23,867	—
Guaranty Trust	1,000	1,367	12,952	414	1,647	11,752	397	—
Fidelity Trust	5,000	7,453	80,357	1,132	10,972	70,053	6,137	—
Columbia Trust	1,500	1,900	34,704	1,074	3,453	33,482	2,403	—
Peoples Trust	1,000	1,256	93,142	492	9,109	66,034	4,449	—
New York Trust	3,000	925	23,832	476	3,531	24,532	954	—
Lincoln Trust	2,000	3,355	38,552	575	4,249	28,229	1,322	—
Metropolitan Tr	1,000	1,345	17,895	530	1,507	13,868	1,041	50
Nassau N, Bklyn	5,000	10,633	122,510	4,238	14,941	113,083	13,304	—
Farm Loan & Tr	2,000	1,560	24,238	709	3,204	22,631	231	—
Columbia Bank								
Average	229,520	421,380	4,982,419	97,009	566,577	4,078,567	213,388	35,372
Totals, actual condition	May 22	4,959,810	95,713	543,467	4,078,834	213,985	34,907	
Totals, actual condition	May 15	4,987,913	96,333	568,147	4,103,412	214,425	35,904	
Totals, actual condition	May 8	4,939,875	96,691	529,264	3,986,203	216,283	35,882	
State Banks	Not Members of Federal Reserve Bank							
Greenwich Bank	2,800	1,878	19,726	2,580	1,643	20,306	—	—
Bowery Bank	250	839	5,607	715	836	5,692	—	—
State Bank	2,000	1,508	69,349	3,541	2,203	31,424	30,044	—
Average	3,050	4,226	94,682	6,836	4,18			

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$ 543,487,000	\$ 543,467,000	\$ 543,467,000	\$ 536,667,970	\$ 6,799,030
State banks*	6,839,000	4,145,000	10,984,000	10,220,580	763,420
Trust companies*	2,038,000	5,487,000	7,525,000	7,397,100	127,900
Total May 22	8,877,000	553,099,000	561,976,000	554,285,650	7,690,350
Total May 15	8,427,000	578,193,000	586,620,000	557,867,670	28,752,330
Total May 8	12,782,000	540,840,000	553,622,000	548,224,360	5,397,640
Total May 1	12,487,000	574,413,000	586,900,000	556,060,840	30,839,160

* 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: May 22, \$6,401,640 May 15, \$6,432,750 May 8, \$6,465,570 May 1, \$6,468,210.
 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: May 22, \$6,419,550 May 15, \$6,432,750 May 8, \$6,488,490 May 1, \$6,446,790.

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.)

	May 22	Dec. previous week.
Loans and investments	\$778,316,500	Dec. \$3,928,100
Specie	8,252,400	Inc. 51,600
Currency and bank notes	18,273,800	Dec. 265,800
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	76,150,200	Inc. 733,900
Total deposits	856,556,600	Dec. 212,700
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits	804,885,900	Dec. 3,229,300
Reserve on deposits	147,678,000	Inc. 4,225,900
Percentage of reserve, 20.4%.		

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.
Jan. 17	6,148,908,100	4,946,748,500	136,692,800	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	130,482,500	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	5,887,539,200	4,883,820,600	135,817,600	642,654,000
Feb. 28	5,871,844,300	4,837,357,300	136,837,300	673,921,100
Mar. 6	5,871,656,000	4,881,252,700	137,477,500	647,225,300
Mar. 13	5,890,723,400	4,883,906,000	137,498,800	679,329,400
Mar. 20	5,891,763,200	4,990,480,100	134,062,200	649,253,400
Mar. 27	5,884,557,500	4,915,902,800	132,585,200	679,267,600
April 3	5,934,438,800	4,979,072,300	129,262,500	685,403,300
April 10	5,946,834,600	4,997,453,900	134,487,200	729,909,700
April 17	5,959,998,300	5,015,732,100	129,740,800	694,405,700
April 24	5,970,538,000	5,007,452,600	131,772,400	694,100,200
May 1	5,929,153,600	4,965,687,100	126,207,200	689,051,100
May 8	5,935,200,400	4,938,152,700	136,312,000	658,932,400
May 15	5,923,805,600	4,950,458,200	131,500,400	694,904,700
May 22	5,928,544,500	4,989,835,900	131,116,200	674,250,800

* 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.

STATEMENT SHOWING PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF MEMBER BANKS LOCATED IN CENTRAL RESERVE AND OTHER SELECTED CITIES AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 14 1920

Substantial withdrawals of Government balances as against much larger increases in other demand deposits are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's statement of condition on May 14 of 811 member banks in leading cities.

Holdings of Government war securities and loans supported by such securities show but nominal changes. Loans secured by stocks and bonds show a reduction of 39.2 millions for all reporting banks, though only of 2.3 millions for the member banks in New York City. All other loans and investments, including commercial discounts proper, increased about 74 millions, largely outside of New York City. As a consequence, total loans and investments, including amounts rediscounted with Federal Reserve banks, show an increase of 34 millions for all reporting banks and of 11.2 millions for the New York City members.

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY.

Week Ended May 22 1920.	State Banks.		Trust Companies.	
	May 22 1920.	Differences from previous week.	May 22 1920.	Differences from previous week.
Capital as of Feb. 28	28,600,000		116,700,000	
Surplus as of Feb. 28	52,703,000		179,589,000	
Loans and investments	742,669,900	Dec. 1,146,300	1,959,157,100	Dec. 7,836,200
Specie	4,871,500	Dec. 70,900	11,049,400	Inc. 4,900
Currency & bk. notes	30,769,600	Dec. 353,200	18,654,800	Dec. 387,800
Deposits with the F. R. Bank of N. Y.	81,224,900	Inc. 5,822,000	208,709,700	Inc. 1,550,500
Deposits	890,368,100	Inc. 7,362,300	2,033,453,600	Inc. 127,300
Reserve on deposits	132,293,300	Inc. 2,598,900	287,220,900	Inc. 5,772,000
P. C. reserve to dep.	19.6%	Inc. 0.3%	17.1%	Inc. 0.3%

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, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Depositories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Net Time Deposits.	Nat'l Bank Circulation.
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,615	14,911	201	2,004	11,549	80	192
Battery Park Nat. Mutual Bank	200	691	12,149	247	1,782	12,662	341	---
New Netherland	600	670	10,873	223	1,265	7,659	263	---
W R Grace & Co.	500	1,017	4,788	20	800	4,191	735	---
Yorkville Bank	200	670	13,646	340	1,254	7,511	6,307	---
First Nat Bk, Jer C	400	1,353	9,151	581	780	7,034	---	400
Total	3,400	6,024	65,518	1,612	7,885	50,606	7,726	592
State Banks Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Bank of Wash Hts.	100	444	3,532	419	211	3,447	---	---
Colonial Bank	600	1,332	15,161	1,976	1,359	16,489	---	---
International Bank	500	337	6,563	777	553	6,464	341	---
Total	1,200	2,113	25,256	3,172	2,123	26,400	341	---
Trust Companies Not Members of the Fed'l Reserve Bank								
Hamilton Tr, Bkln	500	1,023	9,393	608	388	7,766	892	---
Mechanics Tr, Bay	200	437	9,087	302	558	5,579	4,711	---
Total	700	1,461	18,480	910	946	13,345	5,603	---
Grand aggregate	5,300	9,599	109,254	5,694	10,954	90,351	13,670	592
Comparison previous week			-2,760	-156	+118	-716	-15	+12
Gr'd agr May 15	5,300	9,532	112,014	5,850	10,836	91,067	13,685	580
Gr'd agr May 8	5,300	9,532	112,014	5,850	10,836	91,067	13,685	593
Gr'd agr May 1	5,500	9,532	111,521	5,831	10,560	9,319	13,477	580

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$358,000.
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$9,757,000.
 Excess reserve, \$4,260 decrease.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending May 22 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.	Week ending May 22 1920.			May 15 1920.	May 8 1920.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital	\$33,075.0	\$4,301.0	\$37,376.0	\$37,376.0	\$37,075.0
Surplus and profits	88,372.0	12,007.0	100,379.0	100,371.0	99,783.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	749,644.0	35,871.0	785,515.0	786,847.0	786,987.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	29,257.0	586.0	29,843.0	30,290.0	29,646.0
Due from banks	122,995.0	18.0	123,013.0	126,262.0	119,130.0
Bank deposits	133,544.0	264.0	133,808.0	133,808.0	131,502.0
Individual deposits	528,379.0	21,685.0	550,064.0	553,970.0	541,365.0
Time deposits	7,846.0	300.0	8,146.0	7,974.0	7,435.0
Total deposits	669,769.0	21,949.0	692,018.0	695,752.0	680,305.0
U. S. deposits (not included)			5,528.0	3,300.0	6,281.0
Reserve with Fed. Res. Bank	52,052.0		52,052.0	53,021.0	52,555.0
Reserve with legal depositories		3,093.0	3,093.0	2,075.0	3,136.0
Cash in vault		97.0	97.0	13,739.0	13,361.0
Total reserve and cash held	64,666.0	400.0	65,066.0	69,435.0	69,155.0
Reserve required	51,202.0	3,216.0	54,418.0	54,393.0	53,691.0
Excess res. & cash in vault	13,464.0	784.0	14,248.0	15,042.0	15,464.0

* Cash in vault is not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve Bank members.

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

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	Boston.	New York	Phladel.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	46	116	57	92	82	47	107	35	35	83	44	67	811
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	13,061	47,498	11,347	41,875	27,451	14,015	21,449	16,015	7,271	15,278	19,573	34,605	270,348
Other U. S., incl. Liberty bonds.....	14,044	245,314	29,958	59,907	34,071	29,508	64,758	12,612	9,931	22,827	17,858	61,166	601,984
U. S. Victory notes.....	7,162	88,501	9,525	19,770	8,295	4,753	35,099	2,915	1,616	4,543	3,520	12,499	198,198
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	36,735	274,692	53,198	28,498	18,005	19,110	77,830	14,096	9,395	10,091	19,374	36,534	597,558
Total U. S. securities.....	71,002	656,005	104,028	150,050	87,822	67,386	199,136	46,548	28,213	52,739	60,355	144,804	1,668,088
Loans and investments, including bills rediscounted with F. R. and other banks.....	58,687	543,221	101,966	82,457	36,789	27,504	111,420	38,946	18,658	24,377	11,098	33,766	1,088,889
Loans sec. by U. S. war obligation.....	195,094	1,308,730	199,947	340,204	190,057	63,714	460,573	129,261	32,266	80,026	33,632	147,811	3,100,315
All other loans and investments.....	779,413	3,952,233	574,894	904,790	385,302	409,845	1,772,887	416,839	300,813	532,395	256,124	944,132	11,229,667
Total loans and investments incl. rediscounts with F. R. banks.....	1,104,196	6,460,189	980,835	1,477,501	618,970	568,449	2,544,016	631,594	379,950	689,537	361,209	1,270,513	17,086,959
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	83,278	694,711	64,781	94,009	37,316	33,591	195,618	43,399	25,558	45,160	25,558	82,408	1,422,907
Cash in vault.....	25,885	121,514	16,895	34,111	18,761	14,020	67,324	10,229	8,748	15,151	10,707	27,513	370,858
Net demand deposits.....	822,391	5,264,340	683,395	871,384	350,679	286,447	1,439,000	330,911	221,486	436,071	233,777	614,216	11,554,097
Time deposits.....	138,902	418,957	32,693	364,882	105,021	150,350	618,830	123,378	64,338	97,685	45,375	488,594	2,649,005
Government deposits.....	4,686	36,906	2,911	2,501	1,076	2,527	2,412	1,283	392	495	874	3,228	59,200
Bills payable with F. R. Bank.....	35,911	386,999	88,208	53,596	49,341	41,535	118,407	32,681	12,827	28,148	29,505	37,962	915,120
Secured by U. S. war obligations.....	-----	-----	-----	145	420	-----	-----	1,926	250	60	15	285	3,101
All other.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank.....	31,793	164,019	58,788	13,944	7,896	5,989	12,815	12,296	3,720	5,177	1,154	3,057	320,648
Secured by U. S. war obligations.....	55,898	188,799	20,956	45,184	28,231	45,411	233,882	73,542	47,881	62,887	18,959	67,074	888,704
All other.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York.		Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		All Other Reporting Banks.		Total.		
	May 14.	May 7.	May 14.	May 7.	May 14.	May 7.	May 14.	May 7.	May 14.	May 7.	May 14.	May 7.	May 16 '19
Number of reporting banks.....	73	72	50	50	278	277	198	198	335	335	811	810	773
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	37,801	37,801	1,438	1,439	100,237	100,240	71,003	71,003	99,108	98,968	270,348	270,211	268,095
Other U. S. bonds, incl. Lib. bds.....	212,998	215,910	29,587	28,433	338,205	339,986	143,938	144,369	119,841	120,201	601,984	604,556	682,490
U. S. Victory notes.....	77,702	76,540	12,417	12,423	107,999	107,288	48,850	48,644	41,349	41,750	198,198	197,682	197,682
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	257,023	255,375	32,185	31,422	428,542	427,403	186,176	186,176	62,840	63,560	597,558	595,277	2,222,332
Total U. S. securities.....	585,524	585,626	75,627	74,037	974,983	974,917	369,967	368,330	323,138	324,479	1,668,088	1,667,726	3,172,917
Loans and investments, including bills rediscounted with F. R. banks.....	511,678	510,082	77,075	74,333	837,550	834,522	141,493	144,331	109,846	111,228	1,088,889	1,090,081	1,079,980
Loans sec. by U. S. war oblig.....	1,154,371	1,156,694	339,669	339,137	2,186,879	2,215,453	493,536	497,422	419,900	426,653	3,100,315	3,139,528	3,139,528
All other loans and investments.....	3,480,130	3,468,125	1,060,592	1,062,744	7,142,415	7,089,327	2,179,494	2,170,990	1,907,758	1,896,279	11,229,667	11,155,696	10,428,511
Total loans and investments, incl. rediscounts with F. R. banks.....	5,731,703	5,720,527	1,552,963	1,550,251	11,141,827	11,142,191	3,184,490	3,180,173	2,760,642	2,758,639	17,086,959	17,053,031	14,929,410
Reserve balances with F. R. bank.....	649,367	611,510	135,158	136,075	1,043,032	999,346	209,272	207,650	170,603	166,734	1,422,907	1,373,730	1,317,760
Cash in vault.....	107,448	110,400	38,371	38,834	211,026	213,228	73,385	74,573	86,447	85,860	370,858	373,651	360,596
Net demand deposits.....	4,745,339	4,652,393	974,763	967,985	8,069,995	7,947,257	1,770,735	1,732,309	1,713,367	1,709,483	11,554,097	11,889,049	10,571,547
Time deposits.....	301,278	302,226	276,969	276,056	1,192,871	1,184,415	872,340	872,340	582,374	580,981	2,649,005	2,637,736	1,778,894
Government deposits.....	35,964	36,908	1,228	1,081	49,728	49,728	5,634	5,634	3,833	3,833	59,200	59,200	59,200
Bills payable with F. R. Bank.....	350,741	303,058	54,647	52,172	622,311	622,273	181,371	177,920	111,438	105,869	915,120	846,062	846,062
Secured by U. S. war obligations.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
All other.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank.....	159,171	165,397	6,266	5,719	271,814	279,936	31,148	33,090	17,686	18,392	320,648	331,418	331,418
Secured by U. S. war obligations.....	171,647	187,708	177,715	178,413	631,593	647,915	139,395	146,108	117,716	116,368	888,704	910,391	248,002
All other.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ratio of U. S. war securities and war paper to total loans and investments, per cent.....	18.5	18.5	9.7	9.5	15.4	15.4	13.8	13.9	12.1	12.2	14.6	14.6	14.6

a Exclusive of rediscounts with Federal Reserve Banks.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on May 21:

Net liquidation in some volume of loans secured by Government war obligations, as against smaller increases in the holdings of other discounts and of bills purchased in open market, is indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on May 21 1920. Government and reserve deposits show commensurate reductions; Federal Reserve note circulation increased by about 2 millions, while the banks' cash reserves show a gain of slightly over 1 million. In consequence of these changes the banks' reserve ratio shows a rise for the week from 42.2 to 42.7%.

Holdings of paper, secured by U. S. war obligations (so-called war paper), declined 61.4 millions, other discounts increased 10.5 millions, and acceptances on hand 4.1 millions. Treasury certificate holdings show a reduction of 2.7 millions and total earning assets a reduction of 491.5 millions. Of the total war paper holdings of 1,446.7 millions, 669.7 millions, or 46.3%, were secured by Liberty bonds; 274.3 millions, or 19%, by Victory notes, and 502.7 millions, or 34.7%, by Treasury certificates as against 47.3, 18.9 and 33.8% of a total of 1,508.1 millions of war paper held the week before.

Total discounts held by the Boston, New York and Cleveland banks include 146.1 millions of paper discounted for 7 Southern and Western banks while acceptances held by the New York, Cleveland and San Francisco banks comprise 6.7 millions of bills purchased from 3 Reserve banks, as against 11.5 millions, shown the week before.

Government deposits declined 19.3 millions, members' reserve deposits 40.5 millions, while other deposits, including foreign Government credits and non-member banks' clearing accounts increased 4.9 millions. The "float" carried by the Reserve banks and treated as a deduction from gross deposits shows a slight decrease, with the consequence that calculated net deposits are about 55 millions less than a week earlier. The banks' combined liabilities on Federal Reserve Bank notes in circulation increased 0.6 million, while the banks' gold holdings increased about one-half million.

A further gain of \$679,000 in paid-in capital is due to payment for Federal Reserve Bank stock following admission of new member banks and increases of capital and surplus by existing member banks, mainly in the Boston, New York and Chicago districts.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 21 1920.

	May 21 1920.	May 14 1920.	May 7 1920.	Apr. 23 1920.	Apr. 23 1920.	Apr. 16 1920.	Apr. 9 1920.	Apr. 2 1920.	May 23 1919.
RESOURCES.									
Gold coin and certificates.....	169,735,000	171,208,000	172,833,000	174,561,000	185,654,000	189,229,000	183,117,000	171,585,000	346,997,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board.....	399,889,000	389,149,000	392,751,000	376,003,000	374,380,000	360,088,000	368,724,000	379,558,000	572,001,000
Gold with foreign agencies.....	112,781,000	112,781,000	112,781,000	112,781,000	112,781,000	112,781,000	112,781,000	112,781,000	-----
Total gold held by banks.....	682,405,000	673,138,000	678,215,000	663,345,000	672,815,000	662,098,000	664,622,000	663,924,000	918,998,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,098,823,000	1,116,902,000	1,121,311,000	1,137,923,000	1,150,658,000	1,170,313,000	1,173,125,000	1,169,137,000	1,139,825,000
Gold redemption fund.....	158,489,000	150,101,000	142,054,000	135,447,000	126,220,000	122,883,000	119,743,000	117,198,000	119,916,000
Total gold reserves.....	1,939,717,000	1,939,141,000	1,941,580,000	1,936,720,000	1,949,693,000	1,955,294,000	1,957,490,000	1,950,259,000	2,178,739,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	139,821,000	139,252,000	134,507,000	134,045,000	133,875,000	132,437,000	129,816,000	120,129,000	69,194,000
Total reserves.....	2,079,538,000	2,078,393,000	2,076,087,000	2,070,765,000	2,083,568,000	2,087,731,000	2,087,306,000	2,080,428,000	2,247,933,000
Bills discounted.....	1,446,723,000	1,508,104,000	1,444,175,000	1,465,320,000	1,448,804,000	1,430,888,000	1,410,069,000	1,400,664,000	1,762,487,000
Secured by Govt. war obligations.....	1,053,663,000	1,043,186,000	1,060,447,000	1,069,751,000	1,029,378,000	980,303,000	957,469,000	999,849,000	176,379,000
All other.....	417,368,000	413,292,000	409,834,000	407,247,000	404,672,000	416,784,000	424,241,000	424,474,000	196,108,000
Total bills on hand.....	2,917,754,000	2,964,582,000	2,914,456,000	2,942,318,000	2,882,854,000	2,827,975,000	2,789,779,000	2,824,554,000	2,132,053,000
U. S. Government bonds.....	26,796,000	26,796,000	26,796,000	26,797,000	26,797,000	26,799,000	26,798,000	26,789,000	27,149,000
U. S. Victory Notes.....	69,000	69,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	17,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....									

	May 21 1920	May 14 1920.	May 7 1920.	Apr. 30 1920	Apr. 23 1920.	Apr. 16 1920.	Apr. 9 '20.	Apr. 4 1920.	May 23 1919.
Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	39.8%	39.4%	39.9%	39.6%	40.3%	40.5%	40.4%	40.2%	50.8%
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	42.7%	42.2%	42.7%	42.4%	43.0%	43.3%	43.3%	42.9%	52.3%
Ratio of total reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities.....	47.1%	46.6%	47.1%	46.7%	47.7%	48.0%	48.0%	47.4%	64.6%
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	\$ 109,970,000	\$ 109,631,000	\$ 100,113,000	\$ 90,738,000	\$ 81,946,000	\$ 99,822,000	\$ 98,706,000	\$ 103,750,000	\$ 57,635,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	1,419,910,000	1,507,422,000	1,492,965,000	1,496,952,000	1,439,806,000	1,447,803,000	1,423,006,000	1,391,720,000	1,675,512,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	15,856,000	17,943,000	11,954,000	5,537,000	5,806,000	42,766,000	78,676,000	85,596,000	30,746,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	57,388,000	86,836,000	79,006,000	52,862,000	89,724,000	80,165,000	73,770,000	85,246,000	37,957,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	279,341,000	271,990,000	237,443,000	292,992,000	285,414,000	244,362,000	201,49,000	235,060,000	42,344,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	2,624,000	2,540,000	2,040,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	3.5 0,000	2,500,000	681,000
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	173,536,000	169,617,000	175,165,000	171,583,000	174,089,000	177,480,000	185,719,000	171,259,000	65,767,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	477,708,000	414,728,000	406,720,000	423,922,000	424,217,000	464,532,000	492,013,000	514,251,000	138,435,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	12,510,000	9,637,000	7,579,000	6,998,000	5,798,000	5,747,000	3,540,000	5,800,000	3,209,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	46,474,000	47,208,000	54,650,000	61,864,000	59,013,000	59,317,000	64,048,000	63,786,000	31,828,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	267,702,000	308,978,000	324,059,000	312,610,000	297,875,000	228,719,000	226,436,000	238,214,000	60,492,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness.....	16,100,000	28,831,000	12,836,000	12,772,000	13,128,000	8,245,000	10,614,000	5,882,000	2,097,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	55,725,000	48,172,000	43,435,000	38,595,000	31,370,000	25,975,000	24,134,000	21,268,000	22,083,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	229,671,000	220,512,000	238,628,000	239,842,000	240,334,000	245,970,000	243,589,000	246,072,000	163,015,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	3,354,194,000	3,344,705,000	3,340,477,000	3,326,186,000	3,335,140,000	3,326,948,000	3,327,614,000	3,307,064,000	2,725,791,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....	268,992,000	261,471,000	248,133,000	261,631,000	266,833,000	253,255,000	247,397,000	229,741,000	221,538,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Outstanding.....	3,354,194,000	3,344,705,000	3,340,477,000	3,326,186,000	3,335,140,000	3,326,948,000	3,327,614,000	3,307,064,000	2,725,791,000
Held by banks.....	268,992,000	261,471,000	248,133,000	261,631,000	266,833,000	253,255,000	247,397,000	229,741,000	221,538,000
In actual circulation.....	3,085,202,000	3,083,234,000	3,092,344,000	3,074,555,000	3,068,307,000	3,073,693,000	3,080,217,000	3,077,323,000	2,504,253,000
Fed. Res. Notes (Agents' Accounts)—									
Received from the Comptroller.....	6,899,860,000	6,854,740,000	6,817,580,000	6,784,980,000	6,750,940,000	6,711,320,000	6,657,640,000	6,621,220,000	4,484,140,000
Returned to the Comptroller.....	3,115,807,000	3,089,741,000	3,069,369,000	3,044,425,000	3,013,121,000	2,982,243,000	2,959,248,000	2,932,397,000	1,347,634,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent.....	3,784,053,000	3,764,999,000	3,748,211,000	3,740,555,000	3,737,819,000	3,729,077,000	3,698,392,000	3,688,823,000	3,136,506,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks.....	429,859,000	420,294,000	407,734,000	414,369,000	402,679,000	402,129,000	370,778,000	381,759,000	410,715,000
How Secured—									
By gold coin and certificates.....	3,354,194,000	3,344,705,000	3,340,477,000	3,326,186,000	3,335,140,000	3,326,948,000	3,327,614,000	3,307,064,000	2,725,791,000
By lawful money.....	257,802,000	257,793,000	257,692,000	255,032,000	253,931,000	253,031,000	254,531,000	254,901,000	228,498,000
By eligible paper.....	2,255,370,000	2,228,803,000	2,219,166,000	2,188,258,000	2,184,482,000	2,156,635,000	2,154,489,000	2,137,927,000	1,585,966,000
Gold redemption fund.....	107,847,000	97,869,000	92,979,000	97,417,000	102,190,000	110,884,000	112,194,000	97,768,000	81,219,000
With Federal Reserve Board.....	733,175,000	760,740,000	770,640,000	785,479,000	794,637,000	806,398,000	806,400,000	816,470,000	830,108,000
Total.....	3,354,194,000	3,344,705,000	3,340,477,000	3,326,186,000	3,335,140,000	3,326,948,000	3,327,614,000	3,307,064,000	2,725,791,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.....	2,861,121,000	2,896,865,000	2,854,072,000	2,853,705,000	2,815,094,000	2,748,776,000	2,715,965,000	2,748,071,000	2,052,784,000

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 21 1920

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
RESOURCES.													
Gold coin and certificates.....	\$ 711,915.00	\$ 81,488.00	\$ 1,058.00	\$ 10,168.00	\$ 2,364.00	\$ 9,218.00	\$ 24,962.00	\$ 3,458.00	\$ 7,273.00	\$ 607.00	\$ 5,977.00	\$ 11,247.00	\$ 169,735.00
Gold Settlement Fund, F. R. B'd.....	25,682.00	118,278.00	27,984.00	42,427.00	18,955.00	6,557.00	65,899.00	12,504.00	9,231.00	29,091.00	6,744.00	36,537.00	399,889.00
Gold with Foreign Agencies.....	8,233.00	41,390.00	9,023.00	9,248.00	5,526.00	4,060.00	13,421.00	5,301.00	3,045.00	5,413.00	2,933.00	5,188.00	112,781.00
Total gold held by banks.....	45,830.00	241,156.00	38,065.00	61,843.00	26,844.00	19,835.00	104,282.00	21,263.00	19,549.00	35,111.00	15,654.00	52,972.00	682,405.00
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	111,279.00	294,136.00	86,811.00	144,129.00	38,646.00	52,199.00	150,989.00	45,663.00	35,302.00	26,813.00	26,813.00	79,793.00	1,098,823.00
Gold redemption fund.....	25,053.00	26,994.00	12,882.00	6,388.00	9,880.00	6,665.00	42,850.00	5,989.00	4,430.00	5,387.00	5,716.00	10,842.00	158,489.00
Total gold reserves.....	182,162.00	562,286.00	137,768.00	212,360.00	75,371.00	78,699.00	298,121.00	72,915.00	52,655.00	75,800.00	48,183.00	143,407.00	1,939,717.00
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	9,652.00	106,447.00	184.00	1,718.00	77.00	1,324.00	10,097.00	7,216.00	269.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	605.00	139,821.00
Total reserves.....	191,814.00	668,733.00	137,952.00	214,078.00	75,448.00	80,023.00	308,218.00	80,131.00	52,924.00	77,082.00	49,283.00	143,912.00	2,079,538.00
Bills discounted: Secured by Government war obligations (a).....	101,511.00	572,569.00	188,481.00	116,744.00	57,992.00	59,171.00	153,609.00	58,604.00	9,231.00	33,122.00	38,831.00	56,858.00	1,446,723.00
All other.....	68,303.00	216,557.00	24,464.00	57,963.00	35,845.00	58,445.00	268,919.00	53,300.00	68,306.00	77,688.00	35,383.00	90,401.00	1,053,683.00
Bills bought in open market (b).....	35,143.00	171,829.00	2,592.00	57,641.00	10,057.00	5,686.00	64,359.00	3,356.00	4,474.00	920.00	1,434.00	70,177.00	417,368.00
Total bills on hand.....	204,957.00	960,655.00	215,537.00	232,348.00	103,894.00	123,303.00	476,887.00	115,260.00	80,101.00	111,728.00	75,648.00	217,436.00	2,917,754.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	560.00	1,457.00	1,386.00	834.00	1,235.00	114.00	4,477.00	1,153.00	115.00	8,867.00	3,966.00	2,632.00	26,796.00
U. S. Government Victory bonds.....	5.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	69.00
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	21,581.00	75,353.00	30,816.00	23,356.00	12,260.00	15,666.00	39,649.00	17,302.00	8,488.00	13,034.00	8,300.00	10,956.00	276,781.00
Total earning assets.....	227,103.00	1,037,515.00	247,739.00	256,548.00	117,389.00	139,086.00	521,013.00	133,715.00	88,704.00	133,630.00	87,914.00	231,024.00	3,221,380.00
Bank premises.....	1,269.00	3,289.00	500.00	1,156.00	713.00	574.00	2,116.00	866.00	548.00	619.00	782.00	231.00	12,658.00
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	62,346.00	154,544.00	62,407.00	73,789.00	53,793.00	32,158.00	108,059.00	45,400.00	21,985.00	59,599.00	46,759.00	34,637.00	755,476.00
5% redemption fund against Federal Reserve bank notes.....	1,173.00	3,109.00	1,300.00	831.00	451.00	566.00	1,533.00	523.00	452.00	916.00	562.00	665.00	12,081.00
All other resources.....	391.00	979.00	514.00	310.00	233.00	181.00	912.00	461.00	134.00	268.00	262.00	383.00	5,028.00
Total resources.....	484,096.00	1,868,164.00	450,352.00	546,712.00	248,027.00	252,588.00	941,851.00	261,096.00	164,747.00	272,114.00	185,562.00	410,852.00	6,086,161.00
LIABILITIES.													
Capital paid in.....	7,352.00	24,621.00	8,276.00	10,041.00	4,786.00	3,713.00	13,096.00	4,170.00	3,250.00	4,300.00	3,651.00	6,350.00	93,786.00
Surplus.....	8,359.00	45,082.00	8,905.00	9,089.00	5,820.00	4,605.00	14,292.00	3,724.00	3,569.00	6,116.00	3,030.00	7,539.00	120,120.00
Government deposits.....	2,046.00	5,396.00	1,470.00	577.00	828.00	2,409.00	1,398.00	2,756.00	1,294.00	1,570.00	1,880.00	2,744.00	24,368.00
Due to members, reserve account.....	119,992.00	725,214.00	102,741.00	138,199.00	57,520.00	53,689.00	262,788.00	64,239.00	49,615.00	83,771.00	56,505.00	119,392.00	1,833,665.00
Deferred availability items.....	50,011.00	113,450.00	54,091.00	58,182.00	43,145.00	27,571.00	70,747.00	41,234.00	16,576.00	56,608.00	29,079.00	18,189.00	578,883.00
All other deposits.....	5,666.00	42,958.00	6,503.00	6,109.00	3,634.00	2,649.00	9,654.00	3,826.00	2,263.00	3,559.00	1,996.00	14,120.00	102,939.00
Total gross deposits.....	177,715.00	887,018.00	164,805.00	203,067.00	105,127.00	86,318.00	344,58						

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 28 1920.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—One of the important events in a dull week has been receipt of \$20,000,000 gold at San Francisco and a concurrent advance in bills of exchange on practically all the European countries. While this advance is doubtless largely sentimental it nevertheless reflects a tendency to improvement in the commercial if not the financial condition of those countries, and Wall Street is of course eager to promote such improvement.

Crop reports are decidedly more favorable as to winter wheat both in regard to acreage and relative condition, also an analysis of exports in April shows that the proportion of foodstuffs sent abroad has substantially diminished; both of which suggest a possible reverse movement in the prices of food for home consumption.

The tie-up in railway transportation as a whole has somewhat improved and in some localities is decidedly less severe.

The money market has been easy all week with call loan rates generally steady at 6%.

Under these conditions the security markets have been dull and strong. The transactions in stocks have averaged less than 700,000 shares per day and of a list of over 30 well known, active issues every one has advanced. The lowest quotations were recorded on Monday, and from those figures rails advanced from 2 to 4 points and the industrials 4 to 20. The latter range was covered only by Cruc. Steel, however, but Chand. Motors, Stromberg, Mexican Pet. and At. Gulf & W. I. advanced 12 to 13 points and Studebaker, Beth. Steel, Baldwin, Am. Loco. and Am. Car & F. from 8 to 10.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week ending May 28.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
All American Cables.....	200	103 1/4	May 24 109 3/4	May 25 103 1/4	May 109 3/4
Am Brake Shoe & Fdy 100	500	84 1/2	May 26 85	May 26 84 1/2	May 105
Preferred.....	100	350	199 1/2	May 24 209 1/2	May 26 170 1/4
American Express.....	100	400	122	May 24 128	May 26 95
American Smt.....	100	600	99 1/2	May 24 101	May 27 86
Am Tels & Cable.....	100	100	48	May 25 48	May 52
Am Wholesale pref.....	100	150	92 1/2	May 27 92 1/2	May 95
Assets Realization.....	100	100	3 1/2	May 28 3 1/2	Feb 6 1/2
Atlantic Ref pref.....	100	800	103	May 25 103 1/2	May 114
Austin, Nichols & Conopar	300	23 1/2	May 27 24	May 27 23 1/2	May 24
Baldwin Locomo pref 100	200	99	May 28 99 1/2	May 26 98 1/2	Feb 102 1/2
Barnsdall class B.....	25	400	39	May 26 39	May 43 1/2
Brown Shoe.....	100	200	100	May 25 105	May 27 93
Preferred.....	100	100	93 1/2	May 25 93 1/2	May 100
Brunswick Terminal.....	500	6 1/4	May 22 6 1/2	May 27 5 1/2	Feb 8 1/2
Buff & Susque v t e.....	100	300	65 1/2	May 28 66	May 27 65 1/2
Case (J) pref.....	100	100	94	May 26 94	May 26 93
Certain-Feed Prod no par	400	41	May 24 41	May 24 40	May 62
Chic & E Hills pref tr rec.	100	900	7	May 27 7 1/2	Jan 11
C S T P M & Om pref.....	100	700	49	May 24 50 1/2	Jan 56
Computing-Tal-Rec.....	100	100	70	May 28 70	Apr 82
Continental Insur.....	25	100	100	May 25 100	Feb 106
Cuban-Am Sug pref.....	100	400	36	May 27 36 1/2	May 36 1/2
De Beers Con M..... no par	400	102	97 1/2	May 25 97 1/2	May 108
Detroit Edison.....	100	200	3 1/2	May 28 3 1/2	May 5 1/2
Duluth S S & Atl.....	100	200	6 1/2	May 24 6 1/2	May 8 1/2
Fairbanks Co (The).....	25	300	10 1/4	May 26 10 1/2	May 10 1/2
Fisher Body pref.....	100	200	49 1/2	May 24 49 1/2	May 51
Gen Am Tank Car no par	100	400	86 1/2	May 22 92	May 28
Gen Chemical pref.....	100	100	90 1/2	May 27 90 1/2	May 92 1/2
Gulf S Steel 1st pref.....	100	200	54 1/2	May 22 55	May 27 51
Homestake Mining.....	100	10,500	50	May 22 50 1/2	May 28 50
Int Motor Truck no par	100	200	64 1/2	May 22 64 1/2	May 22 60
Second preferred.....	100	9,387	1/4	May 22 1/4	May 22 1/4
Rights.....	100	100	83	May 24 83	May 24 82
Int Nickel pref.....	100	11,500	8	May 28 8	May 22 8
Liggett & Myers rights.....	100	143	31	May 22 31	May 22 31
Mallinson (H R) no par	100	100	31 1/2	May 26 31 1/2	May 26 29
Mathieson Alk Wks 50	100	600	22	May 25 22	May 28 18 1/2
Maxwell Motor.....	100	200	41	May 27 41	May 27 37 1/2
Certificates of deposit.	100	300	30 1/2	May 24 30 1/2	May 27 30 1/2
Second preferred.....	100	100	17	May 27 17	May 30 1/2
M St P & S S Mare.....	100	400	67 1/2	May 26 70	May 28 63
Nat Rys Mex 1st pf.....	100	200	4 1/2	May 22 4 1/2	May 14
Norfolk Southern.....	100	600	20	May 24 20 1/2	May 28 10
Norfolk & West pref.....	100	100	64	May 22 64	May 22 64
Pennay (J C) pref.....	100	100	90	May 25 90	May 25 90
Phillips-Jones..... no par	200	57	May 24 57	May 27 57	May 68 1/2
Phillips Petrol..... no par	4,500	37 1/2	May 27 38 1/2	May 27 37 1/2	May 38 1/2
Pitts C & S L etis dep	700	69	May 28 71	May 28 69	May 71
Pitts Steel pref.....	100	200	83	May 24 83 1/2	May 24 83 1/2
Rand Mines..... no par	600	28 1/2	May 27 28 1/2	May 27 28 1/2	May 28 1/2
Remington 2d pref.....	100	55	88 1/2	May 22 88 1/2	May 27 89 1/2
Royal Dutch (Am sh).....	29,600	115 1/4	May 25 115 1/4	May 25 115 1/4	May 115 1/4
Standard Oil rights.....	100	205	May 25 205	May 25 190	May 229
Tidewater Oil.....	100	1,300	13	May 28 13	May 15 1/2
Tol St L & West tr recs.	900	15	May 28 15	May 24 15	May 24
Preferred tr recs.....	100	51 1/2	May 27 51 1/2	May 27 130	Mar 130
United Cigar Stores.....	100	51 1/2	May 27 51 1/2	May 27 130	Mar 130

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

Week ending May 28 1920.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday.....	333,973	\$28,421,300	\$1,794,000	\$346,000	\$8,389,000
Monday.....	668,055	57,143,000	2,463,000	767,000	14,989,000
Tuesday.....	751,975	61,705,750	2,359,000	1,303,000	12,837,000
Wednesday.....	705,080	59,036,500	2,441,000	1,389,000	14,066,000
Thursday.....	605,849	53,188,900	2,376,000	913,000	13,309,000
Friday.....	569,421	49,967,900	2,746,000	957,000	10,712,700
Total.....	3,634,353	\$309,463,050	\$14,179,000	\$5,675,500	\$74,302,700

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending May 28.		Jan. 1 to May 28.	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Stocks—No. shares.....	3,634,353	7,729,530	115,557,199	105,073,721
Par value.....	\$309,463,050	\$710,293,125	\$10,250,304,875	\$10,223,837,080
Bank shares, par.....			\$1,400	\$47,200
Bonds.....				
Government bonds.....	\$74,302,700	\$38,090,800	\$1,308,377,700	\$973,570,500
State, mun., &c. bonds	5,675,500	4,150,500	175,673,800	160,488,000
R.R. and misc. bonds.....	14,179,000	18,852,000	252,971,500	227,645,000
Total bonds.....	\$94,157,200	\$61,093,300	\$1,737,023,000	\$1,361,703,500

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending May 28 1920	Boston		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares	Bond Sales	Shares	Bond Sales	Shares	Bond Sales
Saturday.....	15,848	\$59,050	3,254	\$62,800	1,090	\$19,000
Monday.....	16,497	142,450	3,076	133,500	3,389	49,000
Tuesday.....	29,118	100,250	8,966	147,400	1,758	11,000
Wednesday.....	25,964	118,200	12,711	53,100	2,577	5,000
Thursday.....	20,775	99,000	8,234	69,800	1,940	40,000
Friday.....	22,116	2,000	7,290	2,000	700	\$5,000
Total.....	130,318	\$520,950	48,531	\$468,600	11,434	\$209,000

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 improved in tone, in volume of business and in values. Indeed, a substantial part of the recent decline in railway bonds has been recovered. Of a list of 24 well-known, most active issues all have advanced and several are from 2 to 3 points or more higher than last week. To illustrate, Atchison 6s are up 3 1/2 points, Ches. & Ohio 5s, 2 3/4; C. & O. 4 1/2s, over 6; Interboro R. T., over 2; Inter. Met. 4 1/2s, 2 3/4; No. Pac. 4s, 2 3/4, and St. L.-S. F. 6s and So. Pac. 5s, 2 points. On the other hand, and in a class by themselves, Reading 4s have dropped a part of their recent advance.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$2,000 4s, reg., at 105 1/4 and the various Liberty Loan issues.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices.	May 22.	May 24.	May 25.	May 26.	May 27.	May 28.
First Liberty Loan	92.20	92.60	91.90	91.80	91.70	91.50
3 1/2s, 15-30 year, 1932-47	91.60	91.88	91.70	91.30	91.48	91.70
High	92.10	91.90	91.70	91.50	91.60	91.70
Low	91.60	91.88	91.70	91.30	91.48	91.70
Close	92.10	91.90	91.70	91.50	91.60	91.70
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1,008	1,575	539	556	1,060	328
Second Liberty Loan	84.00	84.00	84.20	85.10	86.48	86.76
4s, 10-25 year conv, 1942	83.90	83.20	84.00	84.10	85.86	86.00
High	83.90	83.20	84.00	84.10	85.86	86.00
Low	83.90	83.20	84.00	84.10	85.86	86.00
Close	83.90	83.20	84.00	84.10	85.86	86.00
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	81	110	84	102	102	107
Third Liberty Loan	83.70	84.50	85.00	85.02	86.50	86.50
4s, convertible, 1932-47	83.70	83.50	84.00	84.70	85.60	86.00
High	83.70	83.50	84.00	84.70	85.60	86.00
Low	83.70	83.50	84.00	84.70	85.60	86.00
Close	83.70	83.50	84.00	84.70	85.60	86.00
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	2	112	25	3	47	15
Fourth Liberty Loan	88.50	88.80	89.10	90.02	90.98	91.16
4 1/2s of 1928	88.10	88.30	88.50	89.20	90.00	90.70
High	88.50	88.80	89.10	90.02	90.98	91.16
Low	88.10	88.30	88.50	89.20	90.00	90.70
Close	88.50	88.80	89.10	90.02	90.98	91.16
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1,153	3,129	2,038	2,522	3,309	1,205
Fourth Liberty Loan	86.00	86.00	86.20	86.68	87.88	87.30
4 1/2s of 1st L L conv, '32-'47	85.50	85.60	86.00	85.86	86.90	87.04
High	86.00	86.00	86.20	86.68	87.88	87.30
Low	85.50	85.60	86.00	85.86	86.90	87.04
Close	86.00	86.00	86.20	86.68	87.88	87.30
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	142	250	56	55	121	42
Fourth Liberty Loan	84.38	84.80	84.70	85.50	86.60	86.96
4 1/2s of 2d L L conv, '27-'42	84.12	84.10	84.40	84.76	85.40	86.44
High	84.38	84.80	84.70	85.50	86.60	86.96
Low	84.12	84.10	84.40	84.76	85.40	86.44
Close	84.38	84.80	84.70	85.50	86.60	86.96
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	1,673	3,510	4,458	3,894	4,428	2,786
Fourth Liberty Loan	85.00	85.40	85.64	86.30	87.20	87.80
4 1/2s of 1933-38	84.72	84.78	85.04	85.60	86.14	87.12
High	85.00	85.40	85.64	86.30	87.20	87.80
Low	84.72	84.78	85.04	85.60	86.14	87.12
Close	85.00	85.40	85.64	86.30	87.20	87.80
Total sales in \$1,000 units.....	2,740	4,840	2,787	4,807	3,348	3,995
Fourth Liberty Loan	96.36	96.80	96.24	96.60	96.40	96.24
4 1/2s, 1st L L 2d conv, '32-'47	96.00	96.00	96.10	96.20	96.10	96.00
High	96.36	96.80	96.24	96.60	96.40	96.24
Low	96.00	96.00	96.10	96.20	96.10	96.00
Close	96.00	96.18	96.24	96.20	96.10	96.04

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 22 to Friday May 28), STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), and PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1, Range for Previous Year 1919). Rows list various stocks like A&O, Atch Topeka & Santa Fe, etc.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. † Ex-div. ‡ 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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday May 22 to Friday May 28) and rows of stock prices per share.

Main table of stock prices with columns for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919'. Includes company names like Amer Sumatra Tobacco, Amer Telephone & Teleg, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Six-1/8ths. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Par value \$100. ** Old stock. *** Ex-dividend.

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

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* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; † Less than 100 shares; ‡ Ex-rights; § Ex-div. and rights; ¶ Ex-div.; c Reduced to basis of \$25 par. n Par \$100.

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Jan. 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for interest and defaulted bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending May 28					BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending May 28						
Interest Period	Price Friday May 28	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price Friday May 28	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.
		Low	High					Low	High		
U. S. Government.											
First Liberty Loan	J D	91.70	Sale	91.30	92.60	5086	89.30	100.40			
3 1/2% 1st 15-30 year 1932-47	J D	84.00	Sale	83.50	86.70	204	83.00	93.48			
Second Liberty Loan	M N	86.40	Sale	83.20	86.48	586	81.40	92.90			
4 1/2% 1st L L conv. 1932-47	J D	87.30	Sale	85.50	87.88	666	84.00	94.00			
4 1/2% 2nd L L conv. 1927-42	M N	86.76	Sale	84.10	86.96	2084	81.10	92.86			
4 1/2% 3rd L L conv. 1927-42	M N	91.00	Sale	88.10	91.16	12356	85.50	95.00			
Fourth Liberty Loan	J D			94.50	95.00	16	86.00	101.10			
4 1/2% 1st L L 2nd conv 1932-47	J D	87.64	Sale	84.72	87.78	22517	82.00	93.00			
4 1/2% 4th L L conv. 1933-38	A O										
Victory Liberty Loan	J D	96.04	Sale	96.00	96.80	9596	94.70	99.40			
4 1/2% conv g notes 1922-23	J D	96.04	Sale	96.00	96.90	5412	94.60	99.40			
3 1/2% conv g notes 1922-23	J D			101 1/2	Apr 20		101	101 1/4			
2 1/2% consol registered 41930	J J			101	Mar 20		101	101			
2 1/2% consol coupon 41930	J J			105	May 20		105	106 1/4			
2 1/2% registered 1925	Q F	105		105 1/4	105 1/4	2	105	106 1/4			
2 1/2% coupon 1925	Q F			98 1/4	Mar 19						
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2 1/2% reg 1938	Q F			99	July 18						
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2 1/2% reg 1938	Q F			85	79 1/2	Apr 20					
Panama Canal 5 1/2% 1961	Q M			85	87 1/2	Mar 20					
Registered 1961	Q M										
Philippine Island 4 1/2% 1914-34	Q F			100	Feb 15						
Foreign Government.											
Anglo-French 5-yr 6% Exter loan	A O	98 3/4	Sale	98 1/4	98 3/4	2458	93 1/2	99 3/4			
Argentine Internal 5% of 1909	M N	86 7/8	Sale	86 1/2	87	13	70	75			
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6% 1934	J D	42 1/2	Sale	41 1/2	42 1/2	19	41	50			
Chinese (Hukuang Ry) 5% of 1911	J D	7 1/2	Sale	7 1/2	7 1/2	16	7 1/4	80 1/4			
Copenhagen 25-yr 5 1/2% 1944	J J	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	14	90	92 1/2			
Cuba—External debt 5% of 1904	F A	80 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	May 20		80 1/2	86			
Exter dt 5% of 1914 ser A 1949	F A	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	23	72	72	76			
External loan 4 1/2% 1949	F A	83 1/2	85	83 1/2	84	9	79	86 1/2			
Dominican Rep Cons Adm 5 1/2% 1921	A O	96 3/4	97	96 3/4	97	43	95 1/4	98 1/2			
Dominion of Canada 6 1/2% 1926	A O	88	Sale	88	89	31	88	96			
do do 1931	A O	88 1/2	Sale	88	89	30	86	92 1/2			
2-yr 5 1/2% gold notes Aug 1921	J J	96 1/2	Sale	96 3/4	97 1/2	13	93 3/4	98 1/2			
10-year 5 1/2% 1929	J J	91	Sale	90 3/4	91 1/2	72	89 1/4	97 1/2			
Spanish Gov't loan 4 1/2% 1925	F A	75 1/4	Sale	74 1/2	76	170	69	82			
Second series 4 1/2% 1925	J J	74 3/4	Sale	73 3/4	74 3/4	360	67 1/2	82			
do do "German stamp" 1931	J J	58 1/2	Sale	57 1/2	58 1/2	404	55 1/4	71			
Sterling loan 4 1/2% 1931	M N	86	87	86	87	29	85	92 1/2			
Lyons (City of) 15-yr 6% 1934	M N	87	Sale	86	87	22	86	93 1/2			
Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6% 1934	M N	87	Sale	86	87	22	86	93 1/2			
Mexico—Exter loan 6 1/2% of 1899	J D	33 1/2	Sale	32 1/2	33 1/2	62	29 1/4	43			
Gold debt 4 1/2% of 1904	Q J	32 1/2	Sale	31 1/4	32 1/2	71	26 1/2	37			
Paris (City of) 5-yr 6% 1921	A O	92 1/2	Sale	91 1/4	92 1/4	294	88 1/2	93			
Tokyo City 5% loan of 1912	M S	51	56 1/2	50	52	20	50	61			
U K of Gt Brit & Ireland—											
5-year 5 1/2% notes 1921	M N	95 1/2	Sale	94 3/4	95 1/2	717	92 3/4	97 1/4			
10-year 5 1/2% notes 1927	F A	84 1/4	Sale	83 3/4	84 1/4	348	83 1/2	90 1/4			
10-year conv 5 1/2% 1929	F A	90	90 1/4	89	90 1/4	440	89	95 3/4			
5-year conv 5 1/2% 1922	F A	93 3/4	Sale	93 1/4	93 3/4	112	90 1/4	94			
<i>These are prices on the basis of \$1000</i>											
State and City Securities.											
N Y City 4 1/2% Corp stock 1960	M S	85	87 1/2	85 1/2	May 20		85 1/2	95 1/4			
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1964	M S		86 1/2	86	86	2	86	95 1/4			
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1966	A O	85	90	88	Apr 20		85	93			
4 1/2% Corporate stock July 1967	J D	91	95 1/2	91 1/4	91 1/4	13	91 1/4	100 1/2			
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1965	J D	91	93	90 1/2	91 1/2	92	100 1/2				
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1963	M N	91	94 1/2	92	May 20		82 1/2	90 1/2			
4 1/2% Corporate stock 1965	M N		85 3/4	82 1/2	May 20		80	80			
4% Corporate stock 1963	M N		82	80	80	1	80	80			
4% Corporate stock 1965	M N		88	84 1/4	May 20		84	89			
4% Corporate stock reg 1966	M N		91	93	91 1/2	22	91 1/2	100 1/2			
New 4 1/2% 1957	M N	92 1/2	Sale	92 1/2	92 1/2	3	92 1/2	100 1/2			
3 1/2% Corporate stock 1957	M N		81 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	2	75 1/2	81			
3 1/2% Corporate stock 1954	M N		90	98 1/2	Aug 19						
N Y State—											
Canal Improvement 4 1/2% 1961	J J		90	100	Nov 19						
Canal Improvement 4 1/2% 1962	J J		95	98 1/2	Aug 19						
Canal Improvement 4 1/2% 1964	J J		95 1/2	94	Apr 20						
Canal Improvement 4 1/2% 1964	J J		100	107 1/2	Jan 20		107 1/2	108			
Canal Improvement 4 1/2% 1965	J J			99	Mar 20		99	99			
Canal Improvement 4 1/2% 1963	J J		100	102	May 20		100	107 1/2			
Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1963	M S			100 1/2	June 18						
Highway Improv't 4 1/2% 1965	J J			78 3/4	Dec 18						
Virginia funded debt 3-3/4% 1991	J J		50	52 1/2	52 1/2	May 20		60 1/2			
6% deferred Brown Bros cts											
Railroad.											
Ann Arbor 1st g 4 1/2% 1995	Q J	50	Sale	49	50	19	49	58			
Atchafalpa Topeka & Santa Fe	A O	74	Sale	70 3/4	74 1/2	251	69	82 1/4			
Gen g 4 1/2% 1995	A O			68 1/2	May 20		68 1/2	79			
Registered 1995	A O			64	Sale	12	62	71 1/2			
Adjustment gold 4 1/2% 1995	Nov			73 1/2	June 18						
Registered 1995	Nov			62	64 1/2	35	62	71 1/2			
Stamped 1995	M N			60	60 1/2	10	60	69 1/2			
Conv gold 4 1/2% 1955	J D			80 1/2	Sale	221	79	89 1/4			
Conv 4 1/2% issue of 1910 1928	J D	83 1/4	84	82	May 20		82	88			
East Okia Div 1st g 4 1/2% 1965	J J	54	64 1/2	59	Apr 20		55	69			
South Mtn Div 1st g 4 1/2% 1965	J J	67 1/2	69	68	68	5	68	76 1/2			
Trans Con Short 1st g 4 1/2% 1965	M S	70 1/4		68 1/2	70 1/8	13	68 1/2	81			
Del-Aris 1st g ref 4 1/2% A 1942	M S	80	83 1/2	80	95	June 19					
S F Res & Ph 1st g 4 1/2% 1942	M S	80	83 1/2	80	95	June 19					
At Coast L 1st g 4 1/2% 1952	M N	73 1/4	Sale	70 3/4	73 1/4	44	70	80			
Gen unific'd 4 1/2% 1964	J D	68	71	68	68 1/2	9	68	78			
Ala Mid 1st g gold 5% 1928	M N	91	92 3/4	92 3/4	Mar 20		92 3/4	92 3/4			
Bruno & W 1st g gold 4 1/2% 1938	M N	70 3/4	78	78	Jan 20		78	78			
Charles & Sav 1st g gold 7% 1938	J J	109 1/2	113	129 3/4	Aug 15		60 1/4	72 1/2			
L & N coll gold 4 1/2% 1952	M N	63	Sale	105	Aug 19						
Sav F & W 1st g gold 5% 1934	A O	84 1/2		105	July 15						
1st g gold 5% 1934	A O	80	Sale	78	80	101	78	84 1/2			
Balt & Ohio prior 3 1/2% 1925	Q J			81	Apr 20		81	81			
Registered 1925	Q J			58 3/4	61	80	57 1/2	70			
1st 50-year gold 4 1/2% 1948	Q J	80 1/4	Sale	80	Feb 20		80	80			
Registered 1948	Q J			59	Sale	98	58	66 1/2			
10-yr conv 4 1/2% 1933	J D			60 1/2	60 1/2	74	57 1/2	69			
Refund & Gen 6% Series A 1965	J D	60 3/4	Sale	68 1/2	60 3/4	330	81 1/2	92			
Temporary 10-yr 6% 1922	J J			112	Jan 12		60	75			
Fits June 1st gold 6% 1925	M N			69	72 1/2	Apr 20		60	75		
F J E & W M Div 1st g 3 1/2% 1925	M N	54 1/2	Sale	52	54 1/2	48	51 1/2	61			
S F Res & Ph 1st g 4 1/2% 1945	J J	70	Sale	69 1/4	70	20	68 1/2	77 1/2			
South Div 1st g 4 1/2% 1945	J J			82 1/4	85	Mar 20		85	85		

BONDS				BONDS							
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE				N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE							
Week ending May 28				Week ending May 28							
Interest Period	Price	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	Interest Period	Price	Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.
		Friday	Low					High	Friday			Low	High
Delaware Lack & West—Concl.						Lehigh Val (Pa) cons g 4s.	59	62	62	5	61 1/2
Warren 1st ref gu g 3 1/2.			102 1/2	Feb '08		General cons 4 1/2.	70	74 1/2	75	1	74 1/2
Delaware & Hudson—						Leh V Term Ry 1st gu g 6s.	90 1/2	93	91	1	91 1/2
1st lien equip g 4 1/2.	J	96	96	96	96	Registered.					
1st ref conv 5s.	N	70 3/4	72	70 1/4	72	Leh Val RR 10-yr coll 6s.	85 3/4	86	94	22	94 1/2
20-yr conv 5s.	A	75	78 1/2	74 3/4	75 1/2	Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5s.	83 1/4	92	98 1/2	1	98 1/2
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2.	O	60 1/8	68	67	May 20	Registered.					
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7s.	N	100 1/4	102	102 3/4	Apr '19	1st int reduced to 4s.					
Denver & Rio Grande—						Leh & N Y 1st guar g 4s.	70 1/8	87 1/4	73	1	73 1/2
1st cons g 4s.	J	61 1/2	65	59	61 1/2	Registered.					
Consol gold 4 1/2.	J	63 1/2	65 1/2	63 1/2	May 20	Long 1st int cons gold 5s.	84 1/2	93	87	1	86 1/2
Improvement gold 5s.	D	65	68	67 3/4	67 3/4	1st consol gold 4s.	75 1/4	79	79	1	77 7/8
1st & refunding 6s.	F	45	45	45	45	General gold 4s.	60	69	67	1	67 7/8
Trust Co certifs of deposit.	J	43	39	Feb '20	39	Ferry gold 4 1/2.	85	95 1/2	92	1	92 1/2
Rio Gr June 1st gu g 5s.	D	70 1/8	75	Jan '20	75	Gold 4s.	85	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99 1/2
Rio Gr Sou 1st gold 4s.	J	37 1/2	61 1/4	Apr '11	61 1/4	Unfltd gold 4s.	60 1/4	73	63	1	63 7/8
Guaranteed.	J	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	Debiture gold 5s.	60	67	Jan '20	67	67
Rio Gr West 1st gold 4s.	A	47	49	49	49	20-yr p m deb 5s.	61 1/8	63 3/4	63	1	63 6/8
Mtge & coll trust 4s A.	O	68	82	Dec '16	82	Quar refunding gold 4s.	61 1/8	61 7/8	61 7/8	7	61 1/8
Del & Mack—1st lien g 4s.	D	68	82	Dec '16	82	Registered.					
Gold 4s.	J	68 1/2	72 1/2	July '16	72 1/2	N Y B & M B 1st con g 5s.	88	92	Aug '19	92	92
Det Riv Tun Ter Tun 4 1/2.	N	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	N Y & R B 1st gold 5s.	88	86	Dec '19	86	86
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s.	J	78 3/4	83	87	Apr '20	Nor Sh B 1st con g gu 5s.	65 1/8	73 1/2	94	1	94 1/2
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s.	A	78 3/4	83	87	Apr '20	Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s.	65 1/8	73 1/2	94	1	94 1/2
Registered.	J	105 1/2	105 1/2	Mar '08	105 1/2	Louisville & Nashv gen 6s.	84 1/4	90 7/8	87	1	87 1/2
Dul/Sou Shore & Ast g 5s.	J	77 1/2	83	83	Mar '19	Gold 5s.	77	84	Apr '20	84	84
Elgin Jollet & East 1st g 5s.	M	86	86	86	86	Unfltd gold 4s.	77	84	Apr '20	84	84
Eric 1st consol gold 7s.	M	96	96 3/4	95	May 20	Collateral trust gold 5s.	80 3/8	88	90 1/2	1	89 1/2
3rd ext gold 4 1/2.	N	80	80	80	80	L Clin & Lex gold 4 1/2.	82 3/8	85 3/8	85	1	85 1/2
4th ext gold 5s.	O	95 1/8	98	95 1/2	95 1/2	N O & M 1st gold 5s.	92 1/2	100 1/4	101 1/2	1	100 1/4
6th ext gold 4s.	D	85	85	85	85	2d gold 6s.	87 1/8	100	100	1	100 1/2
N Y L E & W 1st g fd 7s.	M	93 1/2	100	98 1/2	Aug '19	Paducah & Mem Div 4s.	66 1/2	79 1/2	Jan '19	79 1/2	79 1/2
Eric 1st cons g 4s prior.	J	49 1/2	54	49 1/2	49 1/2	St Louis Div 1st div 4s.	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	5	96 3/4
Registered.	J	84	84	Dec '16	84	2d gold 3s.	49	49	49	1	46 1/2
1st consol gen lien g 4s.	J	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Atl Knox & Cia Div 4s.	64 1/4	69 1/4	63	1	63 7/8
Registered.	J	73	73	June '16	73	Atl Knox & Nor 1st g 5s.	85 1/8	88	95 1/2	1	95 1/2
Penn coll trust gold 4s.	F	63 1/2	69 3/4	74 3/4	Apr '20	Hender Edge 1st s f g 6s.	96 1/2	101 1/4	Apr '20	101 1/4	101 1/4
50-year conv 4s Ser A.	O	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Kentucky Central gold 4s.	60 3/8	68 1/4	64 1/2	1	64 7/8
do Series B.	A	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	Lex & East 1st 50-yr 5s gu	76	78 1/2	83	1	81 1/2
Gen conv 4s Series D.	O	65	65	65	65	L & N & M & M 1st g 4 1/2.	72 1/4	72	72	4	72 3/2
Ohio & Erie 1st gold 6s.	N	39 1/8	39 1/8	39 1/8	39 1/8	L & N-South M joint 4s.	59 1/8	63	58	23	58 5/8
Clev & Mahon Vail g 5s.	J	76 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	Registered.					
Eric & Jersey 1st s f g 5s.	J	77 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	N Fla & S 1st gu g 5s.	85	95	89	1	89 1/2
Genesee River 1st s f g 5s.	J	77 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	N O B Dge con gu g 4 1/2.	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1	97 1/2
Long Dock consol g 6s.	N	88	88	88	88	Pennac & Atl 1st gu g 6s.	85	90	85 1/2	1	85 1/2
Coal & R R 1st cur gu 6s.	O	92 1/2	103	Jan '18	103	S & N Ala cons gu g 6s.	85	90	85 1/2	1	85 1/2
Dock & Imp L ext 5s.	J	75	91 1/2	91	Feb '20	Gen cons gu 50-year 5s.	76 1/2	83	79	1	79 1/2
N Y & Green L gu g 5s.	M	81	85	Jan '18	85	L & Jeff Bde Co gu g 5s.	61	67	65	1	65 1/2
N Y Susq & W 1st tref 5s.	J	44	51 1/2	40	May 20	Manila RR—Sou lines 4s.	61	67	65	1	65 1/2
2d gold 4 1/2.	F	25	100 1/4	100 1/4	Dec '06	Mex Internat 1st cons g 4s.	77	77	77	1	77
General gold 5s.	A	37	44	39 1/8	39 1/8	Stamped guaranteed.	75	75	75	1	75
Terminal 1st gold 6s.	N	97	97	97	97	Midland Term—1st s f g 5s.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	1	90 1/2
Mid of N J 1st ext 5s.	O	70	72	Nov '19	72	Minn St 1st 1st 7s.	89 1/2	94	95 1/2	1	95 1/2
Wilk & East 1st gu g 5s.	D	49	52	49	52	Pacific Exts 1st gold 6s.	67 1/4	73	67 1/4	1	67 1/4
Ev & Ind 1st cons gu g 6s.	J	90	94	94 1/2	94 1/2	1st consol gold 5s.	86 1/2	91 1/2	86 1/2	1	86 1/2
Evans & T H 1st cons 6s.	J	90	94	94 1/2	94 1/2	1st & refunding gold 4s.	36 1/2	39 1/2	36 1/2	1	36 1/2
1st general gold 6s.	A	68	68	68	68	Ref & ext 50-yr 5s Ser A.	44	42	42	1	42 1/2
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s.	O	108	108	108	108	Des M & Ft D 1st gu 4s.	40	42 3/4	40	1	40 1/2
Sull Co Branch 1st g 5s.	O	95	95	95	95	Iowa Central 1st gold 5s.	70 1/2	80	69	1	69 1/4
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2.	D	74	79	77	May 20	Refunding gold 4s.	38	39	38 1/2	3	37 1/4
Fort 8s U D Co 1st g 5s.	J	61 1/2	66	66	66	Mt St P & S M con g 4s int gu.	91	91	91	1	91 1/2
Ft Worth & Rio Gr 1st g 4s.	J	60	70	60	70	1st cons 5s.	68	68	68	1	68
Galv Hou & Hen 1st 5s.	O	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	1st Chic Term s f 4s.	84 3/4	87 3/8	85	1	85 1/2
Great Nor C B & Q coll 4s.	J	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	M S M & A 1st g 4s int gu.	26	27	27	1	27 1/2
Registered.	J	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	Mississippi Central 1st 6s.	55	55 1/2	55	1	55 1/2
1st & ref 4 1/2 Series A.	J	73 1/8	77	73	73	Mo Kan & Tex—1st gold 4s.	27	29	27	1	27 1/2
Registered.	J	96	96	96	96	2d gold.	25 1/2	29	27 1/2	1	27 1/2
St Paul M & Man 4s.	J	78 1/2	83	83 1/2	83 1/2	Trust Co certifs of deposit.	23	23	23	1	23 1/2
1st consol g 6s.	J	99 1/2	101	102 1/4	102 1/4	1st ext gold 5s.	35	36 1/2	36 1/2	1	36 1/2
Registered.	J	100 1/4	118	Apr '17	118	1st & refunding 4s.	35	36 1/2	36 1/2	1	36 1/2
Reduced to gold 4 1/2.	J	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	Trust Co certifs of dep.	23	24	24	1	24 1/2
Registered.	J	91	102 1/2	May '16	102 1/2	Gen sinking fund 4 1/2.	23	24	24	1	24 1/2
Mont ext 1st gold 4s.	J	76	78	79 1/8	79 1/8	Trust Co certifs of deposit.	23	24	24	1	24 1/2
Registered.	J	80	80	80	80	St Louis Div 1st ref g 4s.	18 1/2	23	23	1	23 1/2
Pacific ext guar 4s S.	J	86	86	86	86	5% secured notes "ext" 16.	27	27	27	1	27 1/2
E Minn Nor Div 1st g 4s.	A	78	78	78	78	Dal & Waco 1st gu g 5s.	45	51	49 1/2	1	49 1/2
Minn Union 1st g 6s.	O	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Kan City & Pac 1st g 4s.	35	37 1/4	37 1/4	1	35 3/8
Mont C 1st gu g 6s.	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	Mo K & E 1st gu g 5s.	35	37 1/4	37 1/4	1	35 3/8
Registered.	J	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	M K & Okla 1st guar 5s.	20	20	20	1	20 1/2
1st guar gold 5s.	J	85 1/2	88	82 1/4	82 1/4	M K & T of T 1st gu g 5s.	20	20	20	1	20 1/2
Will & S F 1st gold 5s.	F	84 1/2	88	85 1/2	85 1/2	Sher Sh & S 1st gu g 5s.	28	51	Dec '16	51	51
Green Bay & W deb 6 1/2.	D	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	Texas & Okla 1st gu g 5s.	34 1/2	38 3/4	Dec '19	38 3/4	38 3/4
Debiture 6 1/2.	F	60	62	65	Apr '20	Missouri Pacific (reorg Co)—					
Gulf & S I 1st ref g t g 5s.	J	60	62	65	Apr '20	1st & refunding 5s Ser A.	78	79	79	1	79 1/2
Hocking Val 1st cons g 4 1/2.	J	63 1/2	61	63 1/2	63 1/2	1st & refunding 5s Ser B.	84	85 3/4	84	1	84 1/2
Registered.	J	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	1st & refunding 5s Ser C.	79 1/2	82	79 1/2	1	79 1/2
Col & H V 1st ext g 4s.	A	57 1/4	59 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	Gen 4s.	53 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4	14	53 1/4
Col & Tol 1st ext 4s.	F	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	59 1/4	Missouri Pac 1st cons g 6s.	97 3/4	98	98	1	98 1/2
Houston Belt & Term 1st 5s.	J	80	80	80	80	40-year gold loan 4s.	58	65	62 1/2	1	62 1/2
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s.	J	80	80	80	80	3d 7s extended at 4%.	58	65	62 1/2	1	62 1/2
Registered.	J	92	92	92	92	Cent Br U P 1st g 4s.	70 1/8	77	72	1	72 1/2
1st gold 3 1/2.	J	62 1/2	66 3/4	67	Apr '20	Pac R of Mo 1st ext g 4s.	75 3/4	84	87	1	85 1/2
Registered.	J										

BONDS N Y STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending May 28		Interest Period		Price Friday May 28		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold		Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High		Low	High
Virginian 1st 5s series A.....	1942	M	N	75	82	72 1/2	75	82	42	72 1/2	85 1/4
Wabash 1st gold 5s.....	1939	F	A	82	82 1/2	79	82	26	79	81	
2d gold 5s.....	1939	F	A	73 1/2	74	73	May 20		73	83	
Debutante series.....	1939	J	S	95 1/2		90	Aug 18				
1st lien equip 1st g 5s.....	1921	F	A	95 1/2		97 1/2	July 19				
1st lien 50-yr g term 4s.....	1954	J	J	68 1/2		70 1/2	Nov 19				
Det & Ch Ext 1st g 5s.....	1941	J	J	88		88 1/2	Mar 20		88 1/2	88 1/2	
Des Moines Div 1st g 4s.....	1939	J	J	75 1/2		80	Aug 12				
Om Div 1st g 3 1/2s.....	1941	J	O	51 1/2		51	Apr 20		51	55 1/2	
Tol & Ch Div g 4s.....	1941	M	S	62 1/2		60	Oct 19		69	72	
Wash Term 1st g 3 1/2s.....	1945	F	A	62 1/2		60	Apr 20				
1st 40-yr guar 4s.....	1945	F	A	69 1/2		68 1/2	Aug 18				
West Maryland 1st g 4s.....	1945	F	O	43 1/2		43	Apr 20		43	53	
West N Y & Pa 1st g 5s.....	1937	J	O	81 1/2		81	Apr 20		81	92	
Gen gold 4s.....	1943	J	O	54 1/2		54	May 20		54	63 1/2	
Income 5s.....	1943	N	O	78		77 1/2	78 1/2		76 1/2	88	
Western Pac 1st ser A 5s.....	1948	M	S	85		85	Apr 20		80 1/2	92 1/2	
Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s.....	1928	F	A	89		100	Feb 17				
Wheel Div 1st gold 5s.....	1928	J	J	89		90 1/2	Mar 17				
Exten & Impt gold 5s.....	1930	M	S	44		46 1/2	May 20		46 1/2	53	
Refunding 4 1/2s series A.....	1936	M	S	50		51 1/2	Apr 20		52 1/2	56	
E. R. 1st consol 4s.....	1949	J	J	59 1/2		62 1/2	Apr 20		62 1/2	62 1/2	
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4s.....	1940	J	J	61 1/2		62	60 1/2		60 1/2	71	
W. Cent 50-yr 1st gen 4s.....	1949	J	J	63 1/2		67	67		63 1/2	70	
Sup & Dul Div & term 1st 4s 3s	1936	M	N								
Street Railway											
Brooklyn Rapid Tran g 5s.....	1945	A	O	21	24	33 1/2	Apr 20		30	33 1/2	
1st refund conv gold 4s.....	2002	J	J	21 1/2	30	24	24	2	21 1/2	28	
5-yr 7% secured notes.....	1921	J	J	40 1/2	40	41	24	35	35	40	
Certificates of deposit.....				34	39 1/2	39	39 1/2	36	37	47	
Certificates of deposit stmp'd.....				34	35	May 20			31 1/2	45	
Bk City 1st cons 5s.....	1916	A	J	62 1/2		60	Apr 20		66	68	
Bk Q Co & S con g 5s.....	1941	M	N	75		80	May 18				
Bklyn C Co & S 1st 5s.....	1941	J	J	58		60	60	1	60	64	
Bklyn U El 1st 4-5s.....	1950	F	A	58		61 1/2	May 20		61	63	
Stamped guar 4-5s.....	1940	F	A	52 1/2		52	52 1/2	3	51	55	
Kings County E 1st g 4s.....	1940	F	A	52 1/2		52	52 1/2	3	51	55	
Stamped guar 4s.....	1940	F	A	52 1/2		52	52 1/2	3	51	55	
Nassau Elec guar gold 4s.....	1951	J	J	60		58	May 20		58	70	
Chicago Rys 1st & ref 4 1/2s.....	1927	F	A	70		60	Feb 20		60	80	
Conn Ry & L 1st & ref 4 1/2s.....	1951	J	J	61		60 1/2	77	July 19			
Stamped guar 4 1/2s.....	1951	J	J	61		60	61	3	60	69	
Det United 1st cons g 4 1/2s.....	1932	J	J	57 1/2		58	Jan 20		57 1/2	60	
Ft Smith L & Tr 1st 5s.....	1936	M	S	57 1/2		58	Jan 20		57 1/2	60	
Hud & Manhat 5s ser A.....	1951	F	A	72		70	Apr 20		70	78	
Adjust Income 5s.....	1957	F	A	19		18 1/2	19 1/2	13	13	23	
N Y & Jersey 1st 5s.....	1932	F	A	79		78	Apr 20		73	78	
Interboro-Metrop col 4 1/2s.....	1956	A	O	15 1/2		14	18 1/2	145	13 1/2	19 1/2	
Certificates of deposit.....				53 1/2		51	53 1/2	298	49	58	
Interboro Rap Tran 1st 4s.....	1966	J	O	51 1/2		51	51 1/2	3	53 1/2	60	
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s.....	1990	A	O	51 1/2		51 1/2	51 1/2	35	51 1/2	60 1/2	
Stamped tax-exempt.....	1990	A	O	40		44	75	Oct 19			
Manila Elec Ry & L t s f 5s.....	1935	M	S								
Metropolitan Street Ry											
Bway & 7th Av 1st c g 5s.....	1943	J	D	40	44	44 1/2	Mar 20		44 1/2	67 1/2	
Col & 9th Av 1st g 5s.....	1943	M	S	21	30	30	Apr 20		30	40	
Lex Av & P F 1st g 5s.....	1943	M	S	21	40	40	Mar 20		45	42	
Met W S El (Chic) 1st g 5s.....	1935	F	A	64		64	Dec 19				
Miw Elec Ry & L cons g 5s.....	1926	F	A	94		92	Apr 20		92	94 1/2	
Refunding & exten 4 1/2s.....	1931	J	J	77		77	Jan 20		77	77	
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s.....	1941	J	J	70		73	May 20		70	75	
New Or Ry & L gen 4 1/2s.....	1935	J	J	68		61	July 19				
N Y Municip Ry 1st s f 5s.....	1946	J	J	20	24 1/2	20	20	15	20	32	
W Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s.....	1942	J	J	24 1/2		24 1/2	24 1/2	10	24 1/2	31	
Certificates of deposit.....				5 1/2		5	5 1/2	13	5	7 1/2	
80-year adj line 6s.....	1942	A	O	50 1/2		51 1/2	52 1/2	1	50	55	
Certificates of deposit.....				50 1/2		51 1/2	52 1/2	1	50	55	
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2s.....	1962	M	N	72 1/2		64 1/2	Jan 20		64 1/2	64 1/2	
Portland Ry 1st & ref 5s.....	1930	F	A	66		65	Dec 19				
Portland Ry L & P 1st 5s.....	1942	F	A	94		90 1/2	Feb 17				
Portland Gen Elec 1st 5s.....	1936	M	N	94		95	July 17				
St Jos Ry L H & P 1st g 5s.....	1937	M	N	82		80	Jan 20		80	80	
St Paul City Cab cons g 5s.....	1937	J	J	42 1/2		41	42 1/2	16	40	51 1/2	
Third Ave 1st ref 5s.....	1960	A	O	24		22	24 1/2	60	21 1/2	31	
Adj Income 5s.....	1940	A	O	81		75	May 20		75	84	
Third Ave Ry 1st g 5s.....	1937	J	J	87 1/2		87 1/2	May 20		87 1/2	92	
Tri-City Ry & L 1st 1st 5s.....	1933	J	J	96 1/2		73	May 19		77 1/2	90	
Undergar of London 4 1/2s.....	1948	J	J	55		60	Dec 19				
Income 6s.....	1948	J	J	64		67	Apr 20		67 1/2	75 1/2	
United Rys Inv 5s Pitts 1st.....	1926	M	N	48		47 1/2	Apr 20		47 1/2	47 1/2	
United Rys St L 1st g 4s.....	1934	J	J	84		85	May 20		84	85 1/2	
St Louis Transit g 5s.....	1924	A	O	24	33 1/2	25 1/2	May 20		25	30	
United RRs San Fr s f 4s.....	1927	A	O	23	23 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	31	22 1/2	30	
Union Tr (N Y) cts dep.....				23	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	2	20 1/2	30	
Equit Tr (N Y) inter cts.....				63		63	May 20		63	70	
Va Ry & Pow 1st & ref 5s.....	1934	J	J								
Gas and Electric Light											
Atlanta G L Co 1st g 5s.....	1947	J	D	90 1/4		103	Sept 15				
Bkly Edison Ino gen 5s A.....	1949	M	N	68	72	82 1/2	Feb 20		81	82 1/2	
Bklyn U Gas 1st cons g 5s.....	1949	M	N	71 1/2	79	71	71	2	70	79	
Chic Gas & El 1st g 5s.....	1950	M	N	81 1/2		86	Apr 20		79	86	
Columbia G & El 1st g 5s.....	1937	J	J	84 1/2		84 1/2	84 1/2	1	81	89	
Columbus Gas 1st g 5s.....	1937	J	J	85		87	June 19				
Consol Gas 5-yr conv 7s.....	1925	Q	F	100		99	100	73	99	101 1/2	
Cons Gas E L & P of Balt 5-yr 5s.....	1923	M	N	96 1/2		79	Apr 20		79	79	
Detroit City Gas gold 5s.....	1923	J	J	95 1/2		95 1/2	Apr 20		95 1/2	95 1/2	
Detroit Edison 1st coll tr 5s.....	1933	J	S	90		90	90	1	90	95	
1st & ref 5s ser A.....	1940	M	N	81 1/2		77 1/2	May 20		77 1/2	90	
Eq L N Y 1st cons g 5s.....	1932	M	N	94		94	Feb 18				
Gas & Elec Berg Co g 5s.....	1949	J	D	100		100	Feb 13				
Havana Elec consol g 5s.....	1952	F	A	84		85	Apr 20		84	85 1/2	
Hudson Co Gas 1st g 5s.....	1949	M	N			81	Sept 19				
Kan City (Mo) Gas 1st g 5s.....	1922	A	O	87		82 1/2	Dec 19		85	89 1/2	
Kans Co El L & P g 5s.....	1937	A	O	86 1/2		100	May 20		85	89 1/2	
Purchase money 6s.....	1997	A	O	86		95	95		85	89 1/2	
Convertible deb 6s.....	1925	M	S	86		81 1/2	77	Feb 20		75 1/2	
Ed El III Bkn 1st con g 4s.....	1939	M	N	71		71	71 1/2	5	70	82 1/2	
Lao Gas L of St L con & ext 6s.....	1934	A	O	87		82 1/2	82 1/2	1	82 1/2	87 1/2	
Milwaukee Gas L 1st 4s.....	1927	J	D	83		104 1/2	Apr 17		74 1/2	85 1/2	
Newark Con Gas g 5s.....	1948	J	D	74 1/2		75	75	7	74 1/2	85 1/2	
N G E L H & G 5s.....	1948	J	D	60 1/4		60 1/4	60 1/4	5	60	65 1/2	
Purchase money 4s.....	1949	J	J	89		89	Apr 20		89	89	
Ed Elec III 1st cons g 5s.....	1935	F	A	72		81	Mar 20		80	81	
N Y & Q El L & P con g 5s.....											

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STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1.

Range for Previous Year 1919.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, organized by industry (Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining, etc.) and listing daily price movements from Saturday to Friday.

* Bid and asked prices. b Ex-stock dividend. c Ex-dividend and rights. d Assessment paid. e Ex-rights. f Ex-dividend g Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 22 to May 28, 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), and Date.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Chicago Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

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), and Date.

(*) No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

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), and Date.

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), and Date.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—The complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

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), and Date.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 22 to May 28, 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), and Date.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from May 22 to May 28 both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon. Transactions on the "Curb" are subject to no such stringent regulations as those on the Stock Exchange and it is out of the question for anyone to vouch for the absolute trustworthiness of any record of such transactions. We give it for what it may be worth.

Table with columns: Week ending May 28, Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes sections for Industrial & Miscell., Mining Stocks, and Other Oil Stocks.

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale, Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low, High, Sales for Week, Shares, Range since Jan. 1, Low, High. Lists various oil companies and their stock performance.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Allied Pack conv deb 6s r'39, Amer Tel & Tel 6s r'1922, etc.

* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. § Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ¶ New stock. Ⓜ Unlisted. Ⓝ When issued. Ⓟ Ex-dividend. Ⓠ Ex-rights. Ⓡ Ex-stock dividend. Ⓢ Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. Ⓣ Correction. Ⓤ Sales reported last week in Mercer Motors at 12@13 should have been Atlas Truck.

CURRENT NOTICES

Registration for the six weeks summer session to be conducted by the Wall Street Division of New York University in its building at 90 Trinity Place has already begun. Classes commence on July 6th and include bookkeeping, accounting, economics, money and credit, banking practice, foreign trade sales practice, commercial Spanish, problems in foreign trade geography, and industrial and commercial geography.

A folder, "Industrial Buildings at Matagorda," has lately been distributed by the J. G. White Engineering Corporation, 43 Exchange Place, New York City. It gives information about, and illustrations of the power plant, warehouse, machine shop and model homes erected for the housing of workmen at the sulphur plant of the Texas Gull Sulphur Co., Matagorda, Texas.

Walter A. Roselle, Edward H. Roselle and Alfred G. Bernhelme announce the formation of a co-partnership to conduct as members of the New York Stock Exchange a general stock and bond brokerage business, under the firm name of Roselle & Co., with offices in the Empire Building, 71 Broadway, New York City.

The American Exchange National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for the transfer of certificates of the non-redeemable 7% Pref. stock, redeemable 7% Pref. stock, Founders stock and Common stock of the Circle A Corporation of America; and also registrar of the Pref. stock of the Acar Manufacturing Co.

A complete handbook on Liberty bonds has been published by Lee, Higginson & Co., New York. This very timely compilation covers practically every phase of the subject, the elementary as well as the more technical questions which are constantly being asked regarding the investment and tax-exempt features.

Salomon Bros. & Hutzler are offering to investors desiring to keep their surplus available, bankers' acceptances, municipal notes and other high-grade investments, maturing July 1920 and each month thereafter in amounts and maturities to suit individual requirements and yielding from 5 1/2% to 7 1/2%.

George E. Wills, formerly sales manager for Bonbright & Co., Charles A. Reynolds, formerly with Colgate, Parker & Co., and G. C. Thayer, formerly with White, Weld & Co., have become associated with Morton & Co., nc., dealers in investment securities, at 25 Broad St., New York.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed Transfer Agent of Common B stock of the American Tobacco Co.; also Registrar of the capital stock of the Bolivia-Argentine Exploration Corp. and of the stock of the Circle A Corporation of America.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of the Shasta Zinc & Copper Co.

Benjamin West Frazier, of the banking house of Frazier & Co., of New York and Philadelphia sails to-day on the steamship Baltic for an extended business trip in Europe.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banks, Assets, Liabilities, Trust Co's, Assets, Liabilities. Lists various banks like Amer Exch, Atlantic, Battery Park, etc.

* Banks marked with a (*) are State banks. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ New stock. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists companies like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, etc.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

Large table with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Ordnance Stocks, Public Utilities, and Miscellaneous. Lists various securities and their prices.

* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend § New stock. ¶ Flat price. Ⓝ Nominal. Ⓟ Ex-dividend Ⓠ Ex-rights

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table of Railroad Gross Earnings with columns for Road, Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Jan. 1 to Latest Date, Current Year, Previous Year.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns for Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %) and Monthly Summaries (Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %).

* 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 May. The table covers 10 roads and shows 12.52% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Third Week of May.	1920.	1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.	\$ 421,400	\$ 238,596	\$ 182,804	
Canadian National Rys.	1,946,107	1,891,532	54,575	
Canadian Pacific.	3,633,000	2,957,000	676,000	
Georgia Southern & Florida.	90,395	73,439	16,956	
Grand Trunk of Canada.				
Grand Trunk Western.				
Detroit Gr Hav & Milw.	1,704,935	1,669,112	35,823	
Canada Atlantic.				
Mobile & Ohio.	322,463	287,237	35,226	
Southern Railway.	2,409,191	2,239,138	170,053	
Total (10 roads).	10,527,491	9,356,054	1,171,437	
Net increase (12.52%).				

For the second week of May our final statement covers 18 roads and shows 11.53% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Second Week of May.	1920.	1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (7 roads).	\$ 9,326,152	\$ 8,149,295	\$ 1,176,857	
Ann Arbor.	89,036	70,618	18,418	
Colorado & Southern.	482,452	454,543	27,909	
Duluth South Shore & Atl.	102,102	96,115	5,987	
Grand Trunk Western.				
Detroit Gr Hav & Milw.	1,664,627	1,614,162	50,465	
Canada Atlantic.				
Mineral Range.	11,475	13,738	2,263	
Nevada-California-Oregon.	5,384	5,981	597	
Tennessee Alabama & Georgia.	3,103	1,082	2,021	
Texas & Pacific.	682,223	682,580	357	
Total (18 roads).	12,366,554	11,088,114	1,281,657	3,217
Net increase (11.53%).				

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.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Birmingham South.	55,132	58,224	3,724	16,706
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	176,783	227,319	1,546	71,088
Dela Lack & Western.	4,402,572	5,480,194	268,076	1,040,826
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	20,913,874	21,810,350	1,138,509	4,393,370
El Paso & Southwest.	1,031,502	1,051,950	327,682	421,464
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	4,659,792	4,180,821	1,462,304	1,581,814
Illinois Terminal.	70,390	82,761	28,906	54,556
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	211,794	256,173	105,440	155,640
Lake Terminal.	96,377	96,016	def26,311	5,596
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	384,990	381,883	def53,003	32,725
Lehigh & New Eng.	281,049	286,881	29,290	84,147
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	1,276,987	938,433	237,159	111,401
Monong Connect.	260,371	99,349	76,956	def10,475
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	990,497	661,136	278,820	def77,497
Montour.	90,116	111,368	def34,437	def8,652
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	292,549	321,652	def129,585	def100,899
Norfolk & Western.	5,999,464	6,189,619	652,969	1,140,936
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	23,876,952	23,966,345	752,541	4,234,428
St Louis Southwestern System				
St Louis S W of Tex.	745,905	455,877	def103,517	def148,566
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	2,193,193	1,427,574	def590,578	def377,059
San Ant Uvalde & G.	74,996	86,099	def34,400	def12,799
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	299,531	216,791	def113,906	def73,917
South Buffalo.	116,914	62,444	37,804	24,087
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	409,956	444,133	66,248	117,069
Southern Pacific System—				
Arizona Eastern.	345,083	304,444	108,636	62,709
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	1,021,022	1,012,212	307,932	280,245
Galv Harris & S A.	1,951,316	1,581,654	def133,388	265,671
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	5,875,481	4,967,323	457,100	829,276
Hous & Tex Cent.	819,733	656,096	def63,526	12,417
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	2,791,549	1,950,566	380,894	171,661
Hous E & W Texas.	256,985	183,663	def46,787	37,579
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	714,793	549,701	14,721	118,089
Louisiana Western.	429,397	301,710	140,819	112,172
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	1,295,954	910,416	462,321	304,788
Morg La & T RR & S S.	866,405	554,819	122,941	54,553
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	2,520,595	1,782,144	730,141	217,900
Texas & New Or.	800,496	637,249	def40,092	34,601
Jan 1 to Mar 31.	2,367,387	1,747,924	130,085	def21,909
Staten Island R T.	130,416	188,371	def29,986	18,165
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	616,410	660,534	def89,123	57,353
Union RR of Penna.	712,394	612,679	def59,219	14,559
Jan 1 to Apr 30.	2,564,693	2,382,459	def285,767	237,472

b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.				Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	
Adirondack El Pow Co.	April	\$ 166,504	\$ 133,575	\$ 713,957	\$ 554,028	
Alabama Power Co.	April	330,392	220,581	1,287,180	945,774	
Atlantic Shore Ry.	March	12,549	12,199	37,342	34,655	
Bangor Ry & Electric	March	93,133	83,717	277,172	248,153	
Baton Rouge Elec Co	March	35,899	27,408	114,172	87,121	
Blackstone V G & El.	March	258,358	191,288	800,607	725,036	
Brazilian Trac L & P	March	990,000	933,000	2,893,000	2,582,000	
Bklyn Rap Tran Sys	January	841,035		841,035		
Bklyn City RR.	January	8,662	712,932	8,662	712,932	
Coney Isd & Bklyn	January	186,335	138,517	186,335	138,517	
Coney Isd & Grave	January	4,257	2,922	4,257	2,922	
Nassau Electric.	January	516,007	398,914	516,007	398,914	
South Brooklyn.	January	72,253	59,238	72,253	59,238	
New York Consol.	January	1604,753	1,252,774	1,604,753	1,252,774	
Bklyn Qu Co & Sub	January	151,855	105,680	151,855	105,680	
Cape Breton Elec Co.	March	44,751	42,924	138,947	138,078	
Cent Miss V El Prop.	March	38,353	31,213	119,709	99,524	
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	March	103,061	77,047	321,546	238,110	

Name of Road or Company.	Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Cities Service Co.	April	\$ 2175,658	\$ 1807,255	\$ 8,386,728	\$ 7,345,948
Cleve Painesv & East	March	55,263	49,159	160,862	140,961
Columbia Gas & Elec	April	1236,830	998,638	5,327,617	4,380,074
Columbus (Ga) El Co	March	130,877	95,307	397,133	303,769
Com'w'th P. Ry & Lt	April	2514,932	2007,033	10,135,406	8,266,581
Connecticut Power Co	March	114,626	103,718	361,911	317,688
Consum Pow (Mich).	April	1129,575	898,569	4,286,077	3,410,291
Cumb Co (Me) P & L.	March	226,296	202,919	790,851	617,639
Dayton Pow & Light.	April	300,976	233,823	1,254,390	997,605
dDetroit Edison.	March	1866,245	1375,361	5,543,163	4,155,920
Duluth-Superior Trac	April	167,790	159,522	647,682	611,736
East St Louis & Sub.	March	367,330	285,113	1,038,678	821,078
Eastern Texas Elec.	March	125,420	106,782	373,393	320,941
Edison El of Brockton	March	119,296	87,342	345,295	272,475
Elc Light & Pow Co	March	27,543	20,773	82,143	69,706
eEl Paso Electric Co.	March	152,709	128,112	459,144	376,142
Fall River Gas Works	March	65,366	51,505	206,435	169,878
Federal Light & Trac	January	414,843	333,629	414,843	333,629
Ft Worth Power & Lt.	March	158,510	101,859	481,589	327,230
Galv-Hous Elec Co.	March	273,607	253,387	800,236	718,027
Georgia Lt. P & Rys.	March	140,080	118,257	427,251	351,573
Great West Pow Sys	January	496,221	441,425	496,221	441,425
Harrisburg Railways	February	123,229	124,003	270,128	260,842
Havana El Ry & P	March	927,785	657,255	2,675,342	2,068,769
Haverhill Gas Lt Co.	March	33,801	26,704	112,701	93,735
Honolulu R T & Land	April	49,523	60,770	269,527	237,782
Houghton Co El L Co	March	41,783	35,750	137,461	120,142
Houghton Co Trac Co	March	28,752	29,429	86,433	79,388
Hudson & Manhattan	January	558,386	513,332	558,386	513,332
dIllinois Traction.	April	1684,606	1340,440	6,751,171	5,559,704
Interboro Rap Tran.	April	4599,227	4015,037	18,388,848	15,322,035
Kansas Gas & Elec Co	March	286,927	224,568	883,356	726,370
Keokuk Electric Co.	March	26,599	23,328	84,028	75,178
Key West Electric Co	March	20,442	19,878	61,933	58,321
Lake Shore Elec Ry.	February	232,536	174,416	463,768	365,870
Long Island Electric.	January	22,449	15,190	22,449	15,190
Louisville Railway.	March	342,745	333,735	976,535	963,752
Lowell Electric Corp.	March	98,366	77,064	314,109	259,277
Manhattan & Queens	January	19,803	20,102	19,803	20,102
Manhat Bdge & Line	January	20,292	12,735	20,292	12,735
MIW El Ry & Lt Co	April	1485,918	1158,790	5,994,906	4,769,882
Miss River Power Co.	March	206,897	180,971	608,245	533,189
Nashville Ry & Light	March	314,250	267,284	905,187	792,694
New England Power Co	April	461,479	289,848	1,801,848	1,226,015
Newp-N & H Ry, G & E	April	207,063	203,401	820,063	820,062
New York Dock Co.	April	448,923	432,583	1,805,653	1,656,827
N Y & Long Island.	January	38,342	40,283	134,342	140,285
N Y & North Shore.	January	12,417	10,788	12,417	10,788
N Y & Queens County	January	90,459	78,688	90,459	78,688
bN Y Railways.	January	860,318		860,318	
bEighth Avenue.	January	92,036	962,264	92,036	962,264
bNinth Avenue.	January	40,138		40,138	
Northern Ohio Elec.	April	962,371	723,398	3,695,629	2,805,110
North Texas Electric.	March	336,949	277,721	1,388,848	1,022,012
Ocean Electric (L I)	January	9,963	7,276	9,963	7,276
Pacific Power & Light	March	187,709	151,738	594,364	481,713
Phila & Western.	April	63,421	57,529	223,020	213,369
Phila Rap Transit Co	April	3174,884	2909,234	12,096,561	11,126,351
Portland Gas & Coke.	March	200,332	174,196	614,074	544,367
Port (Ore) Ry, L & P Co	March	747,154	736,167	2,220,155	2,126,625
Puget Sd Tr, Lt & P.	March	844,117		2,569,748	
R Republic Ry & Lt Co	January	659,568	493,364	2,702,923	2,046,137
Richmond Ry & RR.	January	42,756	37,372	42,756	37,372
St L Rocky Mt & Pac	March	46,837	292,074	1,193,878	968,467
Second Avenue.	January	66,885	59,795	66,885	59,795
Southern Cal Edison.	March	868,470	732,583	2,584,463	2,247,134
Staten Island Midl'd	January	14,687	21,379	14,687	21,379
Tampa Electric Co.	March	125,161	108,694	382,984	31,290
Tennessee Power.	March	193,406	208,594	580,543	639,927
Tenn Ry, Lt & P Co	March	527,565	485,761	1,557,878	1,468,429

Table with columns: Company Name, Date, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Includes companies like Duluth-Superior Traction Co, Milwaukee Elec Ry & Light Co, etc.

z After allowing for other income received.

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z After allowing for other income received.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other financial reports of steam roads, street railways and other companies published since April 24.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Full-face figures indicate reports published at length.

Large index table with columns: Company Name, Page, Industrials Continued, Page. Lists numerous companies and their report page numbers.

Table with columns: Industrials Continued, Page, Industrials (Concluded), Page. Lists various industrial companies and their report page numbers.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. (35th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1919.) The remarks of President William T. Noonan, including a comparative income account, will be found on a subsequent page of this issue.

Eric Railroad. (25th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1919.) President Frederick D. Underwood, New York, April 13 wrote in substance: Operating Results.—The net operating income from the operation of your property by the U. S. R.R. Administration during the year 1919 amounted to \$1,036,370 as compared with a deficit for the year 1918 of \$2,246,652.

The decrease of 32.39% in bituminous coal tonnage handled during the year is principally explained by decreased demand for war industries and the strike in the bituminous coal industry in Nov. and Dec. 1919. The decrease of 37.43% in iron and other ore tonnage is principally explained by reduction in demand for these commodities upon cessation of the war. Valuation.—The valuation of the property (by the U. S. C. Commission) is still in progress. The field inventory is 90% complete, with the exception of land values. The Government has deferred the field work, as concerns land, until the summer season of 1920.

which involve a total charge to capital account of between \$4,502,000 and \$4,958,442. This equipment will be financed under an equipment obligation covered by an issue of 6 notes to the U. S. R. R. Administration at par; these notes will mature in 15 annual installments. (Compare article in "Railway & Industrial Section" issued to-day.)

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for No. tons mdse. fgt. carried, No. tons coal & coke carried, etc.

FEDERAL INCOME STATEMENT FOR 1919 AND 1918 AS COMPARED WITH CORPORATE STATEMENT IN PRIOR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Operating revenues, Merchandise, Coal, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., etc.

CORPORATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Compensation rev'ble, Operating income, Lease of road, Miscel. rent income, etc.

*There was \$2,795,331 due from the U. S. Railroad Administration at the close of the year amount of compensation.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Assets, Road & equip't, Improv'ts on leased prop, etc.

Total 589,125,760 577,571,037. Includes cash, \$5,953,179; agents and conductors bal., \$4,937,971; materials and supplies, \$8,518,218; working fund advances, \$12,512; accrued depreciation, \$4,538,846; corporate transactions, \$1,600,309; assets collected, \$9,140,196; revenue prior to Jan. 1 1918, \$533,011, and other charges, \$1,033,757.—V. 110, p. 1642.

Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Chairman Alfred W. Smithers, London, April 16, wrote in brief:

Results.—The company has again carried the largest traffic in its history showing an increase of £1,470,328 in the gross receipts, but this, unfortunately, has been more than absorbed by an increase of £1,665,192 in working expenses. The increase in working expenses is owing chiefly to the continued large increase in the rate of wages paid to the different classes of employees, the company not being allowed adequate rates to meet the increased expenses thus incurred.

After deducting rentals and interest on bonds, secured notes, gold notes and debenture stocks and also estimated loss on lines in United States taken under Federal control by the United States R.R. Administration £276,462 against £238,846 in 1918, there remains a surplus for the year of £1,142 against £1,800 in 1918. Adding the balance of £48,106 at the credit of Net Revenue Account on Dec. 31 1918 to the above surplus for 1919 of £1,142 will make a total balance of £49,248 to be carried to the next year's accounts.

The average rate per ton mile on the entire freight business was 1.05 of a cent, compared with .090 in 1918.

The working expenses, excluding taxes, amounted to £12,405,705, or 87.83% of gross receipts, as compared with £10,762,969 or 85.04% in 1918, an increase in amount of £1,642,736.

Capital Account, &c.—The total charges to capital account for the year amounted to £149,064. Of this sum £23,496 was for the acquisition of securities of the Lachine Jacques Cartier & Maisonneuve Railway, and Montreal & Southern Counties Railway Companies. The expenditures on capital account in respect of new works, new rolling stock, machinery and tools, increased weight of rails and land purchased aggregated £125,567.

Rolling Stock.—During the year 32 engines were scrapped and sold, and 25 switching type engines were constructed in the company's shops on revenue account. 36 passenger and 85 freight cars were changed into company's cars, and 7 passenger and 1,003 freight cars were broken up or sold. 44 box cars were purchased on revenue account, and 117 company's cars were destroyed or sold.

Agreement with the Dominion Government.—The company has carried out all the requirements of the Act of Parliament passed last year and of the agreement as ratified by the stockholders on Feb. 16 1920. The Government, however, appear to have been advised there were slight errors with

regard to the description, in the schedule to the Act, of the control of two small subsidiary lines by the Grand Trunk Company, and they have considered it necessary to introduce a bill into Parliament rectifying the same and confirming the ratification of the agreement. (V. 109, p. 1527, 1609, 1891; V. 110, p. 764.)

Digest of Remarks at Annual Meeting April 29.

Notwithstanding the immense service the company must have rendered to Canada in carrying the constantly increasing traffic in the years since 1913, we were only able to meet fixed charges in 1919 with a gross traffic exceeding £14,000,000, whereas in 1913, with a gross traffic of only a little over £9,000,000 we paid the full dividends on the Guaranteed and First and Second preference stocks and 2 1/2% on the Third preference stock.

With respect to the Canadian railways, either the Canadian Government, must to raise the rates, say, 25% or, like the United States Government, must make good the deficit out of the Public funds as a matter of policy that, of course, is a matter for the Government and people of Canada, but we believe the company is entitled to show the value of the property the Canadian Government is obtaining for the people of Canada. If we take the gross earnings for 1919 at £14,000,000 and add 25% increase in rates, the net increase in the earnings for 1919 over the figures shown in the report would be £3,500,000.

[The agreement with the Government has been duly signed by the Governor-General of Canada. See "News Department" below.]

Compare maps of system in "Railway & Industrial Section" issued to-day.

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Operations, Miles worked by engines, Passengers carried, Tons freight carried, etc.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Total earnings, Expenses, Maintenance of way, &c., Maint. of equipment, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Assets, Property acct., Toledo Sag. & Mus. 5% bds., etc.

Total 104,614,552 103,791,121. x Embraces (authorized and issued) 4% guaranteed stock, £12,500,000; first preference 5% stock, \$3,420,000; second preference 5% stock, £2,530,000; and third preference 4% stock, £7,168,055; and ordinary stock (auth. £24,797,761), £23,955,437; total issued, £49,573,492; less £4,125 calls in arrears; balance, £49,569,368.—V. 110, p. 1415.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

President W. R. Cole writes in substance:

Additions and Betterments.—Additions and betterments during the year have been made under the direction of the Federal Administration, and for the most part with the approval of the corporation. There has been charged to the company, against property investment, the following: Road, \$344,168; equipment, credit, \$136,878.

Equipment.—During the year 19 locomotives were sold and one locomotive scrapped. Two Mikado type locomotives and five Mountain type locomotives allocated to this company by the U. S. R.R. Administration were received, making a total of 272 locomotives in service Dec. 31, of which 15 were allocated to us by said Administration. No new cars were purchased, and as some cars were retired, the freight car equipment shows a slight decrease. Equipment was improved in various ways.

Roadway.—The cost per mile of road for maintenance of way and structures for the year was \$2,809, which is a material increase over last year, and was largely due to heavy increases in the costs of labor and material, particularly rail, ties and ballast.

For the replacing of rail of lighter weight there has been laid 2,552 miles of new 90-lb. rail and 32.35 miles of relay rail. There were 588,737 cross-ties and 115,973 cubic yards of ballast used in maintenance of track.

MILEAGE AND EQUIPMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1919, 1918, 1917, 1916) and rows for Miles operated, Equipment, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, etc.

* Also owns three steamers, three transfer barges. Note.—This statement does not include 15 locomotives and 200 gondola freight cars received from the U. S. R.R. Administration, for which final settlement has not yet been made.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1919.	1918.	Deduct. (Concl.)—	1919.	1918.
Standard return...	\$3,182,089	\$3,182,089	Misc. tax accruals...	\$25,729	\$21,789
Misc. rent income...	1,240	913	Int. on fund. debt...	725,230	682,938
Misc. non-oper'g physical prop...	73,493	55,054	Int. on unfund. debt...	12,288	1,390
Inc. from fund. sec	83,219	72,284	Corporate expenses	62,089	17,627
Inc. from unfund. secur. & acc'ts.	22,478	27,281	Income taxes (est.)	118,869	149,206
Gross income...	\$3,362,520	\$3,337,621	Net inc. for year	\$1,790,505	\$1,838,178
Deduct—			Dividends (7%)	1,120,000	1,120,000
Rent for leased rds	\$627,808	\$628,518	Balance, surplus	\$452,014	\$718,178
Misc. rents	75	75			

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1919.	1918.	Liabilities—	1919.	1918.
Assets—			Capital stock	16,000,000	16,000,000
Road & equipm't	40,782,103	40,645,787	Prem. on cap. stk.	10,480	10,480
Impts. on leased railway property	1,650,273	1,579,298	Fund. debt unmat.	14,355,000	14,355,000
Misc. phys. prop.	325,155	339,304	Loans & bills pay.	200,000	200,000
Inv. in affil. cos.	1,153,874	1,288,971	Traffic, &c., bal.	4,926	22,385
Other investments	1,711,491	1,668,708	Acc'ts & wages pay	35,767	80,772
Cash	163,945	345,105	Misc. acc'ts pay'le	7,004	5,740
Lo an and bills rec.	958	90	Interest matured	41,140	53,885
Traffic, &c., balance receivable	28,100	77,865	Divs. matured	1,770	2,331
Bal. due from U.S. Government	1,707,367	1,028,396	Fund. debt matur.	22,000	27,000
Misc. acc'ts receiv.	190,463	352,456	Unmat. int. accrd	170,100	170,100
Other curr't assets	378	34	Deferred liabilities	141,999	184,089
Working fund adv.	50	50	Tax liability	141,999	184,089
U. S. Governm't—			Prem. on funded debt	101,415	101,415
Material & supp.	2,955,921	2,974,547	Operating reserves	3,357	3,357
Accrued deprec.	1,328,261	528,131	Accr. depr.—Misc. physical prop.	13,833	11,285
Other def'd assets	6,051	6,962	Other unadj. cred.	201,233	222,625
Other unadj. debits	283,579	288,687	Add'n to property through income and surplus	336,477	331,601
Total	52,085,921	51,124,392	Profit and loss	15,362,791	14,705,480

Bond held by company in treasury, \$1,739,000 First Consol Mtge. 5% Contingent liabilities: L. & N. Terminal Co. 50-year 4% gold bonds outstanding endorsed by N. C. & St. L. Ry. and L. & N. R.R. Co., \$2,601,000; Memphis Union Station Co. 1st M. 5% gold guar. by the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and other interested railroad companies, \$2,500,000; Paducah & Illinois R.R. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2% gold bonds endorsed by the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and C. B. & Q. R.R. Co., \$5,000,000; total, \$10,101,000.—V. 110, p. 970

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Co. (31st Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1919.)

President E. Pennington writes in substance:

Compensation Increased.—The annual compensation specified in the contract of July 1917 with the Director-General as guaranteed to the company was \$10,547,429. Subsequently an additional allowance was made of \$31,548, thereby making the annual compensation \$10,578,977. The earnings figures used in this report include this extra amount for the two-year period of 1918 and 1919.

Bonds.—The funded debt was increased during the year by \$1,890,000 Wisconsin Central Ry. Co. 1st & Ref. M. gold bonds (now in treasury of the company), and was decreased by the retirement of bonds aggregating \$1,314,876, as follows: (a) M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. Co. equip. trusts, \$940,000; (b) F. & V. Ry. Co. 2d M. bonds, \$200; (c) Wis. Cent. Ry. Co. equip. trusts, \$368,676, and Marshfield & S. E. Div. P. M. bonds, \$6,000.

Income.—The Federal Government has not paid us the amounts due as compensation; it has paid only such amounts as have been needed from time to time to liquidate items of interest on funded debt, car trust notes, dividends and taxes; nor did it upon relinquishment of the property March 1 1920 return to the company any portion of its cash working funds taken over with the property Jan. 1 1918.

The amounts shown in the balance sheet as due to and from the U. S. Government are tentative; they are not final. They do not include items of depreciation nor items of interest due on unpaid compensation, &c. In fact, the full integrity of the accounts with the Government (which further involve considerable sums expended for additions and betterments made to the property during Federal control and charged to the company by the Government) cannot be certified to until all items have been adjusted and checked over.

Car Trusts.—The company has recently acquired 300 steel ore cars at a cost of \$624,900 financed by a car trust arrangement under which \$600,000 par value of 6% car trust notes have been issued (see V. 110, p. 1749). Also it has purchased 175 second-hand stock cars and has contracted for early delivery of 600 box cars, 25 freight locomotives, 5 switching locomotives, 6 sleeping cars and 6 baggage cars, the aggregate cost of which will be approximately \$3,338,700. The intention is to finance these acquisitions through a car trust arrangement. (See sale of \$2,500,000 of 7% Equip. Trust Series I in V. 110, p. 2193, 1973.)

RESULTS FOR ENTIRE SYSTEM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1919.

	"Soo" Line.	Chicago Div.	System.
Gross earnings (compensation)	\$7,123,091	\$3,487,434	\$10,610,525
Corporate expenses	126,935	53,168	180,102
Net earnings	\$6,996,156	\$3,434,266	\$10,430,423
Income from other sources	859,247	69,438	928,735
Total income	\$7,855,403	\$3,503,754	\$11,359,158
Miscellaneous income charges	1,886,867	120,332	2,007,200
Fixed charges, taxes, &c.	\$7,669,536	\$3,383,423	\$11,052,959
Surplus income	\$3,849,757	1,864,787	6,714,544

x Lاپover items charged by United States Railroad Administration.

MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL & SAULT STE. MARIE INCOME ACCOUNT

	1919.	1918.	Deduct'ns (con.)—	1919.	1918.
Income from lease of road	\$10,619,875	\$10,556,779	Int. on bonds	2,913,921	2,902,778
Miscell. rent inc.	112,944	44,408	do W. C. Ry. et al.	447,176	447,079
Miscell. non-oper. physical prop'y	13,373	14,153	Int. equip. contr'ts	165,373	208,313
Dividend income	512,864	482,981	Int. on unf. debt.	29,942	16,194
Income from fund-ed securities	54,540	62,982	Amort. of disc't. on funded debt	37,700	37,479
Income from un-fund. sec. & acc'ts.	53,552	49,072	Misc. inc. charges	190,517	681,023
Miscellaneous	102,625	-----	Total deduct'ns	7,649,994	7,997,240
Gross income	11,469,773	11,210,371	Net income	3,819,779	3,213,131
Deductions			Additions for year	Cr. 34,777	Cr. 38,302
Corporate expenses	126,935	56,546	Deduct. for Year—		
Tax accruals	247,500	220,701	Pref. div. (7%)	882,238	882,238
Rent for leased r'ds	3,487,435	3,424,338	Com. div. (7%)	1,764,476	1,764,476
Miscellaneous rents	3,497	2,789	Miscellaneous	102,522	28,582
Total deduct.	4,864,437	4,706,354	Total deduct., yr.	2,749,236	2,675,296
Balance, surplus	1,105,320	576,137	Balance, surplus	1,105,320	576,137

a From U. S. Govt. account standard return, \$10,610,525; account Minn. St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co., \$7,123,091; account Wisconsin Central Ry. Co., \$3,487,435; from Minn. Northwestern Electric Ry. Co., \$9,350; total, \$10,619,875. b Wisconsin Central Ry. Co.'s proportion of standard return. c Includes lapover items charged corporation by U. S. RR. Administration, M. St. P. & S. S. M. RR. covering charges against revenues and expenses applicable to period prior to Federal Control.

"SOO" LINE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1919.	1918.	Liabilities—	1919.	1918.
Assets—			Common stock	25,206,800	25,206,800
Road & equipm't	118,777,452	118,051,281	Preferred stock	12,603,400	12,603,400
Secur. of prop'y affil., &c., cosy	20,033,813	18,216,843	Bonds	71,976,600	71,976,800
Other sec. owned	2,460,881	4,806,295	Equip. tr. obligs.	3,171,000	4,111,000
Misc. phys. prop.	646,758	633,704	M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. 4% lease d line c'tfs.	11,180,900	11,177,100
Cash	1,870,904	1,934,224	Loans & bills pay.	225,000	752,000
U.S. Gov't work-ing assets	7,052,254	6,388,429	Traffic, &c., bal.	2,622	251,931
Unmat. divs. &c.	118,771	111,771	Vouch. & wages	144,939	282,187
Traffic, &c., bal.	28,623	14,890	Taxes accrued	356,340	426,000
Miscell. accounts	267,926	186,084	Int., &c., due	1,498,426	1,547,817
Unexting. disc't on securities	501,646	539,346	Interest accrued	124,191	143,752
Other deferred debt items	490,729	487,730	Misc. acc'ts., &c.	5,524,775	2,191,319
U. S. Gov't	9,041,873	8,437,167	Operat'g reserve	181,971	181,971
			Insurance res'v'e	93,372	93,372
			U. S. Gov't	10,330,191	8,210,405
			Oth. def. items	27,771	133,877
			Profit and loss	21,593,335	20,488,015
Total	164,291,632	159,807,764	Total	164,291,632	159,807,764

x After deducting reserve for accrued depreciation, \$4,196,438. y Securities of affiliated, &c., companies include as of Dec. 31 1919, Wisconsin Central Ry. pref. stock, \$11,180,900 (held by trustee in exchange for an equal amount of M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry. J.L.L. stock), common, \$3,658,537, St. Paul Union Depot Co. stock, \$103,600; Minnesota Transfer Ry. stock, \$7,000, and bonds, \$3,000; S. M. U. D. Co. stock, \$37,500; Central Terminal Ry. stock, \$1,840,500; Belt Ry. Co. of Chicago stock, \$240,000, Western Express Co. stock, \$50,000; Clarkson Coal Mining Co. stock, \$905,000; First Nat. Soo Line Bldg. Co. stock, \$375,000; Tri-State Land Co. stock, \$1,500,000; miscell., \$135,976. z "Other securities owned" include, as of Dec. 31 1919, Coeur d'Alene & Pend d'Oreille Ry. 5% bonds, \$25,200; Wisconsin Central Ry. equipment contracts, \$790,811; advances, \$4,639,519; miscellaneous bonds and stocks, \$5,351. a Issued in exchange for pref. stock of the Wisconsin Central Ry. held by trustees.

Note.—The company has also the following contingent liabilities: (1) Jointly with Central Term. Ry. of \$6,000,000 bonds on property of that co., less \$586,845 in sinking fund, balance, \$5,413,155.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RY. (CHICAGO DIV.) INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1919.	1918.	Interest on equip-ment obligs.	1919.	1918.
Income from lease of road	\$3,487,435	\$3,424,338		45,803	59,423
Miscell. rent income	38,154	12,296	Amort. of disc't on funded debt	15,827	15,811
Inc. from fund. sec.	6,213	6,175	Miscell. income chgs.	1,120,331	357,552
do unf. sec. & acc'ts.	2,160	5,972	Total deductions	2,038,286	2,403,750
Miscellaneous	22,961	-----	Net income	1,518,636	1,045,031
Gross income	3,556,922	3,448,781	Additions for year	Cr. 50,317	Cr. 60,666
Deduct—			Prof. dividends (4%)	450,824	450,624
Corporate expenses	53,168	32,704	Miscellaneous	67,959	75,839
Tax accruals	54,498	197,114	Balance, surplus	1,050,370	579,235
Rent on leased roads	240,000	240,000			
Miscellaneous	43,158	33,736			
Interest on bonds	1,465,501	1,467,407			

a W. C. Ry. Co. proportion of standard return. b Includes lapover items charged corporation by U. S. RR. Administration, M. St. P. & S. S. M. RR. covering charges against revenues and expenses applicable to period prior to Federal control.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILWAY BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1919.	1918.	Liabilities—	1919.	1918.
Assets—			Common stock	17,500,000	17,500,000
Road & equipm't	64,132,122	64,152,858	Preferred stock	12,500,000	12,500,000
Securs. of prop'y affil., &c., cos.	151,100	150,000	Bonded debt	44,094,000	42,210,000
Misc. phys. prop.	910,064	909,872	Equip. trust oblig.	790,811	1,159,488
Other investm'ts	53,389,152	3,535,584	Vouchers	-----	681
W.C. Ry. let & ref. M. bds. pledged	7,457,000	5,567,000	Matured interest & dividends unpaid	523,603	593,043
Cash	923,486	766,903	Unmatured int.	115,644	129,931
Bonds in treasury	2,000	2,000	Accr. term. rent's	9,141	9,141
Pref. stk. in treas.	1,234,400	1,234,400	Accrued taxes	140,038	191,035
Com. stk. in treas.	1,379,000	1,379,000	Oper. reserves	20,958	20,958
Material & supp.	7,612	8,021	Other deferred credit items	42,874	42,885
Miscellaneous	2,244,904	1,671,123	Add'n to property thru inc. & sur.	5,949	-----
Milw. Term. Ry. advances	392,376	387,776	Profit and loss	7,036,377	5,986,007
Unexting. disc't.	496,037	510,793			
Dep. debit, &c.	60,142	67,839			
Total	82,779,395	80,343,169	Total	82,779,395	80,343,169

a After deducting reserve for accrued depreciation, \$1,772,301. b Includes, as of Dec. 31 1919, Land Department land grant, \$2,296,406, and Land Department deferred payments on land grant sales, &c., \$945,646; Liberty Loan bonds, \$125,000, and \$22,100 miscellaneous.—V. 110, p. 2193.

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Railway.

(23d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1919.)

Pres. H. R. Kurrie, Chicago, March 1, wrote in substance:

Traffic.—Passenger train revenue increased from an average of \$1 77 per train mile to \$1.91 per train mile.

There was a decrease of 12% in the number of tons of freight carried one mile, due in part to business conditions after the armistice was signed and in part to a diversion of business to other lines. There was also a decrease in the average distance hauled per ton, due to short routing (144.62 in 1918, 133.74 in 1919). Revenue ton per mile was 308 cents in 1918 and 1,086 cents in 1919. There was an increase in the revenue per freight train mile (\$4.82 in 1918, \$5.83 in 1919). Number of tons of freight, each train was 536.63 in 1919 and 555.43 in 1918. Net operating revenue per revenue train mile, including passenger and freight trains, in 1919 was 50 cents; in 1918 54 cents.

Interest on Unfunded Debt.—The loan with the U. S. RR. Administration (referred to in V. 109, p. 2352) was transferred to the War Finance Corp. in 1919. This accounts for the principal increase in the item of interest on unfunded debt.

Rentals.—The item of rent for leased roads, \$86,642, arises from the fact that in the accounts in 1918 rents paid for the use of certain exclusive property were included in the Federal accounts as joint facility rents and excluded from the corporate accounts. An adjustment was made in 1919 so that the corporate accounts for that year includes this item for the two years. The amount of this rent was not deducted as a part of joint facility rent expense in ascertaining the standard return, so it is offset by an allowance in the standard return of an equivalent amount.

Federal Control.—The contract with the Director-General was executed Aug. 15 1919 and the compensation therein provided for amounts, subject to adjustment, to \$1,620,258 75. Federal control ended Feb. 29 1920.

Additions & Betterments.—There was allocated to the company by the Government 5 light Mikado type locomotives and 300 composite gondola type coal cars. This equipment was not actually accepted by the company until after Jan. 1 1920, so that neither the equipment nor the investment appears in any of these accounts for 1919. This equipment was accepted in 1920 at a total estimated cost of \$1,086,940 (subject to adjustment). Under the Government's equipment trust plan (see editorial in "Railway & Industrial" Section issued to-day).

New steel rails to a total of 5,243 tons, mainly 90-lb. was laid in track, replacing 75-lb. rail, making a total of 37.06 miles which were replaced during the year, 71,151 cu. yds. of new ballast, principally gravel, were placed in the track.

Maintenance.—A careful check was begun on March 1 of our roadway and equipment condition to ascertain the amount of deferred maintenance which accrued during Federal control.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Miles operated	654	657	654	622
Operations—				
Passengers carried	1,991,204	1,754,094	2,129,341	2,120,976
Pass. carried 1 mile	106,166,134	98,694,168	103,926,159	93,865,258
Aver. per pass. per mile	2.734 cts.	2.495 cts.	2.096 cts.	2.057 cts.
Rev. freight (tons) car	5,759,540	6,054,183	6,445,634	5,715,223
do (tons) carr. 1 mile	770,284.023	875,558.013	928,563,227	821,562,939
Aver. per ton per mile	1.086 cts.	0.868 cts.	0.668 cts.	0.685 cts.
Aver. train load (tons)...	537	555	531	509
Earns. per pass. train m	\$1.91	\$1.77	\$1.49	\$1.31
do per freight tr. m	\$5.83	\$4.82	\$3.55	\$3.49
do per mile of road	\$18,882	\$16,768	\$14,001	\$13,178

FEDERAL INCOME STATEMENT FOR 1919 AND 1918 AS COMPARED WITH CORPORATE STATEMENTS FOR PRIOR YEARS.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Earnings—				
Passenger	\$2,891,919	\$2,462,523	\$2,178,462	\$1,930,886
Freight	8,366,515	7,602,550	6,203,191	5,628,465
Mail, express, &c	1,097,393	952,201	780,245	642,925
Total earnings	\$12,355,827	\$11,017,274	\$9,161,898	\$8,202,276
Maint. of way, &c	\$1,464,707	\$1,303,589	\$876,525	\$839,390
Maint. of equipment	3,304,501	2,951,860	1,731,785	1,395,953
Traffic expenses	172,144	190,187	260,630	251,923
Transportation	5,384,032	4,548,118	3,384,523	2,550,528
General, &c., expenses	439,396	298,030	228,241	208,811
Total	\$10,764,781	\$9,291,784	\$6,482,004	\$5,346,606
Net earnings	\$1,591,046	\$1,725,490	\$2,679,893	\$2,855,670
Taxes, &c	496,341	392,237	444,251	384,754
Operating income	\$1,094,704	\$1,333,253	\$2,235,642	\$2,470,916

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Standard return	\$1,620,000	\$1,620,000		
Operating income			\$2,235,642	\$2,470,916
Interest, dividends, &c	106,188	100,862	157,663	237,452
Hire of equipment				79,032
Joint facilities, &c., rents	3,317	12,510	59,309	59,169
Total	\$1,729,505	\$1,733,371	\$2,452,614	\$2,846,569
Deductions				
Interest on funded debt	\$985,667	\$996,345	\$1,005,816	\$950,454
Rentals	87,254	532	602,537	714,700
Hire of equipment			23,303	
Miscellaneous	212,925	137,138	20,862	27,542
Preferred divs. (4%)	199,652	199,652	199,752	199,752
Common dividends			341,146	511,875
Rate (%) on common			(3 1/4%)	(4 1/4%)
Total deductions	\$1,485,498	\$1,333,667	\$2,193,416	\$2,404,330
Balance, surplus	\$244,007	\$399,705	\$259,198	\$442,239

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

	1919	1918	1919	1918
Assets—				
Road & equip't.	\$41,437,062	\$41,202,752		
Inv in affil cos.				
Stocks pledged	417,500	417,500		
do unpledged	331,511	331,511		
Bonds unpledged	1,200,679	1,036,742		
Notes	59,577	59,577		
Advances	485,028	453,470		
Other investments	290,221	403,688		
Miscellaneous physical property	31,625	31,497		
Cash	35,401	25,576		
Loans and bills receivable	5,002	5,002		
Special deposits	410,559	410,329		
Traffic, &c., bal.	715	1,580		
Due from U S Government	164,018	506,243		
U S Government deferred assets	1,691,424	1,363,564		
Miscell accounts	151,238	86,666		
Securities issued or assumed:				
Unpledged	1,030,900	213,900		
Pledged	2,831,000	2,731,000		
Other unadjusted debits	44,747	74,853		
Total	\$60,618,207	\$49,355,451		
Liabilities—				
Common stock	10,500,000	10,500,000		
Preferred stock	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Funded debt	23,281,000	22,364,000		
Equipment bonds	616,000	835,000		
Monon Realty Co notes assumed		17,850	18,620	
Non-negot'le debt to affiliated cos.	4,875			
Loans & bills pay.	2,095,000	2,095,000		
Traffic, &c., bal.	860	4,715		
Accounts & wages	3,753	3,814		
Miscell accounts	64,855	62,717		
Matured int. divs. and funded debt	410,559	410,329		
Unmatured int.	52,872	81,947		
Deferred liabilities	77,829	94,212		
Operating reserves	23,428	50,000		
Operating reserves other unadj items	190,564	226,558		
U S Govt deprec'n	1,616,091	1,334,524		
U S Govt add'ns and betterments	549,380	229,516		
Invest in road and equipment since April 30 1916	1,248,480	1,715,114		
Profit and loss	4,827,131	4,188,700		
Total	\$60,618,207	\$49,355,451		

—V. 110, p. 2075.

Ohio Cities Gas Company.

(6th Annual Report—Year ended March 31 1920.)

The report of President B. G. Dawes, with consolidated balance sheet and income and surplus account and a list of the holdings in subsidiary companies, will be found in full on a subsequent page of this issue. (Compare special statement in V. 109, p. 575.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT—YEARS ENDING MAR. 31.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Gross earnings	\$54,304,091	\$47,422,890	\$39,929,134
Costs and operating expenses	40,339,796	33,025,858	25,141,258
Net operating earnings	\$13,964,295	\$14,397,033	\$14,787,876
Deduct—			
Taxes (including Federal taxes)	1,489,543	2,151,177	1,772,640
Interest on serial notes	112,500	190,625	259,375
Int. on bonds of subsidiary companies	161,253	161,479	167,275
Amortized discount on serial notes	51,200	51,200	51,200
Depreciation	1,701,202	2,305,984	2,208,896
Total deductions	\$3,515,697	\$4,860,465	\$4,459,385
Net surplus income	\$10,448,598	\$9,536,568	\$10,328,491
Preferred dividends (5 1/4%)	508,664	474,332	473,865
Common dividends	(167,500,600)	(207,348,388)	(5,960,612)
Dividends paid by Pure Oil Co.			468,395
Balance, surplus	\$2,589,434	\$1,713,848	\$3,425,618

The ordinary taxes in year 1917-18 were included with operating expenses, but in 1918-19 and 1919-20 are added to Federal taxes. In addition, in 1919-20 \$4,804,518 was deducted from profit and loss surplus for Federal taxes.

An increase in the auth. Pref. stock from \$10,000,000 to \$90,000,000 was authorized Jan. 29 1920 and the right to subscribe for \$10,000,000 8% convertible cum. Pref. stock at par was offered to shareholders of record, subscriptions payable \$20 p. s. on April 20, and the remainder June 15.—V. 110, p. 1419.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MAR. 31.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Assets—				
Prop. plant & eq	\$100,106,015	\$99,243,815		
Other investm'ts	10,687,752	67,443		
Cash	2,835,147	8,559,649		
U.S. Govt. secur	194,415	226,041		
Accounts receiv.	4,193,671	4,316,264		
Notes, &c., rec.	634,137	1,143,375		
Stks. of fin'd oil	6,059,669	3,190,269		
Stks. of crude oil	3,349,265	1,839,990		
Mat'l & supplies	2,093,121	1,882,402		
Deferred charges	518,925	381,093		
Pref. stock in treas.	997,900			
Total	\$131,670,017	\$120,850,341		
—V. 110, p. 2198.				
Liabilities—				
Common stock	45,937,500	45,937,500		
Preferred stock	10,000,000	9,002,100		
Moore Oil Ref. Co. pref. stk.	1,000,000			
Bonds—				
Col. Gas Co.	1,326,000	1,332,000		
Dayt. Gas Co.	1,398,000	1,441,000		
Spring. G Co.	400,000	400,000		
Serial Tr. notes	1,250,000	2,500,000		
Purch. money oblig.		11,086,187		
Accts. payable	1,812,368	1,628,511		
Accrued taxes	1,294,411	2,015,741		
Accrued interest	52,469	71,616		
Consum'r dep.	285,870	269,867		
Notes payable	585,000			
Prem. & disc't.	9,264,706	8,874,640		
Surplus	45,977,516	47,379,366		
Total	\$131,670,017	\$120,850,341		

Phillips Petroleum Company.

(Official Statement to N. Y. Stock Exchange Dated May 1 '20.)

On subsequent pages of this issue will be found the official statement made to the New York Stock Exchange in connection with the listing of 512,000 shares of capital stock, without nominal or par value. The statement includes a detailed account of acreage, consolidated income and surplus accounts and balance sheets as of Dec. 31 1919 and Feb. 29 1920, and other valuable data.—V. 110, p. 2198.

International Nickel Company.

(18th Annual Report—Year ending Mar. 31 1920.)

President W. A. Bostwick, N. Y., May 21, wrote in brief: **Plants.**—During the fiscal year \$1,335,154 was expended for additional property, construction and equipment as follows: Port Colborne plant, \$4,927,743; Copper Cliff Smelter & Hydro-electric plant, \$1,253,934, 78, and Orford works, \$76,291,63. Recoveries for the same period were \$21,534,93, making the net addition to property account \$1,313,619,22.

Reserves.—There has been provided out of earnings the sum of \$2,126,326 for the following funds: Regular allowance for depreciation, \$1,592,583, and exhaustion of minerals, \$533,743.

Inventories.—The inventories, amounting to \$8,135,520, include the following items: Ores, matter and metals in process, \$4,004,168; refined metals, \$2,079,742, and general supplies, flux, fuel, &c., \$2,051,610, valued at cost, in no case in excess of present market value.

Net Profits.—The net profits for the fiscal year, after deducting expenses, depreciation, exhaustion of minerals, provision for foreign and United States taxes and all other charges (but not Pref. dividends), were \$2,745,734 [as against \$5,922,630 in year 1918-19]. The profits, it is stated, are computed on sales actually made and exclude inter-company accounts.

General.—The demand has been much less than during the world war, when our entire capacity was utilized and practically the entire production was consumed by the United States and the Allied nations for their war-time needs.

The consumption of nickel in the various markets has been affected by the large stocks of this metal, both in Governmental and in private possession, as well as by large quantities of secondary or scrap metal. These stocks are being very slowly liquidated, particularly in the European markets, but quantities still remained on hand March 31 1920.

The market in the United States improved slowly throughout the year, as the various consuming interests were able to change over to their peacetime programs. Unrest in labor circles, however, and an abnormally severe winter, interfered greatly with their efforts to re-establish themselves.

In the foreign markets the same conditions were aggravated by the difficulty of financing purchases, and the result was that the volume of business abroad during the period was inconsiderable in amount.

During the quarter ended June 30 1919 our operations were at (approximately) one-third capacity. Commencing with the second quarter of the year a gradual improvement was felt, which continued until on March 31 1920 the plants were operating at about 60% of capacity.

Our earnings have naturally been materially affected by the reduced demand from the nickel-consuming markets, by the lower price of copper, and by the very high costs of production.

Considerable progress has been made during the year in the development of markets for Monel metal and nickel in various rolled forms produced by the company and the prospects of expansion in this line are excellent.

It will undoubtedly be necessary to provide further facilities than it at present possesses in order to provide for this expansion in these products.

Financial Condition.—As contrasted with Mar. 31 1919 the balance sheet shows a very material improvement in diminished inventories and liabilities and material increases in cash and quick assets, while at the same time there is a considerable increase in the amount of finished material ready for immediate shipment.

Dividends, &c.—During the year four quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each on the Pref. stock have been paid out of the earnings of the fiscal year. No dividends have been declared on the Common stock, it having been deemed advisable to conserve the cash resources for further capital expenditures.

Capital Expenditures.—During the year \$1,335,154 has been expended upon the installation of labor-saving machinery, and the erection of the new dam to serve our hydro-electric plant in Canada.

Stockholders.—The number of stockholders is now 15,653.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING MAR. 31.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Earnings of all properties (mfg. & selling exp. &c., deducted)*	\$6,064,762	\$11,186,305	\$15,791,485	\$16,728,913
Other income	300,710	25,216	390,016	250,695
Total income	\$6,365,472	\$11,211,521	\$16,181,501	\$16,979,608
General expenses	565,848	750,336	610,024	801,498
Fed. & State taxes (est.)	912,565	2,214,027	3,590,836	628,873
Net income	\$4,887,060	\$8,247,158	\$11,980,641	\$15,549,237
Deduct—				
Depreciation of plants	\$1,592,583	\$1,337,644	\$984,000	\$936,000
Mineral exhaustion	533,743	971,884	855,515	1,039,941
Foreign cos. not included	15,000	15,000	11,138	15,325
Preferred divs. (6%)	534,756	534,756	534,756	534,756
Com. divs. (Red Cross)			(1)418,346	10,400,304
Common dividends		4,183,460	7,530,228	5,040,304
Per cent.		(10%)	(18%)	(24%)
Total deductions	\$2,676,082	\$7,042,744	\$10,333,983	\$12,566,327
Balance, surplus	\$2,210,979	\$1,204,414	\$1,646,658	\$2,982,910

* After deduction in 1917-18 in addition to the above, foreign taxes. X After deducting loss incurred through sale of Government securities.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., N. Y. & Pittsburgh.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending March 31 1920.)

Chairman Guy E. Tripp, May 22, wrote in brief:

Results.—The operations of your company and its proprietary companies for the late fiscal year show: Gross earnings (sales billed) of \$136,052,092, contrasting with \$160,379,943 in 1918 and \$95,735,407 in 1917. The cost of sales was \$120,972,261, including (a) factory, selling and administrative costs; (b) new patterns, dies, small tools and other betterments and extensions; (c) depreciations of property and plant; (d) inventory adjustments and all development expenses and all taxes.

The amount accrued for Federal income and excess profits taxes is based on certified statements prepared and filed in accordance with the Federal law, *Sub-Companies.*—During the year the H. W. McCandless & Co. was dissolved and its business taken over by Westinghouse Lamp Co. The stock of J. Stevens Arms Co. has been sold; therefore its operations are not included in this report.

Orders.—Throughout the year, but more particularly during the last six months, there was a gradually increasing demand for the products of your company. The value of unfilled orders on April 1 1920 was \$71,156,732 (against \$76,248,000 on April 1 1919).

Dividends, &c.—Dividends of 8% p. a. were declared quarterly and aggregated \$5,954,899. Other charges aggregating \$1,733,411 were made against surplus (namely, \$1,123,287 for adjustments of property and plant account and \$610,124 for losses in sales of Liberty bonds, Electric Holdings, Ltd., debentures, &c., net).

The surplus as of March 31 1920 is \$43,435,764, being an increase of \$7,488,031 over April 1 1919.

Balance Sheet.—The property and plant account, &c., shows a reduction (of \$2,459,000), due in part to the sale of certain plants engaged mainly in munitions. The sale of certain investments in foreign companies, referred to last year (V. 108, p. 2236), were satisfactorily completed.

This sale, together with the sale of our holdings of Liberty Loan bonds and Victory Loan notes, mainly accounts for the considerable reduction in the item of investments.

Financial Status.—On March 31 1920 your company had no outstanding notes payable excepting \$7,500 of 1909, due in 1924, which are not callable.

The development and extension of the business, together with the increased costs of operation due to higher wages and higher prices for raw materials, have required a large amount of additional capital. These requirements were met in part by the sale of certain investments in other companies, principally your foreign holdings and in part from surplus earnings.

[The remainder of the original issue of \$15,000,000 6% one-year notes, due Feb. 1 1920, was paid off on presentation. The company had already bought in several million of the issue and, being in a position to do so, redeemed the remainder, without extension, refunding or the issuance of new securities.—Ed.]

The current demand is in excess of our plant capacity and if continued will make necessary further facilities and still larger working capital. (V. 110, p. 474.)

Labor.—Relations with our employees have been satisfactory during the year, and a wage scale has been maintained equal to that prevailing in neighboring works and as liberal as was permitted by the prices obtained.

Your company has established an insurance plan, each employee receiving a life insurance policy without cost. It is still doing extensive employees housing work, has built a large cafeteria building at East Pittsburgh serving all employees at somewhat less than cost, is affording educational facilities to an average daily attendance of over 2,000 and maintains a savings association and an old-age pension system.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING MARCH 31.

Including Westinghouse Machine Works since merger June 15 1917.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Sales billed.....	\$136,052,092	\$160,379,942	\$95,735,407	\$89,539,442
a Cost of sales.....	120,972,262	129,271,566	80,225,937	72,077,751
Net earnings.....	\$15,079,830	\$31,108,387	\$15,509,470	\$17,461,691
Other Income—				
Interest and discount...	464,574	379,955	308,835	298,086
Int. and div. received...	1,004,752	1,106,508	903,559	1,027,808
Misc., royalties, &c.....	252,008	136,800	112,870	60,652
Total income.....	\$16,801,164	\$32,731,648	\$16,834,733	\$18,848,237
Deductions from Income—				
Int. on bonds and debts...	\$384,279	\$378,804	\$303,917	\$89,333
Int. on notes payable.....	895,616	1,894,478	1,108,046	665,126
Miscellaneous interest.....	314,932	6,512	17,089	13,900
Federal taxes.....	15,395,846	19,186	—	—
Miscellaneous (net).....	19,186	—	—	—
Prof. dividends.....	(8%)319,896	(7)279,909	(7)279,909	(7)279,909
Pf. divs. for Red Cross.....	—	—	(1/2)19,994	—
Common dividends.....	5,665,003	4,956,876	4,956,876	3,750,000
Common dividend rate.....	(8%)	(7%)	(7%)	(6 1/2%)
Com. div. for Red Cross.....	—	—	(1/2)354,070	—
Total deductions.....	\$7,579,722	\$22,928,611	\$7,039,900	\$4,798,257
Balance, surplus.....	\$9,221,442	\$9,803,037	\$9,794,833	\$14,049,980

a Includes factory cost, embracing all expenditures for patterns, dies, new small tools and other betterments and extensions, depreciations of property and plant, inventory adjustments and all selling, administrative, general and development expenses, and also in 1919-20 and 1917-18, all taxes; in 1918-19 all taxes except war taxes.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31.

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Assets—				
Prop. & plant.....	39,347,074	41,806,414	3,998,700	3,998,700
Sinking fund.....	—	—	70,813,950	70,813,950
Investments.....	13,216,532	21,592,258	6,300,000	6,300,000
Cash.....	6,956,735	14,127,249	—	—
Cash with agts.....	842,960	675,342	—	—
Cash for redemp. certs., bonds, notes & for int. and dividends.....	166,594	154,264	7,500	10,000
Notes receivable.....	2,532,020	2,980,342	90,000	120,000
Accts. receivable.....	28,380,519	38,500,133	15,192,539	10,905,700
Working & trad. assets.....	63,018,123	59,550,262	9,424,945	15,843,338
Other assets.....	5,273,763	5,077,219	1,496,253	1,309,221
Total (each side).....	159,734,320	184,893,453	159,734,320	184,893,453
Contingent liability for customers drafts and notes discounted.....	—	—	43,435,764	36,207,732
Total.....	159,734,320	184,893,453	159,734,320	184,893,453

—V. 110, p. 568.

United Shoe Machinery Corporation, Boston.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending March 1 1920.)

President Edwin P. Brown, May 22, wrote in substance:

Business.—Our volume of business for the year shows an increase of 12%, while the sales of merchandise other than metallic fastening wire, nails, machines, and machine parts increased nearly 14%.

The production of merchandise, including a large and increasing variety of shoe findings, as distinguished from the manufacture, lease and sale of shoe machinery, continues to show a most satisfactory development. This department has grown in volume until it is more than half our total business.

The royalties and rentals reflect marked increase in the manufacture of Goodyear welt shoes, but to-day our royalties per pair for the use of our full machine equipment in the manufacture of even the most expensive shoes are no more than they were years ago when the retail price of shoes was much lower than formerly. The sum we receive through our royalties is less even than the price paid for the carton in which the shoes are delivered to the customer at a retail store.

Considering disturbed conditions in Europe our foreign business has been gratifying in many ways. Companies with which we are affiliated in England, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Sweden and Norway are steadily but slowly adjusting themselves to the needs of reconstruction in industry. Our Latin-American business continues good.

Total Surplus.—The balance sheet of March 1 1920 shows total assets of \$79,296,530 and liabilities, including reserve for income, excess profits and war taxes of \$6,999,526; leaving a balance of \$27,670,615, after deducting \$44,626,389, the par value of Com. and Pref. capital stock. We have

reserved for income and excess profits taxes and for contingent war losses \$1,500,000.

Strike.—For the first time since organization in 1899, our factory at Beverly has been confronted with a strike of employees. On March 6 1,171 machinists walked out by direction of the Salem Machinists' Union, and a few days later this number was augmented by several hundred in other trades. The highest number of striking employees at any time was a little over 2,000, out of a total force of more than 6,000. The issue is very simple, namely, the demand that the company refrain from making a contract of employment with any individual in its employ, an attempted blow at the individual right of every American.

While at the outset there was a decrease of output, conditions have steadily improved until now production is nearly normal. At no time has there been any controversy as to wages, hours, or working conditions.

Government Suit.—The suit instituted by the Government in Oct. 1915 was finally brought to a hearing before Judge Trieber at Little Rock in Jan. 1920. His opinion was handed down on March 31.

In this suit the Government claimed that certain clauses in certain of the leases issued by the defendant companies, described as "tying clauses" or "discount" or "rebate" clauses were unlawful under the Clayton Act of Oct. 1914.

The companies' leases had been held lawful by the U. S. Court for the Massachusetts District in the suit brought under the Sherman Act and the U. S. Supreme Court sustained the decision, saying: "The installations could have had no other incentive than the excellence of the machines and the advantages of their use, the conditions imposed having adequate compensation and not offensive to the letter or the policy of the law." [V. 108, p. 2237].

In his opinion, Judge Trieber said in substance: "Comparison with the evidence in the former case under the Sherman Act shows but slight differences and warrants the findings made in that case that the defendants have not acted oppressively in the enforcement of the forfeiture clause; that their machines are of excellent quality; that the services rendered by them in the installment of machines and making repairs and replacements of broken and worn-out parts expeditiously are no doubt of great value to shoe manufacturers to operate defendants' machines in teams. The preponderance of the evidence tends to support this contention. The preponderance of the company's claim that the Clayton suit should be dismissed because of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Sherman Act suit was denied. Judge Trieber pointed out that there are differences in the two statutes and that the issues raised in the two cases are not the same.

On this matter, Judge Trieber said: "It is therefore unnecessary to determine whether the defendants, by the tying clauses, and the discounts and rebates, have succeeded in unduly monopolizing or attempted to monopolize unduly any part of the trade or commerce among the several States, or have unduly restrained competition in that part of commerce. The question to be decided is, do the clauses complained of, or any of them, put it in their power, or have the effect, or tend, if enforced, as the defendants would have the right to do, if they are not unlawful under the Clayton Act, to substantially lessen competition or 'establish a monopoly in trade?'"

His conclusion was that the enforcement of certain of the clauses would have such effect and that therefore they are not permissible in leases entered into after the passage of the Act in 1914. He holds further, contrary to the contention of the Government, that the Clayton Act is not to be given a retroactive construction so as to affect leases made before its enactment in Oct. 1914.

The company has instituted an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court from such features of Judge Trieber's decision as are adverse to the company's contentions. Counsel for the United States have indicated that it is also their intention to institute an appeal.

Stockholders.—There are 7,294 holders of Common stock, 3,281 holders of Preferred stock and 1,823 holders of both Pref. and Com. stocks.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 28.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Combined earnings of United Shoe Mach. Corp. (of N. J. and Maine).....	\$8,018,101	\$7,495,121	\$6,137,323
War reserve.....	1,500,000	—	750,000
Excess profits tax.....	—	1,000,000	—
Cash dividends paid.....	5,446,471	4,750,338	3,233,285
Rate on Common.....	(16%)	(13 3/4%)	(8%)
Balance, surplus, for year.....	\$1,071,630	\$1,744,783	\$2,154,038
Previous surplus.....	26,598,985	24,854,203	27,109,966
Total.....	\$27,670,615	\$26,598,986	\$29,264,004
Dividends paid in stock (10%).....	—	—	3,149,858
Dividends paid in Liberty bonds (4%).....	—	—	1,259,943
Total surplus March 1.....	\$27,670,615	\$26,598,986	\$24,854,203

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 1.

	1920	1919	1920	1919
Assets—				
Real estate.....	2,449,330	2,172,691	9,958,550	9,890,425
Machinery.....	1,540,061	1,326,969	34,667,839	34,667,839
Patent rights.....	400,000	400,000	3,008,132	1,611,018
Securs other cos.....	—	—	1,782,629	1,000,000
& leased mach'ys.....	42,976,474	42,681,472	—	335,772
Cash & receivables.....	18,782,301	17,802,480	2,193,317	1,971,748
Inventories.....	13,061,637	11,723,205	—	—
Miscellaneous.....	86,727	52,544	—	—
Total.....	79,296,530	76,159,361	79,296,530	76,159,361
Liabilities—				
Preferred stock.....	—	—	—	—
Common stock.....	—	—	—	—
Fund. debt (West. Ingh. Mch. Co.).....	6,300,000	6,300,000	—	—
1-year notes.....	—	—	—	—
Long-term notes.....	7,500	10,000	—	—
Real est. mtgs.....	90,000	120,000	—	—
Notes payable.....	—	—	13,466,782	—
Accts. payable.....	15,192,539	10,905,700	—	—
Int., taxes, &c., accr., not due.....	9,424,945	15,843,338	—	—
Dividends accr'd.....	1,496,253	1,309,221	—	—
Adv. pay. on cont.....	4,722,210	4,613,675	—	—
Unp. deb. cts. &c.....	166,594	154,264	—	—
Reserve.....	4,085,866	6,145,120	—	—
Profit and loss.....	43,435,764	36,207,732	—	—
Total.....	79,296,530	76,159,361	79,296,530	76,159,361

—V. 110, p. 1421.

American Railway Express Co.

(Official Statement of April 14 1920.)

This company's President, George C. Taylor, at a meeting of the Merchants' Association in New York on April 14, said in substance:

History.—The express business in the U. S. started 80 years ago, and gradually grew with the development of the country. Companies came in and went out, or were absorbed. Up to 1914 the surviving companies, generally speaking, prospered; they still had in their own hands the making of their own rates to meet expenses and to provide for reasonable profit.

Adverse Influences, 1913-1918.—In 1913 the Inter-State Commerce Commission issued an entirely new and greatly reduced rate basis. The parcel case came in as a competitor. The situation looked hopeless. Three companies retired from business. The remaining seven decided to stay. We could not, however, expand our facilities by reason of the uncertainty, and some of our facilities were thus outgrown.

The year 1914 proved a bad one, the companies, as a whole, failing to meet operating expenses. By vigorous economies and effort, however, the years 1915 and 1916 yielded a fair profit, and the service was dependable and generally good. In 1917, however, by reason mainly of the effect of the European war, heavy increases in wages and supplies, and the let-up in efficiency of labor, express operation disclosed a failure to meet operating expenses, the actual deficit from transportation activities exceeding \$2,000,000.

With the taking over of the railroads by the U. S. Government in Dec. 1917 the express companies were not included. The Director-General decided he would not recognize their then existing contracts with the rail lines put under Federal control and considered them canceled. Operations were continued, however, with a determination to perform the express service of the country, overburdened by emergency shipments for war purposes due to the crippled condition of fast freight service of the railroads. Hundreds of express cars were taken from express service for troop-train movement, and replaced by box cars, in no way suitable, resulting in loss and damages running into millions of dollars. Furthermore, we were called upon to handle carloads of brick and lumber, carloads of automobile parts for the army; trainloads of anchor chains for the Government and of ammunition to go to Europe for war purposes.

American Railway Express Co.—When the Director-General declined to recognize the companies' operating contracts, he did say that he would deal with them as one company and enter into an agreement with that one company to conduct the express business, as his agent on all Federal-controlled lines. After long negotiations, there was formed on June 22 1918 the new American Railway Express Co., an entirely new corporation, to which each of the four

old companies—the Adams, American, Southern and Wells Fargo—sold their tangible property used in express operations, at its depreciated book value, and took stock therefor, and in addition, subscribed \$3,000,000 in cash as working capital (V. 106, p. 2346, 2452; V. 107, p. 1580).

The inventory of this property, real and personal, was verified by the Government. There is neither water nor goodwill in the capital of this company and neither was there put into it the outside financial and foreign activities of the old companies, nor their other property or interests not used in the conduct of the domestic transportation business, each old company retaining such outside properties and activities, and for their former transportation properties and activities they were simply given stock at par as stockholders only, in the new concern.

Effective July 1, 1918, with a contract with the Director-General, the operation of the new company was begun, the old companies helping it so far as they could, in the liquidation of their transportation affairs, which lay all over the country in some 35,000 offices, and paying the new company the expense thereof. Two of the companies in February 1919 decided to handle their own liquidation items.

Operations.—The new company, beginning with its operations July 1, 1918, because of constantly increasing wages and cost of all materials used in the conduct of the business, has never been able to meet its expenses. Its deficit from July 1, 1918 to the end of that year was over \$9,000,000, and for the year 1919 was over \$24,000,000. The company was never guaranteed, as the railroads were, a standard return, but was guaranteed against deficit. Thus the company has operated as best as it could for 22 months, with absolute no return to the owners or stockholders upon \$35,000,000 actual value of real estate and plant, of which \$3,000,000 was new cash put up by the stockholders on July 1, 1918.

Outlook.—The express interests feel that, if permitted a fair fighting chance, they can build from the wreckage an efficient and dependable express service. One cannot see the best and cheapest express services come from a restoration of the several old companies, nor from the formation of several new ones. It would mean again, adding to the rates, to pay for duplicate services in the elimination of which the new company has saved many millions of dollars; and it would mean a less efficient express service.

The service has not recently been up to standard and it will take at least two years' time to reach anything like a normal situation. The company is dependent upon the railroads for cars and transportation. There are not enough express cars in existence by some 2,000 cars, to properly handle the business of to-day. With the uncertain future up to the end of Federal control, money for such purpose could not have been obtained.

The express company's transportation contract for all lines formerly under Federal control expired automatically Feb. 29. Under the Transportation Act (V. 110, p. 720), the company is now in process of making contracts with the several hundred large and small roads, over 90% of which have already been negotiated, but under the law these are made only for the period to Aug. 31, 1920. Until that date the company is protected against deficit. After that, if it exists at all, it must have higher rates to meet higher wages and costs. Application for such rates is before the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

There are needed equipment and buildings, and the company is ready, provided it can be assured some reasonable tenure of existence, to endeavor to interest new capital in such facilities; but it cannot do this unless the public is willing for it to continue, and not until it has closed proper contracts with the railroads and secured increased rates to enable it to have an assurance of a fair return for the use of its organization and capital invested. All efforts are now centered toward a consummation of all these matters which, at the best, will take time and patience.

It has a splendid organization of over 135,000 people; 35,000 offices; and an annual turnover in charges of approximately \$300,000,000, and handles on the average 1,000,000 shipments per day, but so far, has had no net compensation for all this effort. To give this express organization a chance to render an efficient, co-operative and dependable fast transportation service should certainly work out to the benefit of all.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1919.

Income from transportation of express matter	\$285,905,404
Express privileges over railroads, &c. (including \$635,701 to electric railways and \$192,552 to steamboat lines)	143,429,819
Net revenue from transportation	\$142,475,585
Miscellaneous income from transportation	8,560,310

Total.....\$151,035,895

Operating expenses, including, viz.: (a) maintenance (b) Transportation, including, with other items: \$53,990,595 to office employees; \$24,542,892 to vehicle employees; \$9,839,000 to train employees; \$12,066,232 for commissions; \$3,552,797 office supplies and expenses; \$3,798,000 rent of offices; \$8,525,000 stable and garage supplies and expenses; \$2,988,000 stationery and printing; \$964,821 injuries to persons, and \$24,576,161 for loss and damage.....157,400,014

(c) Traffic expenses, \$214,611; (d) general expenses (chiefly \$4,059,000 for salaries and expenses of clerks and attendants, \$238,756 for law, \$922,000 for insurance, and \$341,358 for pensions); total.....6,739,511

Balance, deficit, from operations.....\$23,045,661
Miscellaneous charges.....2,060,284
Other items (misc. credits, \$1,092,704, less debits, \$196,054).....Cr. 896,650

Net deficit for year.....\$24,209,296

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31

1919.		1918.		1919.		1918.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Property & equip.	33,284,724	29,708,351	Capital stock	34,642,109	34,719,548		
U. S. stks. of indets.	2,000,000		Loans and notes pay	223,571	273,970		
Other investments	3,059,743	2,100,534	Audited accounts & wages unpaid	5,983,761	11,674,744		
Cash	30,210,741	20,801,311	Misc. acc'ts pay'le	5,555,296	3,334,202		
Net balance receivable from agents	8,483,958	13,397,045	Express priv. liab.	37,158,558	21,111,935		
Misc. acc'ts receiv.	18,579,049	11,811,776	Est. tax liability	1,097,674	362,428		
Materials & supp.	1,473,124	1,506,926	Other curr. liab'l's	4,496,028	3,229,568		
Other misc. current assets	490,150	452,303	Deferred liabilities	51,999			
Unadjusted debits.	613,411	3,423,503	Oper. & ins. res'ves	15,110,813	7,302,639		
			Acer. deprec. bldgs	539,830	134,968		
			Acer. deprec. equip.	3,240,429	1,055,196		
			Misc. unadj. cred.	64,826	2,548		
Total	108,194,900	83,201,750	Total	108,194,900	83,201,750		

Wells Fargo & Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Pres. B. D. Caldwell, N. Y., May 13, wrote in substance: **Results.**—The income for the year, aside from the item of express operations in Cuba, was derived solely from investments and real estate. The year's activities are not comparable with the previous year as the company was still engaged in general express operation during the first half of 1918.

Liquidation of Express Business.—The adjustment of the company's outstanding accounts for the period of its operations prior to its enforced retirement from the express business on June 30, 1918 has been actively pressed during the year and is now approaching completion. The supervision of this work has occupied much of the time of our few remaining officials and clerical force, although the accounting and agency work, by an agreement with that company, was done by the American Railway Express Co. on the basis of actual cost. The cost to your company of this work performed for it by the American Railway Express Co. will be approximately \$1,000,000 of which about \$40,000 remains to be paid.

Our total outstanding liabilities were \$12,800,000, consisting mainly of obligations on travelers checks and money orders not yet presented for payment, loss and damage claims, personal injury and property damage and other suits and amounts due railroads in payment for express privileges. Outstanding collectibles aggregated \$9,000,000, which were due from agents, railroads, other express companies and the Government, whose shipments by express were considerable during the war and upon which payment of charges was always delayed.

Of the above-mentioned outstanding accounts which aggregated about \$23,000,000 as of July 1, 1918, there yet remains about \$1,000,000 to be adjusted; consisting mainly of outstanding travelers checks, money orders,

unsettled loss and damage claims and undetermined suits. As the liabilities exceeded the amounts collectible by about \$4,800,000, and as the company's funds had always been very closely invested, it became necessary from time to time, as the work progressed, to sell securities of corresponding amount in order to meet these obligations as they became due.

Further Sale of Interests.—Opportunity presenting during the year, it was deemed advisable to dispose of the company's travelers check and other financial business and its Mexican and Cuban interests, which could no longer be handled to advantage under the changed conditions. [According to current reports the American Express Co. acquired these other interests].

Valuation of Assets.—American Railway Express Co.—The only real estate owned by the company, aside from an office building in Portland, Ore., is certain unimproved lots in San Francisco, and 50 acres of farming land in another State, both of which came into our possession through one of its former banks.

The situation affecting the value of your company is not substantially different from that outlined in the annual report of last year (V. 108, p. 2020) for the reason that it is not as yet possible to place any actual valuation upon the shares of the American Railway Express Co., which constitute a substantial part of our assets.

The operations of the American Railway Express Co. have not yet resulted in any net earnings. Under the Transportation Act recently passed by Congress, its operations on the railroads continue subject to a guaranty by the Government against any deficit in earnings until Aug. 31, 1920. It is hoped that during that period the future policy of that company may be determined. Pending the outcome as affecting your company, your directors feel that until the situation clears it would be inadvisable to make recommendation to stockholders concerning the future policy of your company. [Compare statement for American Railway Express Co. above.—Ed.]

[As to suit against Missouri Pacific Ry. see news department below.—Ed.]

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1919.

Income.—Dividends, \$260,014; interest on bonds, \$463,742; interest on loans, notes and accounts, \$49,343; interest on bank balances, \$16,843; rents, \$104,623; total.....\$894,566	
Expenses.—General—Salaries, supplies, rents, &c., \$70,441; Portland office bldg.—Maintenance, insurance, deprec., &c., \$43,263; taxes, \$57,570; total.....\$171,274	
Net income from securities and real estate.....\$723,292	
Net income from express operations in Cuba (7 months).....91,065	
Total net income.....\$814,357	
Cost of settling outstanding liabilities on old accounts, claims, suits, &c.....426,276	
Balance carried to surplus.....\$388,081	

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

1919.		1918.		1919.		1918.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Property & equip.	845,399		Capital stock	23,967,400	23,967,400		
Misc. phys. prop.			Loans & notes pay		1,100,000		
Artif. cos. invest.			Unpaid checks, &c	625,308	714,859		
Other investments	549,162	26,538,046	Express privilege		655,241		
Cash	257,354	1,053,951	Oth. cur'tn liab'l.	21,010	336,994		
Loans & notes rec.	420,258	608,590	Oper. and insur-				
Misc. acc'ts. rec.	1,643,231	289,506	ance reserves	520,431	1,130,494		
Oth. current assets	163,133		Accrued deprec'n.	34,596	28,006		
Deferred assets		1,046,668	Other unadj. cred.	28,925	3,411		
Unadjusted debits	55,215	824,688	Profit & loss surp.	3,836,131	3,278,369		
Total	28,933,801	31,214,773	Total	28,933,801	31,214,773		

—V. 110, p. 86.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Albany Southern RR.—New Financing Needed—To Exchange Present First Mtge. Bonds for First Ref. Bonds—Plan of Exchange, &c.—President Wm. Loeb, Jr., in a letter dated New York, May 1, to the holders of First Mtge. Sinking Fund 5s, says:

Financing Required.—The authorized and issued \$1,500,000 1st Mtge. bonds dated Sept. 1, 1909 have proven to be totally inadequate to finance the capital needs of the company. The directors are convinced that it is urgently necessary that company now readjust its finances and replace the 1st Mtge. bonds with an issue which will allow for the future growth of the company, if it is to be able to meet the constantly growing demand for electric light and power. The company, therefore, has made application to the New York P. S. Commission for such approval as may be necessary to carry out a plan of exchange.

Terms of Exchange.—First Mtge. bondholders, on the plan becoming operative, will be entitled to receive in exchange for each \$1,000 bond:

- (a) \$200 cash and \$800 par value of 6% 1st Ref. Mtge. bonds, bearing interest from March 1, 1920, or
- (b) \$1,060 par value 6% 1st Ref. Mtge. bonds, bearing interest from March 1, 1920

If all bondholders accept one or the other options, the relative bond position will be as follows:

- 1. If all take (a) \$1,136,800 6% bonds, as against the present outstanding bonds of \$1,421,000.
- 2. If all take (b) \$1,506,260 6% bonds, as against the present outstanding bonds of \$1,421,000.

Bondholders are requested to deposit their bonds with Sept. 1, 1920, and all subsequent coupons attached, with Bankers Trust Co., New York, depository, not later than July 1, and at the same time to deposit with the depository their signed election of the option by them accepted hereunder.

The company estimates that net income applicable to interest during the current year will be twice the interest charges under option (a). In 1911 company paid dividends aggregating 2% on its Pref. stock, none since.

Sale of Bridge, &c.—Legislation was passed in 1917 under which the State, as of July 2, took over the Greenbush Bridge owned by the company, paying therefor \$890,000. The right to the continued use of the structure for its own purposes, on reasonable terms, was, under the Act, specifically reserved to the company.

First Ref. Mtge. Notes.—The company in the meantime executed an authorized issue of \$3,000,000 1st Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, dated March 1, 1918, due March 1, 1948, of which \$1,451,000 was set aside for the exchange of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 5% bonds (now outstanding \$1,421,000) of the balance \$700,000 is pledged as collateral for an issue of \$550,000 3-Year 7% gold notes.

The notes were intended to be taken up when the negotiations with the State for the sale of the bridge were closed, but the company was unable to sell the notes at the figures fixed by the P. S. Commission. However, \$378,000 of the notes were pledged as collateral for short term loans amounting to \$291,000, which were largely obtained in reliance upon payment of the purchase price of the bridge and which must be paid.

The sale of the bridge has created funds which permit the company to submit a plan for the replacement of its present inadequate closed 1st Mtge., the payment of its secured and unsecured debt and for furnishing bonds which should be saleable for proper capital purposes.

Effect of Plan.—Under the plan, on the payment of the \$291,000 secured loans, the \$700,000 1st Ref. bonds pledged will be returned to the trustee and 1st Ref. Mtge. bonds will be issued as follows: (a) So many as may be required under options plan A and B; (b) \$250,000 may be issued without any restrictions, but subject to the order of the P. S. Commission; (c) the balance may be issued for 85% of cost of extensions, improvements, &c., when the annual net income is equal to 1½ the int. charges on all bonds issued and proposed.—V. 108, p. 169.

American Railways Co.—Second Preferred Stock.

The stockholders voted May 18 to create a new issue of \$4,000,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock (par \$50). Has full voting power in equality with the First Pref. stock and Common stock, and is redeemable at any time three years after its issue at 110.

The Preferred and Common stockholders of record May 29 are given the right to subscribe at par for \$1,346,000 of the stock as follows: (a) First

Prof. stockholders in the proportion of two shares of the 2d Pref. stock for each ten shares of the First Pref. stock held; and (b) Common stockholders one share of the 2d Pref. stock for each ten shares of Common stock held.

The "Philadelphia News Bureau" of May 19 says: "It is understood that American Railways stockholders who attended the special meeting yesterday were told by President Ely that plans are being worked out involving an assessment of \$17.50 per \$100 par value of National Properties 4-6s bonds. It was thought that for the assessment new 2d Pref. stock of the American Railways Co., the issuance of which has just been authorized, will be utilized. Such plan would, on \$6,479,750 4-6s bonds outstanding, provide about \$1,130,000 cash. Prospective funding of about \$3,000,000 American Railways indebtedness is also mentioned. See V. 110, p. 2191, 2075.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Financing Approved.—The Mass. P. S. Commission has approved the issue by the company of \$1,950,000 of the proceeds from the sale of the Cambridge subway, for the payment and cancellation of \$1,581,000 7% bonds which matured Aug. 1 1919, and \$375,000 7% bonds which matured Feb. 1 1918, of the West End Street Ry. See V. 110, p. 1748.

Boston & Lowell RR. Corp.—To Refund Notes.—See Boston & Maine RR. below.—V. 109, p. 2355.

Boston & Maine RR.—Secures \$5,000,000 Loan from Government to Aid in Meeting Maturing Obligations—To Pay 50% in Cash and 50% in 6% Mortgage Bonds.—President J. H. Hustis, in a notice to the holders of the following securities, dated Boston, May 25, says:

The I.-S. C. Commission having recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury, under Section 210 of the Transportation Act of 1920 (V. 110, p. 716) a loan of \$5,000,000 to the Boston & Maine RR. "upon condition that the Boston & Maine finance the refunding of the remainder of these maturities (see below) by the issue of its new General Mtge. bonds at not less than par and bearing interest not in excess of 6% per annum," we therefore offer you 50% of the face value of your bonds in cash, and 50% in our new gold mortgage bonds bearing 6% interest, and due in 10 years.

The Concord & Montreal RR. bonds should be presented at the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Boston, and the Fitchburg RR. bonds and Boston & Lowell notes at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.

Payments will be made on June 1 50% in cash (with adjustment of interest on those bonds which mature Oct. 1) and 50% in negotiable receipts to be exchanged for bonds as soon as bonds can be engraved and executed.

Maturing Obligations.—(a) Fitchburg RR. \$500,000 4% bonds; (b) Concord & Montreal RR. \$873,000 3½s, \$6,150,000 4s and \$200,000 5% bonds, all due June 1 1920; (c) Boston & Lowell RR. Corp. 6% and 6½% (\$620,000) notes, payable on demand; (d) Fitchburg RR. \$500,000 3½% bonds, due Oct. 1 1920.

Chairman E. E. Clark of the I.-S. C. Commission says: Of obligations at 3½% or 4% amounting to about \$7,500,000 falling due on June 1 1920, the payment of which is the principal purpose of the loan recommended, the Commission is informed that holders of about \$4,000,000 can be readily located and that these securities are largely held by savings banks and other municipal sinking funds in New England. Of the \$30,000 Fitchburg RR. bonds falling due at that time \$270,000 are said to be held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and \$131,000 in lots of \$10,000 or more by four savings banks and one assurance company, a total of \$401,000, or over 80% held by the Commonwealth and five private corporations in New England.

The Commission has felt that the New England communities and financial institutions should and can be expected to co-operate with the Boston & Maine and the Federal Government in effecting the refunding of the lesser part of these maturities, especially where the security tendered is that accepted by the Government, to wit, the general mortgage of the Boston & Maine and affords to the investor an income of 6%, or practically 50% more than that now paid on the maturing obligations.

The loan of \$5,000,000 represents in itself 10% of the total amount for two years suggested by the Association of Railway Executives to be apportioned from the \$300,000,000 fund for such purpose for the entire country. The Commission expects that the Boston & Maine and other New England lines will be able to finance their future maturities themselves and confidently anticipates public spirited local help in this matter.

President J. H. Hustis, in a communication to stockholders, said:

The security of the new bonds is identical with that securing the bonds held by the Government (approximately \$32,000,000) and the other old issues of the Boston & Maine and former leased lines. In view of monetary conditions and the great financial assistance the Government has given to the Boston & Maine, we believe that you will be willing to do your part by accepting this offer. This proposition has been favorably received by each of the larger holders as we have been able to communicate with.—V. 110, p. 2186, 2075.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—Wage Increase.—An increase in wages of 4 cents an hour has been granted to the employees, effective April 1 1920, bringing the scale of wages up to 49 cents an hour for the first six months to the maximum of 62 cents an hour.—V. 108, p. 2432.

Buffalo & Lake Erie Trac. Co.—Sells Transmission Lines Plans, it is said, are under way for the reorganization of the company. The company, it is understood, has completed details by which the Niagara & Erie Power Co. becomes sole owner of the high-tension transmission power line between Lackawanna and Dunkirk, at a price said to be \$220,000.—V. 110, p. 1922.

Chattanooga Railway & Light Co.—To Exchange \$750,000 7% Notes Due June 1 for 6% Notes Due June 1 1921.—Pres. C. M. Clark in a letter dated May 24 to the holders of the \$750,000 2-year 7% gold coupon notes, maturing June 1 1920, says in part:

"The \$750,000 2-year 7% Gold Coupon notes mature June 1 1920. Under existing financial conditions it has not been possible to sell the bonds pledged as collateral or to sell new note issue, and it is proposed therefore to ask the holders to accept in exchange for their present notes new one-year notes (Series "E") dated June 1 1920, at 98 carrying int. at 6% payable semi-annually, the collateral security to remain the same.

"Progress has been and is being made in securing higher rates for electric power, which should result in substantially larger earnings this year. Holders of 95% of the notes have consented to accept the new notes in exchange for the present notes. The present outstanding notes maturing June 1 should be presented to the Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives and Granting Annuities, and there will be delivered in exchange therefor new 1-year 6% notes of the same face value as the notes surrendered, and 2% in cash. Coupons due June 1 should be detached and presented for collection in the usual manner."

Description of New 6% Gold Notes, Series "E," Due June 1 1921. Interest payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000. Red. at par and int. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice. Penn. Co. for Ins. on Lives and Granting Annuities, Phila., Trustee. Prin. and int. guaranteed by the Tennessee Railway, Light & Power Co. Authorized, \$1,000,000. To be issued in exchange for like amount of notes which mature June 1 1920, \$750,000.

Secured by deposit with the trustee of (a) \$682,000 Chattanooga Railway & Light Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds due May 1 1956, (b) \$389,000 Lookout Mountain Railway 1st Mtge. 6% bonds, due May 1 1956. Additional notes may only be issued to the extent of 70% of the face value of additional bonds of the same issues pledged as security.

Capitalization Outstanding Chattanooga Railway & Light Co.
1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s.....x2,395,000 Preferred stock.....\$2,000,000
Lookout Mt. Ry. 1st M. 6s y389,000 Common stock.....3,000,000
6% Coupon notes.....750,000
x\$682,000 additional bonds pledged as security for notes. y All pledged as security for notes.

Earnings for the 12 months ended April 30 1920. [Earnings, Expenses and Fixed Charges of the Railway lines in the hands of Receivers are not included]
Gross earnings.....\$1,152,249 12ms int. on \$750,000 notes \$45,000
Net after taxes.....386,635
Int. on 1st & Ref. 5s.....119,750 Balance, surplus.....\$221,885
[E. W. Clarke & Co., Phila., are handling the new notes.]—V. 110, p. 2192.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—New Director.—

George G. Mason has been elected a director and Vice-President, succeeding Walter P. Bliss.—V. 110, p. 2069, 1289.

Chicago Surface Lines.—City Valuation.—

The firm of Mitchell, Castenholz & Co., employed by the City of Chicago to value the surface lines for rate-making purposes as a check against the figures established by Stone & Webster and the P. U. Commission, has set the total value at about \$115,000,000. This is \$43,500,000 less than the official traction figures based on the 1907 settlement, according to which the present value is about \$158,500,000. "Electrical Railway Journal."—V. 110, p. 1415.

Colorado & Southern Ry.—Directors.—

Howard Elliott and Jackson E. Reynolds, N. Y. City; O. G. Burnham and Hale Holden, Chicago, and Robert Rice, Denver, have been elected directors.—V. 110, p. 1088, 969.

Concord & Montreal RR.—To Refund Bonds.—

See Boston & Maine RR. above.—V. 109, p. 2171.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Trustee.—

The U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. has been designated trustee under the \$10,000,000 Ten-Year 7% Secured Gold Bonds. See description in V. 110, p. 1972.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Sale of Securities.—

David B. Knott, Sheriff of New York County, on May 26 sold under execution 3,000 shares of Western Realty Co., 30,000 shares of Globe Express Co., \$523,000 Colorado Midland Ry. gold 4s, \$30,000 First Mtge. Western Pacific Ry. bonds and 412½ shares Pref. stock and 712½ shares Common stock of Western Pacific in partial satisfaction of a judgment for \$32,448,593 obtained by the Equitable Trust Co. as trustee against the Denver & Rio Grande RR. Compare Western Pacific in V. 107, p. 1186, 1102. The sale realized about \$1,200,000.—V. 110, p. 1968, 1972.

Dubuque (Iowa) Elec. Co.—Service Resumed—Wages

The strike declared March 1 came to an end on May 1 after urgent appeal from Judge Henry T. Reed in the Federal District Court at a conference between company and city officials. At the time of the strike a 7-cent fare with four tickets for 25 cents was being charged and the wage was 42 cents an hour maximum. The new rates set up by Judge Reed are 8-cent cash fare, 7 tickets for 50 cents, and a 4-cent cash fare for children under 12 years of age with 7 tickets for 25 cents. The new wage settlement is 54 cents to 60 cents an hour after 18 months.—V. 110, p. 1526.

Duluth (Minn.) St. Ry.—To Vote Municipal Ownership.

Municipal ownership of the road will be submitted to the people at the special city election to be held on June 21, at which time the 6-cent fare referendum ordinance will also be voted on. Municipal ownership of the railway was voted down a year ago, but upon the suggestion of the Federated Trades Assembly the Council has passed an ordinance which, upon approval at the special election, will permit the city authorities to issue \$3,500,000 in bonds to be used for the purchase or condemnation of the lines. See V. 110, p. 1748.

Fitchburg RR.—To Refund Bonds.—

See Boston & Maine RR. above.—V. 109, p. 2171.

Ft. Smith Subiaco & Rock Island RR.—Extended.—

The extension of this road (formerly the Fort Smith Subiaco & Eastern RR.) from Scranton to Dardanelle, Ark., 26 miles, has been completed and the first passenger train has been operated over it. This makes the entire line 40 miles long from Paris to Dardanelle, 14 miles having been built several years ago. Thos. W. White of St. Louis is now Pres.; I. H. Nakdimen of Fort Smith, V.-Pres. & Treas., and J. H. Brooking, Chief Engineer.—V. 108, p. 683.

Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada.—Dominion

Purchase Bill Signed—Terms—Annual Report.—The Governor-General of Canada on May 11 signed the amended bill for the purchase by the Dominion Government of the stock control of this company. The annual report is cited on a preceding page. The committee of management as announced May 21 includes:

Chairman Howard G. Kelley, Pres. Gr. Trunk Ry.; (a) representing Canadian Govt.: C. A. Hayes, at present Vice-President of Canadian National Railways, in charge of traffic, and S. J. Hungerford, assistant to the Vice-President of the Canadian National Railways; (b) representing the Grand Trunk Ry. Co.: W. D. Robb, Vice-President of the Grand Trunk, in charge of transportation, &c.; Frank Scott, Vice-President & Treasurer of Grand Trunk Ry.

An official circular dated Feb. 2 1920 gives a history of the negotiations with the Canadian Government, together with the text of the agreement now slightly amended, and shows:

The agreement provides for the guaranteeing of the interest (a) on the issued debenture stocks according to the tenor thereof at their respective rates of interest in perpetuity, namely, 5% Grand Trunk debenture stocks, £4,270,375; 5% Great Western debenture stock, £2,723,080; 4% Grand Trunk debenture stock, £2,624,455; 4% Northern debenture stock, £308,215; total amount outstanding, £31,926,125; (b) guaranteeing the interest in perpetuity on the present [£12,500,000 4%] Guaranteed stock, to be known under the agreement as the old Guaranteed stock, subject to the right of the Government to pay the old Guaranteed stock off at par after five years from the completion of the agreement, on giving six months' notice by advertisement. As part consideration for the Government guaranty on these stocks, the stockholders cease to have any voting rights. [The form of guaranty to be endorsed on the guaranteed stock and each class of debenture stk. is in each instance substantially as shown below.]

Immediately after the assent of the proprietors has been given, a board of arbitrators is to be formed, one member to be appointed by the Government, one by the Grand Trunk Railway Co., and the Chairman, by mutual agreement, is to be Sir Walter Cassels, Chief Justice of the Exchequer Court of Canada.

The board of arbitrators thus appointed is to determine what amount shall be awarded to the present stocks, viz.: £3,420,000 5% 1st Pref., £2,530,000 5% 2d Pref., £7,168,055 4% 3d Pref., and \$23,955,437 Ordinary stock amount to be paid by exchanging for those stocks a non-voting 4% stock, guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada, and to be called the new Guaranteed stock, but such new Guaranteed stock to be limited to an amount requiring, with the amount necessary to meet the dividend on the old Guaranteed stock, an annual payment for interest not exceeding \$5,000,000.

The stock so to be issued is also subject to a right of redemption by the Government at par after five years from the completion of the agreement, on six months' notice. The amount of the new Guaranteed stock awarded will be allocated to the First, Second, Third Preference and Ordinary stocks in such proportions as the arbitrators shall determine.

The award is to be given within nine months from the date of the appointment of the arbitrators, unless the time is extended by order of the Governor-in-Council.

The board and officers of the company are to remain in possession of the company's property and carry on the ordinary business of the company until the award is given, but as soon as the agreement is accepted a committee of management is to be formed, consisting of two members appointed by the Canadian National Railways, and two members appointed by the Grand Trunk Railway, and a fifth member by the four so appointed. The object of this committee is to bring about as soon as possible the advantages to the Government lines in the West, of the means of access to the East through the Grand Trunk lines and terminals.

From the date of the appointment of the committee, the guarantees by the Government become effective on the debenture stocks and on the old Guaranteed stock, and on the amount of the new Guaranteed stock, to be awarded by the arbitrators to be distributed among the First, Second, Third Preference and Ordinary stocks.

The limiting of the amount to be awarded to the First, Second, Third Preference and Ordinary stocks was insisted upon by the Senate. Such limitation was not in accord with the Chairman's agreement with the Government, but the Government insisted that the bill would not pass the

Senate unless it was inserted. With this amendment the bill only passed the Senate by a majority of four.

Upon the Preference and Common stocks being vested in the Government or its nominees, the present board of directors will cease to exist. The Minister of Railways is at present the receiver of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., but the Governor-in-Council will have the power to terminate the receivership.

Each of the parties to the agreement will pay its own costs in connection with the arbitration. Costs common to both parties will be equally shared. A contribution from the Debenture and old Guaranteed stockholders will be deducted from the first payment of dividends after the appointment of the Committee of Management to assist in meeting any expenses which may arise. It is hoped the amount to be deducted will not exceed 1/2 of 1% on the old Guaranteed stock, and 1/4 of 1% on the Debenture stocks. As, in the event of the agreement being accepted, these stocks will receive their full dividend in future under a guarantee from the Dominion of Canada, from the date of the appointment of the Committee of Management, it was considered only just that the expenses of giving effect to the agreement should be thus provided.

Form of Guaranty on New 4% New Guaranteed Stock to Be Issued under the Acquisition Act, 1919.

[Guaranty by His Majesty the King, deposited with the High Commissioner for Canada.]

Pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Grand Trunk Railway Acquisition Act, 1919, and of the agreement entered into thereunder, His Majesty the King in the right of the Dominion of Canada, herein represented by the Minister of Finance and Receiver-General of Canada, acting by virtue of an Order-in-Council dated the _____ day of _____ 1919, hereby guarantees to the respective registered proprietors for the time being of the 4% Non-Voting New Guaranteed stock of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada, amounting in all to £_____ sterling, the payment of dividends payable half-yearly on the first days of July and January in each year, at the rate of 4% per annum.

This Guaranty shall take effect from and after the _____ day of _____ 19____.

Dated at Ottawa, Ont., this _____ day of _____ 19____.
Minister of Finance and Receiver-General of Canada.—V. 110, p. 1415, 1187.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—*Sell Real Estate.*—

The sale at public auction of the company's real estate brought a total of \$829,175. The real estate pledged to meet the interest, due and paid, on Jan. 1, 1920 was sold in accordance with the pledge to repay the large amount borrowed to meet the interest on the bonds. The properties sold May 25 include Manhattan, Bronx and Long Island City real estate, directly on the Interborough Subway and immediately adjacent to Interborough Subway stations.—V. 110, p. 2192, 1415.

Interoceanic Railway of Mexico, Ltd.—

See Mexican Eastern Ry. below.—V. 107, p. 802.

International Ry., Buffalo, N. Y.—*Wage Increase.*—

A wage increase of 12 cents an hour, retroactive to May 1, has been granted to the employees, bringing the wage scale up to 60 cents an hour. The men sought a maximum scale of 88 cents an hour with an eight-hour day. Company and employees have agreed to submit to arbitration the question of hours and any additional wage increase.—V. 110, p. 1972.

Kansas City Railways.—*Wage Increase.*—

The company has granted a voluntary increase in wages to its employees, averaging about 10%. Under the present scale trainmen receive 45 cents an hour the first three months, gradually acquiring 60 cents an hour after three years. Under the increased scale, new trainmen will receive 50 cents an hour the first three months and after three years will get 55 cents an hour.—V. 110, p. 1526, 1289.

Kettle Valley Railway.—*New President.*—

D. C. Coleman of Winnipeg, B. C., has been elected President succeeding James J. Warren.—V. 110, p. 465.

Mexican Eastern Ry.—*Extension of Moratorium.*—

Holders of the 5% debentures are informed that the three years' moratorium granted to the company and the scheme of arrangement sanctioned by the Court on July 3, 1917 expires on May 29, 1920. The company's railway and that of the Interoceanic Ry. of Mexico (Acapulco to Vera Cruz), Ltd., are still in the Government's possession and no remittance on account of earnings having since been received, the Interoceanic Ry. is in consequence not in a position to resume payments under the lease. Under these circumstances the directors of the Interoceanic Ry. have requested this company to consent to a further extension of the moratorium for a period of two years, i. e., to May 29, 1922, upon the same terms as those which govern the existing moratorium, and a meeting of the debenture holders is to be held on May 8 for the purpose of approving the scheme which will require the subsequent sanction of the Court. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 104, p. 2343.

Michigan RR.—*Wage Increase.*—

A board of three arbitrators has granted a wage increase to the employees as follows: city trainmen from 40 and 42 cents an hour to 60 and 62 cents an hour; interurban trainmen from 46 and 48 cents an hour to 65 and 70 cents an hour.—V. 110, p. 1849.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—*Bonds—Report.*—Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at 89 1/2 and int., yielding 6 3/4%, \$1,000,000 First Consol. Mtge. 5% gold bonds of 1888, due April 1, 1928. A circular shows. (Compare annual report on a preceding page.)

Authorized, \$20,000,000; outstanding, \$15,347,000, of which \$739,000 are in the treasury. The unissued \$4,653,000 bonds are reserved to the extent of \$747,000 to retire an equal amount of branch line issues maturing in 1923, and the balance can be issued at the rate of only \$20,000 per mile for extensions.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on practically the entire mileage owned, consisting of 856 miles of main line and branches, including the main line extending from Chattanooga, Tenn., via Nashville to the Mississippi River. Of the above mileage, 64 miles of branch lines are subject to prior liens maturing in 1923, which prior liens cannot be increased or extended at maturity. They are also a lien upon the company's interest in 391 miles of leased lines.

Earnings.—For the calendar year 1917 net income applicable to bond interest amounted to \$3,442,632. Under Government control the compensation allowed for the calendar year 1919 amounted to \$3,182,089, which with other revenue increased the net income to \$3,362,520. After all deductions for rentals, taxes, corporate expenses, &c., there remained a balance of \$2,515,725, which is over three times the annual interest charge amounting to \$775,220 on all bonds outstanding. After all deductions there remained from net earnings for 1919 \$1,790,505 available for dividends.

Compare V. 106, p. 697; V. 105, p. 607; V. 103, p. 1301, 1593; V. 101, p. 131, 694, 1465; V. 110, p. 970.

National Properties Co., N. Y.—*Assessment Probable.*—

See American Railways Co. above.—V. 109, p. 888.

Newport News & Hampton Ry., Gas & Electric Co.—*Increased Rates.*—

Carrying out the recommendation of the Common Councils of Newport News, Hampton and Phoebus, the Virginia Utilities Commission has ratified an advance in fares of the company from 5c. to 7c. and from 2 1/2c. to 3 1/2c. for working men. It has also allowed an increase in the rate on gas from \$1 to \$1 10.—V. 108, p. 1512.

New York Central RR.—*Roads Lease Real Estate.*—

In the largest single real estate transaction recorded in New York City the New York Central and New York New Haven & Hartford RRs. entered into an agreement on May 12 to lease two blocks between Park and Madison avenues, 45th to 47th streets, to a syndicate planning to erect two co-operative office buildings, 25 and 35 stories. The project will involve over \$40,000,000, including an estimated construction cost of \$25,000,000, and a 21-year lease at a rental of about \$15,000,000, with two renewals. The total floor space will be about 1,500,000 sq. ft. Construction will be started this fall and the structures are expected to be ready for occupancy by May 1, 1922.—V. 110, p. 1643.

N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR.—*Limited Receivership Denied.*

Federal Judge Mack on May 24 denied the application of 1,400 minority stockholders for a limited receiver to press a restitution suit for \$150,000,000 against William Rockefeller and other former directors and officers of the company (V. 108, p. 683). He granted that part of the application which asked permission to intervene in the action instituted by Edwin Adams and others, but stipulated that not more than 5 of the 1,400 should appear in the action and that the plaintiffs should themselves defray the costs of the proceeding. The Court said in part:

"If the judgment of the directors and majority stockholders were not exercised honestly and in good faith, a receivership, general or limited, would be proper. But the record in this proceeding is devoid of any proof that the failure of the directors and majority stockholders is due to dishonesty, fraud or control by the individual defendants of corporate affairs." A previous appeal for a limited receiver, with access to all of the company's books and records and the power of examining witnesses, was denied by Judge Mantou (V. 108, p. 2123).

See also New York Central RR. above.—V. 110, p. 2193, 2184.

N. Y. & North Shore Trac. Co.—*Foreclosure Proceedings.*

The Citizens' Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, recently filed a petition in the Federal Court to foreclose the First Mtge. 5s of 1914, about \$800,000 bonds outstanding, and to appoint a receiver. The petition states that interest amounting to \$38,500, due April and Oct. 1 of last year, remains unpaid.

Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon on May 10 forwarded a letter to Mayor Hylan from the company announcing that that road was virtually ready to cease operation and go through foreclosure proceedings. The company in its letter to Commissioner Nixon, however, said it would be willing to lease that portion of its road within New York City to the city for municipal operation, and such portion as lies in Nassau County to the various communities there served for local operation.—V. 110, p. 1526.

New York Railways Co.—*To Pay Bond Interest.*—

Job E. Hedges, receiver, has obtained an order from Judge Mayer to pay \$203,750 interest due June 1 on the \$8,150,000 Broadway & Seventh Avenue RR. Consol. Mtge. 5% bonds, due Dec. 1, 1943. The receiver was ordered not to pay interest due March 1 on the \$3,000,000 Columbus and 9th Avenue 1st 5s, amounting to \$75,000, and decision as to payment of \$125,000 interest due March 1 on Lexington Avenue and PAVONIA Ferry 1st 5s was postponed to June 21. V. 110, p. 1643.

Norfolk Southern RR.—*Board Increased.*—

Additional directors, increasing board to 17: Ernest Williams, Pre. Durham & South Carolina RR.; T. T. Harkrader, Traffic Mgr. American Tobacco Co.; C. M. Carr, Vice-Pres. Durham Hosiery Co. and Vice-Pres. National Bank of Durham; E. C. Granbury, of Harris, Forbes & Co.; R. B. Williams, Jr., of N. Y., as a director, succeeds the late Frank A. Sayles.

The Norfolk Southern RR. has completed arrangements to take over the Durham & South Carolina RR. which will give it an entrance into the manufacturing city of Durham, N. C. It is expected materially to increase the tonnage of the system.—V. 110, p. 2193, 1089.

Northern Texas Electric Co.—*Fare Increase.*—

Effective May 19, fares were increased from 5 cents to 6 cents. The company has under consideration a program of improvements and extensions calling for \$1,000,000 during the next 12 months.—V. 107, p. 701.

Ohio Electric Ry.—*New President.*—

Charles Day of Phila. has been elected President and J. H. McClure of Lima, Vice-President, succeeding W. Kelsey Schoepf and Dana Stevens, respectively. The aforementioned and John B. Zimmerman, Phila.; George J. Roberts, East Orange, N. J.; Paul C. Martin, H. G. Gulpin and F. A. Healy, Springfield, O., have been elected directors.—V. 110, p. 2193, 1849.

Pitts. Cinc. Chicago & St. Louis RR.—*Mortgage.*—

The shareholders on May 27 duly authorized the new \$35,000,000 Gen. Mtge. called for by plan in V. 110, p. 1183, 1290. The Phila. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$11,467,000 Penn. Co. certs. of deposit, representing 114,676 (of the outstanding 192,929) shares of capital stock deposited under aforesaid plan.—V. 110, p. 2194.

Plymouth & Sandwich Street Ry.—*To Sell Road.*—

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has issued an order of notice in the bill of equity of Howard P. Converse against the company, that on the petition of Myron E. Barker, interviewing petitioner, the receiver of the railway be directed to sell the assets as Court shall direct.—V. 106, p. 1901.

Portland Ry., Lt. & Pow. Co.—*7% Serial Notes—Wages.*

The 7% gold coupon Notes, Series F (mentioned in V. 110, p. 167), are dated Dec. 1, 1919, due \$500,000 each Dec. 1, 1920 and 1921, and \$1,000,000 Dec. 1, 1922. Int. payable J. & D. at Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at company's office or agency in Portland, Ore., or Philadelphia. Denom. \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Interest payable without deduction for any tax or taxes except inheritance taxes, State income taxes and so much of any Federal income taxes in excess of 2% per annum, which company or trustee may be required to pay thereon or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the U. S. or of any State, county, municipality or other lawful taxing authority thereon. Red. on any int. date as a whole only at par and int. on 60 days' notice. Secured by pledge of \$4,000,000 Gen. Mtge. 6% bonds dated Sept. 2, 1918. Total auth. issue, \$2,000,000.

A new wage agreement has been signed between the company and the employees continuing the present wage scale for one year from May 1, except for a limited number of men employed in the shops. These will receive a slight increase amounting in the aggregate to about \$11,000 annually.—V. 110, p. 1416.

Puebla Tramway, Light & Power Co.—*Deferred Interest*

The holders of the First Mtge. 5% gold bonds will vote June 15 at London "to provide that the company shall forthwith satisfy all interest on the First Mtge. bonds not paid in cash during the period Jan. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1919, by the issue of Prior Lien 5% 50-Year Gold Bonds, at par, with coupon due July 1, 1920, and following coupons attached, for 25% of such unpaid interest in lieu of the issue at par of income warrants for the full amount carrying non-cumulative interest at 5% per annum, payable only out of net earnings and redeemable only out of net earnings, as provided by supplemental trust deed dated Sept. 2, 1915; (2) to provide that the bondholders and the trustee of the sinking fund shall be bound to accept prior lien bonds in full satisfaction of all rights in respect of unpaid interest on the First Mtge. bonds (included payments due the sinking fund in lieu of interest) from Jan. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1919."—V. 101, p. 289.

Reading Co.—*Further Action in Dissolution Looked for Shortly—Preferred Issues Are Entitled to Share in Assets Pro Rata with Common, According to Opinion of Philadelphia Solicitor.*—Newburger, Henderson & Loeb submit the following statement containing the opinion on the Reading dissolution prepared for them by John P. Connelly (former City Solicitor) of Philadelphia:

Within a few days the U. S. Supreme Court will direct the lower Federal Court to enter a decree carrying out the decision rendered last month in the Reading case. Then the lower Court and the corporate interests involved will get together to agree upon a plan of dissolution, and it is expected that matters will progress quickly and amicably to a conclusion.

The problem presented probably is simpler than many suppose. Bearing out entirely the proposition first advanced in this column that in dissolution the 1st and 2d Pref. stocks will share pro rata with the Common stock, John P. Connelly, former City Solicitor, yesterday submitted an opinion to Newburger, Henderson & Loeb. After review of the conditions pertaining to the three stock issues and citations from the law and reference to various supporting cases, Mr. Connelly concludes:

"I am, therefore, of the opinion that the First and Second Pref. stockholders of the Reading Company, in accordance with the dissolution as decreed by the Supreme Court, will share with the Common stockholder the assets of the company, and that the fact that the First and Second Pref. stock provides that the company shall have the right at any time to redeem Pref. stock at par, in cash, if such redemption shall then be allowed by law, has relation only to the ordinary course of business, and as the court as decided that this is a legal existence, this function ceases, and the

company cannot, as a matter of fact, redeem the stock at par by reason of the decision, for it must be covered in the general decree of dissolution.

And Justice Clark said as to the Reading Company, the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co., the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. and the Central R.R. Co. of New Jersey, the decree of the District Court will be reversed, and the cause remanded, with directions to enter a decree in conformity with this opinion, dissolving the combination of the Reading Company, the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co., the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., the Central R.R. Co. of New Jersey and the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., existing and maintained through the Reading Company, with such provision for the disposition of the shares of stocks and bonds and other property of the various companies, held by the Reading Company, as may be necessary to establish the entire independence from that company, and from each other, of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. Co., the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., the Central R.R. Co. of New Jersey and the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., and also that such disposition shall be made by the decree of the stocks and bonds of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., held by the Central R.R. Co. of N. J., as may be necessary to establish entire independence between these two companies, to the end that the affairs of all of these now-combined companies may be conducted in harmony with the law." (The "North American," Philadelphia May 21). Compare V. 110, p. 1850.—V. 110, p. 2193, 2076.

Reading Transit & Light Co.—Wage Increase.—

The company on May 20 announced an increase of 4 cents an hour, from 50 to 54 cents, in the wages of the motormen and conductors of its entire system, comprising Reading, Lebanon, Norristown and Roxborough.—V. 110, p. 1089.

St. Paul Union Depot Co.—First Unit Completed.—

The first unit of the union station at St. Paul was placed in service on April 5. This station is being built for the combined service of the nine railroads entering St. Paul, viz.: Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago St. Paul Minn. & Omaha, Chicago Mill. & St. Paul, Chicago Great Western, Chicago Burlington & Quincy, Minn. St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, Minn. & St. Louis and Chicago Rock Island & Pacific. The "Railway Age" of May 21 has an illustrated article of four pages describing the layout, &c., of the station.—V. 109, p. 1987.

Scranton (Pa.) Railway.—Fares.—

The Pennsylvania P. S. Commission on May 15 granted the company permission to continue in effect until further orders the 7-cent fare prescribed by the Commission on May 7 1919.—V. 109, p. 2263.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—New Director.—

Robert L. Nutt, Sec. & Treas., has been elected a director, succeeding Townsend Scott, of Baltimore.—V. 110, p. 1090, 971.

Shreveport Railways.—Fare Increase.—

At a referendum election held May 18 street car fares were raised from 5c. to 6c., effective June 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1923.—V. 109, p. 2357.

Southern Pacific Co.—Equipment Co. Incorporated.—

The Southern Pacific Equipment Co. filed articles of incorporation in California on May 14 with a capital stock of \$100,000, par \$100, subscribed, \$100,000. Directors: William Sproule, 996 shares; and W. F. Herrin, Paul Shoup, J. H. Dyer and George McCormick, 1 share each.—V. 110, p. 2076.

Spokane & British Columbia Ry.—Judicial Sale.—

Pursuant to the winding up order made Feb. 6 1918, tenders will be received up to June 18 1920 for the purchase of (1) bonds secured on all the real and personal property of the company, dated April 25 1905, being the total issue amounting to \$1,500,000, (2) total issue of capital stock of company amounting to \$10,000, par \$100.

The road runs from Danville to Republic, about 36 miles with construction rights for line already surveyed from Republic to Spokane. Equipment consists of 3 locomotives, 2 combination passenger and baggage cars, 13 flat cars, 10 dump cars, 3 box cars. Terms of payment will be 10% of the amount tendered on the acceptance of tender, and the remainder of such tender in three, six and twelve months, with interest at 6% per annum, secured to the satisfaction of the liquidator.—V. 80, p. 1729.

Tennessee Ry., Light & Power Co.—Notes—Earnings.—

The company guarantees principal and int. on the \$750,000 6% notes of the Chattanooga Railway & Light Co. (see above).

Combined Earnings incl. Sub. Co. (inter-company items eliminated) 12 mos. ended April 30, 1920.	
Gross earnings.....	\$5,762,085
Net operating expenses, rentals and taxes.....	2,062,757
	Balance, surplus..... \$512,941

Compare annual report for 1919 in V. 110, p. 2188.

Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.—New Director.—

William Shillaber, Jr., Vice-Pres. of the Newfoundland Packing Co. and Treas. and director of the Commercial Advertiser Assoc., has been elected a director to succeed the late T. P. Shonts.—V. 110, p. 1291, 972.

Utah Power & Light Co.—New Director.—

John C. Howard, Pres. of the Utah Oil Refining Co., has been elected a director.—V. 110, p. 2200, 1850.

West Virginia Traction & Electric Co.—Fare Increase.—

The West Virginia P. S. Commission has granted the company permission to increase its cash fares from 6 cents to 8 cents on its Morgantown City lines. The company will sell 13 tickets for \$1. The present 3-cent charge for transfers will be continued. The increase in rates has been approved by the Morgantown municipal authorities.—V. 110, p. 1416.

Wisconsin Central Railway.—Annual Report.—

See Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 108, p. 2529.

Yreka R. R. of San Francisco.—Re-organization.—

Pres. R. H. Dweitt; Vice-Pres., John E. Turner; Sec., Solon Williams; Franklin Holbrook, all of Yreka, and Gordon Jacobs of Hornbrook, Calif. have been elected directors. The Siskiyou County Bank has been made treasurer.

The road was recently purchased by the citizens of Yreka from George W. Scott of San Francisco, who was formerly President. It runs from Montague to Yreka, 7.5 miles.

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Amalgamated Sugar Co.—Listing—Earnings.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of temporary certificates for \$5,000,000 (total authorized issue) of 8% Cumulative Sinking Fund First Pref. stock, par \$100.

Production and Net Earnings Years ending Feb. 28.				
Year—	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.
Production (lbs.)	91,115,200	92,459,672	94,035,594	112,313,836
Net aft. Fed. tax.	\$1,857,556	\$2,680,755	\$1,423,214	\$389,267
				\$1,549,082

American Bosch Magneto Corp.—Stock Dividend.—

A stock dividend of 20% has been declared on the outstanding 83,000 shares of capital stock (no par value), payable July 15 to holders of record July 3. This distribution will increase the outstanding capital stock to approximately 99,600 shares (no par value).

A quarterly dividend of \$2.50 has been declared on the stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. A like amount was paid in April last.—V. 110, p. 1850, 872.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.—Simplification of Capital Stock—Authorized Issues of \$10,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. (Par \$100) and 400,000 Shares of No Par Value Common to Replace Present \$5,000,000 7% and Participating Preferred and \$5,000,000 Common, Par \$100—Terms of Exchange.—

The shareholders will vote July 1 on a plan for recapitalization in accordance with which: (a) Holders of the present Preferred stock will be entitled to receive in exchange for each share thereof one share of the new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock and three shares of the new Common stock. (b) Holders of the present Common stock will be entitled to receive in exchange for each share thereof one share of the new 7% Cumulative Preferred stock.

Further Data from Official Circular Dated at New York, May 27

A special committee of the directors having consulted with a number of stockholders, and also the company's bankers, has proposed the following plan which is believed to give both classes of present stockholders their just and fair proportion of assets and dividends.

The present authorized capital is \$5,000,000 Pref. stock and \$5,000,000 Common stock, par \$100 per share. The Pref. stock is entitled to cumulative dividends of 7% p. a., and also after 7% has been paid on the Common stock, to all remaining earnings available for distribution. In case of dissolution, the Pref. stock is entitled to priority to the extent of par and accrued dividends, and all assets after the Common stock is liquidated at par value.

The proposed plan provides that there shall be authorized \$10,000,000 new 7% Pref. stock, par \$100 per share, and 400,000 shares of new Common stock without nominal or par value. The new Pref. stock will be entitled to 7% cumulative dividends and will have voting rights. It will be redeemable, at option of company, all or in part, on any dividend date, on 90 days' notice, at \$110 per share and accumulated dividends. The new Common stock will be entitled to dividends, at the discretion of the board, after dividends on the new Pref. stock have been paid. The new Common stock will not have voting rights until they shall be granted by a vote of a majority of the new Pref. stock. In case of liquidation, the new Pref. will be entitled to priority to the extent of par and accumulated dividends, and the new Common to the remaining assets.

If the plan is approved, the holders of the old Pref. will be entitled to receive not only cumulative Pref. dividends at 7% per annum, but may also receive dividends upon their new Common stock, the aggregate of which will, with a continuance of the company's prosperity, in all probability exceed the dividends heretofore received by them on their old Pref. stock, while the holders of the old Common stock, by exchanging share for share into the new Pref. stock, will obtain a much stronger position as to assets, and will receive upon the new Cumulative Pref. stock the maximum dividends receivable on their old non-cumulative Common stock.—V. 110, p. 1525, 2194.

American Light & Traction Co.—Notes Offered.—

The stockholders of record May 25 are given the privilege of subscribing up to 3 p. m. June 2 1920 to \$6,000,000 5-year 6% gold notes at 94 3/4 and int. from May 1. Each stockholder will be permitted to subscribe to an amount of notes equal to 6-40ths of the aggregate par value of his entire stockholdings, but subscriptions will be accepted only in amounts of \$100 or multiples thereof.

Halsey Stuart & Co. and National City Co. are said to have underwritten the issue.—V. 110, p. 2194.

American Spinning Co., Greenville, S. C.—Cash Divs.

A cash dividend of 20% has been declared on the outstanding \$25,000 capital stock, payable June 1, along with the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2%, payable July 1. The company's mills are located at Greenville.

American Tobacco Co.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing (a) on and after June 1 of temporary certificates for \$10,975,200 of Common stock B (authorized \$50,000,000), par \$100, on official notice of issuance and payment in full (b) and on and after Aug. 1 1920 \$38,413,200 additional of said stock on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making a total amount applied for \$49,388,400.

Purpose is to exchange for \$12,672,720 scrip \$10,975,200 par value of Common stock B at the rate of \$100 of Common B for \$110 of scrip, or so much Common stock B as will be applied for under the terms of the offer made by the Treasurer under date of May 7 1920, and to distribute the additional Common stock B on Aug. 1 1920 to an amount equal to 75% of the Common and Common B outstanding July 15 1920 pro rata among the holders of record of Common stock and Common stock B July 15 1920. Compare V. 110, p. 1644, 1975.

American Woolen Co., Boston.—Capital Increase.—

The stockholders voted May 25 (a) to increase the authorized Preferred stock from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and the authorized Common stock from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 and (b) to offer \$20,000,000 Common stock to stockholders of record June 7 at par in the ratio of one share of new stock for every three shares of capital stock held. Compare V. 110, p. 2077.

Indicted Under Lever Act on Charges of Profiteering.—

The American Woolen Co. of Mass., the American Woolen Co. of New York, and William M. Wood, Pres. of both companies, were indicted under the Lever Act on a charge of profiteering by a Federal Grand Jury on May 26.

The New York "Times" of May 27 says: "The indictment contains 14 counts, each dealing with the sale of woolen cloth at a price alleged to be exorbitant. The cost and sale prices quoted show transactions that netted the woolen companies 100% profit."

Herbert C. Smyth, special Assistant United States Attorney-General in charge of the prosecution, said the Government's investigation had revealed that besides "enormous" salaries from both companies, President Wood in 1919 received \$515,482 in commissions. This is charged as a part of the manufacturing and selling expense. He further asserted that the companies this year increased prices more than 300% over those of 1919. It was in this class of materials that the companies are charged with obtaining profits of more than 100%. In the goods manufactured during the present year, Mr. Smyth said the inquiry showed prices 35% above all costs."

President Wm. M. Wood issued the following statement.

"I do not care to reply at length to the newspaper statement of Mr. Assistant Attorney-General Smyth. I am advised that it might be wanting in proper respect to the Court for me to comment upon pending legal proceedings. What I have to say in these respects must, of course, be said in court."

"It may be proper, however, for me to say now that Mr. Smyth's statements while no doubt he believes them, are founded upon a misapprehension of the facts. What the real facts are will all appear in due time."

"I stand, absolutely by the statement which Mr. Smyth quotes in his interview: 'There is absolutely no just ground for the suggestion that this company has charged excessive prices for its cloth or has gained unreasonable or excessive profit.'"—V. 110, p. 2077, 1850, 1846.

Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$5,500,000 7% Cum. Non-Voting Pref. stock, par \$100, authorized (\$15,000,000) and 150,000 shares (v. t. c.) of Common stock, no par value (total authorized issue). Compare V. 109, p. 373, 579, and see annual report in V. 110, p. 2077.

Belding-Paul-Corticelli (Silk Co.), Ltd.—Accum Divs.

A regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the Pref. stock, along with a dividend of 1 1/4%, applicable on account of back dividends, which clears up all accumulations on this issue. Both dividends are payable June 15 to holders of record June 1. A like amount was paid on account of accumulations in March last.—V. 110, p. 467, 2195.

British Empire Steel Corp.—Incorporated.—

The corporation, a recent merger of steel and shipping interests capitalized at \$500,000,000, has been incorporated under the laws of Nova Scotia. Its registered office will be at Sydney, N. S. Compare V. 110, p. 1975.

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Quarterly Earnings.—

Mar. 31 Quarters—				
	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net val. zinc concentr's.	\$1,224,548	\$382,156	\$1,405,271	\$1,900,089
Net val. lead concentr's.	506,302	250,337	236,518	333,228
Miscellaneous income...	19,920	19,193	9,291	43,302
Total income.....	\$1,750,770	\$651,686	\$1,651,080	\$2,275,619
Oper. costs, deprec., &c.	1,123,514	478,065	1,323,000	1,214,599
Net profit.....	\$627,256 def.	\$116,379	\$327,080	\$1,061,020

a Includes taxes.—V. 110, p. 2078.

Brooklyn Union Gas Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross revenue.....	\$13,386,123	\$13,053,797	\$12,243,761	\$11,353,594
Net after taxes.....	def.155,433	812,378	2,129,430	1,987,346
Other income.....	-----	242,767	261,914	239,200
Total income.....	551,415	\$1,055,145	\$2,391,344	\$2,226,546
Fixed charges, int. on funded debt, &c.....	-----	855,354	859,912	837,630
Surplus.....	dr. \$706,848	\$199,791	\$1,531,432	\$1,388,916
Previous surplus.....	4,795,513	5,744,072	6,121,719	6,049,207
Adjustments.....	Cr.174,482	deb.68,350	cr.199,618	deb.123,596
Dividends.....	810,000	1,080,000	1,260,000	1,440,000
Approp. to conting. fund.....	-----	-----	848,697	-----
Total p. & l. surplus.....	\$3,453,148	\$4,795,513	\$5,744,072	\$6,121,720

—V. 110, p. 1861.

Carnation Milk Products Co.—Incorporated.—
 Company was incorporated in Delaware on or about May 20 with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000 Pref. (par \$100) and \$20,000,000 Common (par \$25). Issued, \$9,000,000 Common; no Pref. issued. Has outstanding \$3,000,000 5-year 7% gold notes. See offering in V. 110, p. 2078.

Casein Co. of America.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Earnings & Inc., sub. cos.....	\$393,773	\$506,333	\$388,881	\$425,615
Dep. & accts. written off.....	141,310	153,459	63,476	59,898
Amortiz'n of plant values.....	-----	65,691	-----	-----
Net earnings.....	\$252,463	\$282,182	\$325,405	\$365,717
Less—Divs. on stk (8 1/2% \$15,000).....	-----	(8 1/2%) \$5,000	(8) \$80,000	-----
Divs. on Dry Milk Co. stk.....	2,079	2,079	2,079	2,079
Balance.....	\$165,384	\$195,103	\$243,326	\$363,638
Surplus of previous year.....	\$1,022,787	\$691,112	\$446,936	\$97,699
Adjustments.....	-----	136,571	850	deb.14,400
Federal taxes for 1918.....	60,217	-----	-----	-----
Surplus.....	\$1,127,953	\$1,022,787	\$691,112	\$446,937

—V. 109, p. 268.

(J. I.) Case Plow Works.—Business—Prices.—
 April billings aggregated \$1,100,000, according to Vice-Pres. Weyland. Prices for all farm implements have been advanced 12 1/2%. The export demand is reported as steadily increasing. An order for 150 Wallis tractors was recently received from the Philippine Islands. The new foundry is expected to be in operation June 1.—V. 110, p. 1190.

Childs Co., N. Y.—Dividend Rate Increased.—
 A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, payable with the regular Pref. dividend June 10 to holders of record May 28. In March last 1 1/2% was paid on the Common stock, compared with a total of 4% paid for the year 1919.—V. 110, p. 874, 558.

Chile Copper Co.—Copper Production (Lbs.).—

1920—April—1919.	Increase.	1920—4 Mos.—1919.	Increase.
8,172,000	5,024,000	3,148,000	33,566,000
-----	-----	21,846,000	11,720,000

—V. 110, p. 1751, 1648.

Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co.—Stock Subscribed.—
 It was officially announced on May 21 that more than 95% of the 192,000 shares of Common stock, offered for subscription to stockholders at \$27 50 a share, have been taken. The remaining 2,000 shares have been placed privately with investors by the underwriting bankers. Proceeds from this sale will provide the company with approximately \$5,000,000 in cash, which, it is stated, will meet its requirements until the end of 1921. Compare V. 110, p. 1751, 1976.

Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago.—Notes.—
 The company has sold, subject to authorization of the Illinois P. U. Commission, \$5,000,000 5-year 7% Collateral notes, which will be secured by \$7,143,000 First Mtge. 5% bonds, through a syndicate. The group is made up as follows: The Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, the First Trust & Savings Bank, Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the Merchants Loan & Trust Co., the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Spencer Trask & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Russell, Brewster & Co., the National Bank of the Republic, the National City Co., the Northern Trust Co. and the State Bank of Chicago.—V. 110, p. 1086.

Commonwealth Public Service Co.—Receivership.—
 W. L. Curtis of Fort Smith, Ark., has been appointed receiver upon application of John J. Murphy of Chicago, who says he holds \$338,939 in notes of the company. The company owns electric light, power, gas and ice plants in a number of Oklahoma and Arkansas towns. The petition states the debts of the company amounted to \$1,328,473.—V. 108, p. 2632.

Commonwealth Utilities Co.—Bonds Deposited as Secur.
 See Public Securities Co. below.

(John T.) Connor Co., Boston.—Sales.—
 Sales for the 4 1/2 months ended May 15, it is stated, were \$4,861,634, compared with \$3,058,851 for 1919, a gain of 58%.—V. 110, p. 2196, 1751.

Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co.—Listing.—
 The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after May 28 of 26,206 additional shares of Common stock, no par value (authorized 200,000 shares), on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 131,033 shares. Holders of Common stock of record May 11 were given the right to subscribe on or before May 28 to above shares at \$50 to the extent of 25% of their holdings. The cash received from the issue of said shares is to be used for the following purposes: (a) Approximately \$500,000 will be extended for the construction and equipment of new factory facilities at Endicott, N. Y.; (b) about \$250,000 will be expended for the construction and equipment of new factory facilities at Dayton, O., and (c) the balance will be used for additional current working capital. Sales of the combined organization for the year 1920 are estimated at about \$18,000,000. Profit and loss surplus March 31 1920, \$5,988,807.—V. 110, p. 2079, 1852.

Consolidated Cigar Corporation.—Earnings, &c.—
 Gross profits for April were \$405,092; net income available for dividends before taxes, \$283,830. The company, it is reported, has orders booked for many months ahead. There is outstanding \$3,600,000 7% Pref. stock and 90,000 shares (no par value) Common stock. The company's cigars are sold to jobbers only.—V. 110, p. 1190, 1092.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., Kimberley, South Africa.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of Central Union Trust Co. temporary certificates for 80,000 "American shares," so called, which have been issued under an agreement dated Jan. 17 1920 between Lazard Freres, Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., as depository, and all holders of certificates to be issued thereunder, with authority to add to the list from time to time upon official notice of issue such other said certificates as may be issued under the agreement upon the deposit of additional deferred shares. Each 5 such American shares represent, subject to the terms of the agreement, two of the deferred shares of the par value of \$2 1/2 each. On May 19 1920 there were outstanding \$2,500,000 par value, being the total authorized issue, of deferred shares of the company. Compare V. 110, p. 358, 363.

Detroit Iron & Steel Co.—Ruled off Detroit Exchange.—
 Morton Lachenbruch & Co., members of the Detroit Stock Exchange, report that owing to the refusal of this company to give the Exchange any information regarding its operations or finances, the Board of Governors of the Exchange ordered the removal of the stock from the local board, effective May 1. V. 106, p. 1464.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Stock Div.—Acquis.
 A stock dividend of 2 1/2% and a cash dividend of 2% have been declared on the outstanding \$58,854,200 Common stock, both payable June 15 to holders of record May 29.

"This company and the Flint Varnish & Color Works of Flint, Mich., have purchased the plant and business of the Chicago Varnish Co., which was founded in 1887. The rapid expansion of the business of the Flint company in automobile and general industrial varnishes and paints makes additional plant facilities necessary." (Authorized.)—V. 110, p. 966.

Detroit Pressed Steel Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1919.—

Land, bldgs. & equip.....	\$2,843,369	Preferred stock.....	*\$1,494,300
Patents.....	-----	Com. stock (equity of 76-230 shares no par value)	2,381,276
Cash.....	338,439	Accounts payable.....	329,928
Accts. & notes receivable.....	536,132	Adv. received on orders.....	77,059
Dep. with U. S. Gov. on bids.....	10,000	Accrued items.....	35,447
Inventories.....	1,077,382	Serial notes payable.....	166,500
Lib. bds. & other sec's.....	74,739	Purch. money bonds.....	600,000
Development.....	19,318	Reserves.....	37,451
Organ. & Prepd. expenses.....	222,580	Total (each side).....	\$5,121,960

x After deducting \$5,700 purchase and held by company.—V. 110, p. 564.

Dwight Mfg. Co., Boston.—100% Stock Div.—Reduces Par.
 The stockholders on May 26 voted to reduce the par value of the stock from \$500 to \$100 a share and to increase the authorized capital from \$1,800,000 to \$6,000,000. The reduction in par will give stockholders five shares of new stock of \$100 par for one share of the old \$500 par stock. Of the increased capital \$1,200,000 will be issued as a 100% stock dividend, payable to holders of record May 25. See V. 110, p. 2196.

Easley Cotton Mills, Greenville, S. C.—Stock Dividend.
 The stockholders on Feb. 3 last voted: (a) to increase the Capital stock from \$450,000 to \$1,800,000; (b) to create an issue of Preferred stock not to exceed \$1,350,000, to be distributed as a stock dividend of 300% to Common stockholders. This dividend was paid, we are officially advised, about May 1 last. There is now outstanding \$450,000 Common stock (par \$100) and \$1,350,000 Preferred stock (par \$100).
Preferred Stock.—The Pref. (a. & d.) stock is 7% cumulative and is limited to \$1,350,000. Divs. payable J. & J. No mortgage except with consent of 80% of the Pref. stock. No dividend shall be declared upon any other class of stock until there shall have been set aside out of the earnings a depreciation reserve equal to 60 cents p. a. for each spindle in the mills owned, commencing Jan. 1 1921. An annual redemption fund for the retirement of the Pref. stock at 110 begins Jan. 1 1923, equal to 5% of the outstanding pref. stock, in cash out of the earnings of the preceding year, after Pref. divs. Red. after Jan. 1 1925 at 110 upon 60 days' notice.
 B. E. Geer is Pres. and Treas.; W. H. Geer, V.-Pres. & Sec., and N. E. Smith, Supt.

Elgin Motor Car Corp.—Earnings, Div., &c.—This company, whose factory and general offices are at 61st and Archer Ave., Argo, Ill. (suburb of Chicago), reports in brief:
Digest of Letter by Pres. C. S. Rieman to R. G. Dun & Co., May 1 1920.

Our monthly earnings show a very satisfactory increase during the past nine months; for the first quarter of 1920 they were \$266,388, averaging \$88,796. Total receipts in March 1920 were \$1,077,474, and net earnings, \$131,627. With sufficient material to operate at capacity, net earnings should average \$150,000 or more per month.

At the annual meeting April 13, with 2,167 stockholders present, we announced a cash dividend of 5% payable June 1 1920 out of the earnings for the first three months of 1920.

The stockholders recommended unanimously that the capital be increased from \$3,500,000 to \$10,000,000, to provide additions to plant and equipment and supply further cash working capital.

Our business amounted to \$2,618,033 during the first quarter of 1920, which makes us 24th as to number of cars built and 29th as to value, for that period, among the 81 passenger-car manufacturers in the U. S., exceeding in volume such companies as Haynes, Mitchell, National, Stutz, Winton, Apperson, Stearns, Locomobile, Premier, Kissel.

(The balance sheet of April 1 1920 shows stock outstanding \$2,909,893; notes payable, \$135,000; mortgages payable, \$145,000; accounts payable, \$449,266, against total assets of \$4,035,734, including good will, trade name, stock sales expenses, &c., \$1,300,725.—V. 110, p. 1976.

Endicott-Johnson Corp.—Listing—Earnings.—
 The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after June 10 of \$1,490,000 additional Common stock, par \$50, on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$16,300,000 (total authorized, \$21,000,000).
 The directors on May 5 1920 declared a 10% stock dividend payable June 10 to stock of record May 26.
Earnings.—Period from Jan. 1 1920 to Mar. 31 1920 (subject to adjustment): Sales (net), \$19,182,276; manufacturing, general, &c., expenses, \$15,712,399; depreciation, \$124,999; net profits, \$3,344,877; other income (net), \$2,561; interest, \$154,800; provision for taxes, year 1920, estimated, \$750,000; dividends declared, payable April 1, \$635,000; net profit, \$1,807,638.—V. 110, p. 1976, 1191.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.—Dividends—Earnings.—
 An authoritative statement of May 24 says in brief:
 The regular Pref. div. of 1 1/2% will be paid June 1, as also a quarterly dividend of \$1 25 per share on the no par common stock on June 30.
 Results for the first quarter indicate net shipments for the year 1920 of about \$40,000,000 and net profits of \$4,800,000, available for common dividends, or about \$16 per share outstanding March 31, and 19% on the invested capital, against net profits of \$3,176,862 in 1919, or \$12 70 per share outstanding Dec. 31. During 1919 the company earned about 17% on its average invested capital.
 Demand for the company's principal products is steadily increasing and all indications point to continuance during 1920 of at least the rate of increase in sales and profits shown for the first quarter in the following statement:

Results for Three Months ending March 31—	1920.	1919.
Net sales (showing an increase of 37%).....	\$7,579,379	\$5,509,074
Cost of sales, incl. selling and admin. expenses.....	6,096,680	4,515,677
Depreciation.....	140,850	116,378
Contributions to the pension fund.....	17,256	14,297
Reserve for taxes and contingencies.....	250,000	150,000
Dividends on Preferred stock.....	30,000	25,833
Net, after Pref. divs. (an increase of 52%).....	\$1,044,593	\$686,890
Dividends on Common stock.....	387,745	71,850

Net surplus for three months..... \$656,848 \$615,040
 Since the close of the fiscal year the old capital stock of \$100 par value has been exchanged for shares of no par value and additional stock has been sold to finance additions to plant which are expected to result in greatly increased efficiency. Compare V. 110, p. 1847, 1853.

Famous Players Lasky Corp.—Quarterly Earnings.—

March 31 Quarter—	1920.	1919.	Increase.
Gross income.....	\$7,517,172	\$5,900,672	\$1,616,500
Share payable to other film owners.....	-----	1,805,783	dec.1,805,783
Oper. exp. exhaust. film, duties, &c.....	4,489,934	2,030,831	2,459,103
Selling costs.....	1,541,722	1,084,272	457,446
Other expenses.....	36,951	22,977	13,974
Federal tax. reserve.....	390,000	-----	390,000
Net profits.....	\$1,058,565	\$956,805	\$101,760

—V. 110, p. 2079, 1847.

Fastfeed Drill & Tool Corp., Toledo.—Offerings.—
 H. D. Robbins & Co., New York, who in April recommended for investment both the 6% serial notes and the 8% Cumul. Pref. stock state:
Company.—Incor. in New York Aug. 16 1919 and acquired the McCarthy Drill & Tool Corp., established in 1912. Plant located at Toledo. Company specializes in the manufacture of high speed steel tools as follows: (1) twist drills in standard sizes, (2) reamers, (3) cutters, (4) end and side mills, (5) slitting saws.
Earnings.—After deducting Federal taxes and depreciation the average yearly net income for the two years ending Dec. 31 1919 was \$65,359. Applying this to the company's securities outstanding Dec. 31 1919 and allowing annual interest on all notes and the real estate mortgage then outstanding there remains \$55,829 or nearly 4 1/2 times the preferred dividend requirements, and also \$4.13 a share on the outstanding common stock.

6% Serial Notes.—Dated Aug. 18 1919. \$113,000 outstanding. Due serially Sept. 1 1920 to 1924. Int. paid at New York. Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, trustee. Company pays normal income tax of 2%.

Capital Stock.—Pref. (a. & d.), auth. \$500,000. Outstanding Dec. 31 1919, \$155,500. Par \$100. Red. all or part at 110 and div. upon 60 days notice. Sinking fund provides that commencing 1924, 15% of the net earnings shall be set aside each year for the annual retirement of preferred stock at not exceeding 110 and div. Common, auth., 15,000 shares. Outstanding, 10,506 shares, no par value.

Directors.—Melville W. Mix, Pres., Mishawaka, Ind.; Jno. D. McGrath, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., Toledo, O.; H. D. Robbins (Sec.-Treas.), New York. General office: 21 Murray St., New York.

Federal Sugar Refining Co.—To Increase Capital.—The stockholders will vote June 11 on increasing the authorized stock from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000, to consist of the outstanding shares of Pref. and Common stock (at latest accounts, \$3,292,100 Pref. and \$6,707,900 Common), and additional Common stock to the amount of \$10,000,000.

President C. A. Spreckels says: "Owing to the growth of the business, the directors have deemed it advisable to recommend that the authorized capital stock be forthwith increased."—V. 109, p. 1895.

Ford Motor Co.—Output—Consolidation—Further Data.—

According to an official of the company, a production of 1,000,000 cars will have been turned out during its fiscal year which ends Aug. 1. Three thousand cars daily is the average now being produced. Since Aug. 1 1919 the plant has produced a total of 773,790 motor cars and 50,909 tractors. The million mark in automobiles requires daily a production in excess of that now being attained. The books of this mammoth concern show unfilled orders for over 229,000 cars and 7,889 tractors. The daily outputs in cars each day of last week were: 3,098, 3,237, 3,172, 3,376, 3,767, 3,526.

During March there were 94,302 cars turned out, the greatest number for any month in the company's history. Like other Detroit plants, the Ford company has not had an oversupply of material, especially steel, but from the foregoing figures it can be seen that the freight conditions have not hampered this industry to any great extent. Conditions in other plants are showing a steady, though slow, improvement, and with the freight situation growing better daily, it is thought the danger point has been successfully passed.—"Boston News Bureau" of May 25.

The Ford Motor Co. of Delaware was incorporated on or about May 1 in Delaware with a capital of \$100,000,000. This new corporation, it is said, will combine the motor car, motor truck, tractor, internal combustion locomotive and other interests of Henry Ford. The corporate powers will permit the company to engage in the manufacture of aircraft and other automotive devices Mr. Ford now has under consideration in an experimental stage. The present corporate interests are the Ford Motor Co. (capital \$2,000,000) and the Henry Ford & Son Corp. (capital \$1,000,000), the latter engaged in manufacturing tractors.

The "Iron Trade Review" of May 6 says: "One of the first effects of the consolidation will be the removal of the Fordson tractor plant from Dearborn, a Detroit suburb, to a new plant on River Rouge on the site of the plant in which the submarine chasers were manufactured during the war. The Dearborn plant will be utilized for tractor and aircraft experimental work. Work of removal of the tractor plant to River Rouge has been started and it is planned to increase production from 350 to 1,000 tractors a day. The plant is on property adjoining the blast furnaces. In the three years operation of the tractor plant approximately 120,000 tractors have been manufactured and shipped."

The "Iron Age" of May 6 has an eight-page illustrated article on the Ford plants, entitled "Making Ore Pile Part of Automobile Plant."—V. 110, p. 1853.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Cap. Incr.—The stockholders voted May 26 to increase the authorized Pref. stock from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and the Common stock from \$2,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Stockholders will vote June 21 on reducing the par value of the Common stock from \$100 par to shares of no par value. See V. 110, p. 1976, 1853.

General Electric Co.—Stock Dividend.—

The regular semi-annual stock dividend of 2% along with the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, have been declared on the stock, both payable July 15 to holders of record June 10. Dividends at the rate of 4% p. a. (2% semi-annually) have been paid since Jan. 1918.—V. 110, p. 1976, 1646.

Great Eastern Paper Co., Ltd.—Directors.—

Pres. Charles W. Mullen, who is also Gen. Mgr.; Vice-Pres. W. M. Dobell, late of Dobell, Beckett & Co.; H. C. Foy of H. R. Goodday & Co.; Quebec, A. H. Cook, K.C.; Quebec; Henry Holgate, Montreal; Lawrence Chamberlain of N. Y.; John Mullen, Bangor, Me., and Sec. Fergus Murphy have been elected directors.—V. 110, p. 2080.

Great Falls Manufacturing Co., Boston.—Dividends.—

A dividend of 6% has been declared on the full paid stock, and a dividend of 3% on the half paid stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 21.—V. 110, p. 974.

Guantanamo Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 10% has been declared on the outstanding \$3,000,000 capital stock (par \$50) in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2½%, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Dividends have been paid quarterly at the rate of 2½% (5% p. a.) since July 2 1917.—V. 109, p. 2354.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.—

The net income for April, after taxes, depreciation, &c., was \$106,709, compared with \$116,316 for March and \$77,255 for February.—V. 110, p. 1752, 1185, 1092.

(P. H.) Hanes Knitting Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.—Proposed 150% Stock Dividend.—

Pres. P. H. Hanes, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 21 1920, says in subst.: "The stockholders will vote on June 2 1920 on amending the certificate of incorporation to enable the company to issue "B" Common stock. On the adoption of said amendment the directors will declare from the surplus standing on the books a dividend of 150% or 1½ shares for each share of Common stock outstanding.

"The 'B' Common stock will share in bonus to employee stockholders the same as the Common stock. [This dividend will increase the outstanding Common stock from \$1,500,000 to \$3,750,000.]

"The company is enjoying the most prosperous year in its history. A branch plant recently equipped at Reidsville, N. C., is manufacturing Hanes Boys' union suits, for which there is an increasing demand. Upon completion of the new six story concrete building, now in process of construction, a further increase for winter underwear will be provided for, as well as the manufacture of men's and boys' summer nainsook underwear."—V. 109, p. 1895.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Capital Increase.—

The stockholders voted May 24 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$3,250,000 to \$10,000,000. The additional stock is being offered to stockholders at par in the ratio of 7 new shares for 33 old shares held. Compare V. 110, p. 2080.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of \$1 25 per share has been declared on the outstanding 400,000 shares of stock (par value \$25) in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 25 cents, both payable June 5 to holders of record of May 25. A like amount was paid extra on May 5 last, as against 50 cents extra in September and November 1919.—V. 110, p. 1854.

Hess-Bright Mfg. Co., Phila.—Stock Dividend.—

A stock dividend of 25% has been declared on the capital stock, thereby increasing the outstanding capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. (Official.)—V. 110, p. 2080.

Hillman Coal & Coke Co.—To Increase Capital.—

The stockholders, it is reported, will vote July 15 on authorizing an issue of \$20,000,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock and \$4,000,000 Common stock.—V. 109, p. 268.

Howe Scale Co., Rutland, Vt.—Stock Increase.—

McBee, Jones & Co. on May 17 informed us that "the stockholders have authorized an increase of Pref. stock by \$500,000 and an increase of Common stock by \$500,000. The \$500,000 Pref. stock is to be sold for cash and the

proceeds put into the treasury of the company for corporate purposes. The disposition of the common stock has not been determined upon. The statement that the company has declared a stock dividend is entirely erroneous." [This erroneous statement appeared in the daily papers but not in the "Chronicle."]—V. 110, p. 1414.

Hydraulic Steel Co.—Employees Offered Stock.—

The company has announced to its employees a plan for their participation in the profits through the purchase of stock certificates on easy terms. The first offering consists of 75,000 shares of Common stock (no par value) at \$40 per share.—V. 110, p. 1752.

Indiana Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.—

The Indiana P. S. Commission has issued the following order: "The total purchase price of \$4,250,000 paid by Indiana Bell Telephone Co. for Indianapolis Telephone Co. for property authorized to be sold in the original order, shall be apportioned and allocated as follows: (a) Property—Indianapolis exchange property, \$2,770,000; toll property, \$1,165,934; total property, \$3,935,934. (b) Capital stock—Consolidated Co. of Danville, \$93,371; Citizens Telephone Co. of Martinsville, \$33,686; Lebanon Telephone Co., \$54,182; Citizens Telephone Co. of Columbus, \$39,505; Citizens Telephone Co. of Edinburgh, \$39,597; total capital stock, \$314,066."—V. 110, p. 664.

Indianapolis Telephone Co.—Purchase Price \$4,250,000

See Indiana Bell Telephone Co. above.—V. 110, p. 1192.

Industrial Oil & Gas Co.—Listed in Boston.—

The Boston Stock Exchange on May 19 placed on the list temporary certificates for 100,000 shares capital stock, no par value.

Data from Statement to Boston Stock Exchange.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware April 9 1920. Company is a merger of Hale Gas Co., Hale-Nicholson Co. (Elk City Pipe Line), Kelsor Gas Co., Eureka Gasoline Oil Co., the leases in Wilson and Neosho Counties, Kan., of Eureka Oil Co. of Kansas, and one-half the leases of the same company in Woodson County. It also acquired the oil and gas leases of S. H. Hale, S. H. Hale, trustee, Bigham, Mehorney & Hale, and of Mehorney & Hale.

Capitalization.—Auth., 200,000 shares. Of the 100,000 and the remaining 30,000 were issued for the before-mentioned properties and the remaining 70,000 shares were sold for \$840,000 cash. Company has a funded debt of \$200,000 7% gold notes dated May 1 1920 and due \$100,000 each May 1 1921 and 1922. Notes are issued under an indenture to the Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. Denom. \$10,000 (c).

Properties.—Company as a holding and operating company owns all of the capital stock and bonds of the Hale Gas Co., owns oil and gas leases, pipe lines, gas purchase and sales contracts, and carries on the business of leasing and developing lands for oil and gas, markets gas for industrial purposes, and also sells gas to the Hale Gas Co. for that company's domestic business. Company has in operation 30 oil wells with a production in Oct. 1919 of 75 bbls. net per day. Has under lease 16,545 acres of gas lands, and in addition purchases under contract gas from 4,000 other acres. Has in operation about 40 gas wells, and purchases gas from 65 outside companies. The total open flow capacity is 180,000,000 cu. ft. per day.

The company's market is about 94% industrial and 6% domestic. Its principal industrial consumers and the amounts of gas used are about as follows: Standard Oil Co. of Kansas, 3,000,000 cu. ft. per day; Kansas Bluff Brick Co., 1,000,000 cu. ft. per day; Buffalo Brick Co., 1,000,000 cu. ft. per day; Fredonia Portland Cement Co., 2,000,000 cu. ft. per day; other industries near Neodesha, 1,000,000 cu. ft. per day. Company has approximately 155 miles of trunk gathering and distributing pipe lines. A pumping station capable of handling 15,000,000 cu. ft. per day is being built at Elk City; also owns an absorption gasoline plant.

Earnings.—Combined gross earnings for four months ending April 30 1920 were \$321,403. Operating expenses, \$207,333; net earnings before taxes, depreciation and depletion, \$114,069.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of May 7 1920 (Incl. Associated Companies).

Assets	Liabilities
Leases, contracts, &c. --- \$903,628	Capital stock (100,000 shs. --- \$1,432,027
Plant, pipe lines, &c. --- 592,810	(no par value) --- 200,000
Total current assets --- 342,698	Serial gold notes, 1921-22 --- 171,387
Deferred charges --- 602	Notes & accounts payable --- 35,784
	Reserve for depreciation --- 540
Total (both sides) --- \$1,839,738	Deferred credits --- 540

Officers.—Stephen H. Hale, Pres.; Lester Watson, V.-Pres.; Louis Ruzicz, V.-Pres.; Hiram G. Sweet, Sec. & Treas.; John R. Dillon, Asst. Sec. & Treas.

Directors.—Richard F. Hoyt, John R. Dillon, Arthur A. Ballantine, Stephen H. Hale, Lester Watson.

Ingersoll-Rand Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Total income-----	\$8,116,551	\$10,800,765	\$9,674,182	\$7,925,156
Depreciation-----	\$1,156,726	\$983,167	\$858,582	\$619,539
Reserve for Federal taxes	1,892,918	6,000,000	3,452,815	50,000
Interest on bonds-----	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Div. on pref. stock (6%)	151,518	151,518	151,518	151,519
Common (cash)-----	1,039,595	1,089,580	3,268,600	3,268,600
Common dividend rate-----	(10%)	(10%)	(30%)	(30%)
Special reserves-----	110,426	123,000	-----	-----
Surplus from consol. of subsidiary company--	-----	(Cr) 730,928	-----	-----
Balance, surplus-----	\$3,775,794	\$3,147,002	\$1,769,667	\$3,835,498

—V. 110, p. 2197.

Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.—Acquisition.—

"The company has purchased from the Warrior Copper Co. of Arizona the latter's Montgomery group of claims for \$400,000. The property in question adjoins Inspiration and contains some small bodies of fair grade carbonate ore, but it is a question whether Inspiration will develop the new acquisition, having bought it primarily to use as a tailings dump." (Authorized.)—V. 110, p. 2080.

International Motor Truck Corp.—Dividends.—

Dividends of \$2.33 per share on both First Pref. and Second Pref. stocks have been declared payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. These dividends cover the four months ending June 30 and with the initial dividends of \$3.50 a share declared on Jan. 27 the stocks have been placed on regular quarterly dividend payment dates.

The company directors, it is announced, intends hereafter to pay regular quarterly dividends at the rate of 7% p. a.

The common stockholders, it is stated, have subscribed for over 80% of the 141,554 shares of common stock recently offered them. Individuals associated with the corporation and headed by Hayden, Stone & Co. have offered to purchase from the underwriting syndicate at \$50 per share the small number of shares not taken by stockholders.—V. 110, p. 2071, 1977.

International Paper Co.—Advances Price of Newsprint.

The company announces an advance in the price of newsprint in rolls, car load lots, from \$100 to \$115 per ton. The new price is for the third quarter of the year. Price adjustments are made quarterly by this company due to changing cost conditions. For the first quarter the price was \$90 per ton; second quarter, \$100; and the third quarter, \$115.—V. 110, p. 2197.

Invincible Oil Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings of the company's subsidiaries for April 1920 are reported at \$1,321,000 as against \$1,037,000 in March, \$460,000 in February, and \$428,000 in January.—V. 110, p. 1295.

Island Oil & Transport Co.—Settlement of Oil Suits.—

See Metropolitan Petroleum Corp. below.—V. 110, p. 2197, 1752.

Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—April Sales.—

1920—April—1919.	Increase.	1920—4 Mos.—1919.	Increase.
\$1,740,936	\$1,309,345	\$431,591	\$6,365,048
—V. 110, p. 1854, 1525.		\$4,933,541	\$1,431,507

Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago.—Stock Div., &c.—

The shareholders voted on May 27: (a) to increase the Capital stock from 1,280,000 shares to 2,700,000 shares (par \$10); (b) to authorize a stock dividend of \$40,000 shares (50%), payable Aug. 14 to holders of record June 5; (c) to issue rights to stockholders of record June 5, to subscribe for 640,000 shares, payable in cash on or before July 10; (d) to give employees

the right to subscribe for 140,000 shares at par on the deferred payment plan (see V. 110, p. 2080).

The report for the year ending May 1 1920 shows profits of \$4,257,669, dividends \$1,280,000; balance, \$2,977,669; reserve for 1919 Federal taxes, \$1,550,000; surplus, \$1,427,669; previous surplus, \$9,326,142; total surplus, \$10,753,811.—V. 110, p. 2080, 1977.

(P.) Lyall & Sons Construction Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

March 31 Years—	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Net earnings	\$377,734	\$1,314,582	\$1,491,083
Interest on bonds, &c.	57,164	110,508	110,664
Preferred dividends (7%)	91,000	91,000	91,000
Common dividends (8%)	140,000	(8)140,000	(4)70,000
Security depreciation	—	—	163,030
Amortization of munitions plant	—	198,838	894,638
Reserves	53,500	660,000	—
Balance, surplus	\$36,070	\$114,236	\$161,750

—V. 108, p. 2245.

Magna Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—

Gross income for April 1920 is reported at \$230,755; net income of \$183,753; net production, 60,050 bbls. of oil.—V. 110, p. 1093.

Manati Sugar Co.—To Increase Capital Stock.—

The stockholders will vote June 9 (a) on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$13,500,000 (consisting of \$3,500,000 Pref. and \$10,000,000 Com.) to \$20,000,000 (to consist of \$5,000,000 Pref. and \$15,000,000 Com.) (b) on authorizing the directors from time to time to issue and sell all or any part of such additional stock as they may deem advisable.

V.-Pres. Manuel Rionda in a letter to the stockholders dated May 19 says: The authorized and issued capital stock consists of: 7% Cumulative Pref. stock, \$3,500,000; Common stock, \$10,000,000 (par \$100). Company has no bonded or floating debt.

Because of the growth of the business and the expected further extension thereof, the directors deem it advisable that the company should have available additional authorized stock which may be issued from time to time as may be found advisable to meet the requirements of such business and for other corporate purposes, and they therefore recommend to the stockholders that the authorized stock be increased as above.—V. 110, p. 2197, 1753.

Manufacturers Light & Heat Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Three Months to March 31—	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross earnings	\$3,286,386	\$3,152,643	\$2,675,397
Net, after taxes	\$1,253,268	\$1,189,001	\$1,218,177
Other income	17,644	16,355	13,372
Gross income	\$1,270,912	\$1,205,356	\$1,231,549
Bond interest, &c.	\$4,207	\$13,499	\$15,757
Adjustments	14,759	5,244	2,517
Dividends (2%)	460,000	460,000	460,000
Balance, surplus	\$791,945	\$726,613	\$753,275

—V. 110, p. 769.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co.—Earnings, &c.—

D. M. Mason, Treas., Kent, O., May 24, wrote in substance: "Sales for quarter ending April 30 were \$2,140,812; net profits, \$544,371. After payment of \$104,000 for Prof. stock and fixed charges, there remains \$440,000 for the Common stock, or at the annual rate of \$10 40 per share on the no par Common stock outstanding.

"The textile division is now beginning to produce Cord fabric in large quantities, and will shortly be supplying all the company's cord fabric and flat tire fabric requirements.

"A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the Common stock (no par value), payable June 10 to holders of record May 20."—V. 110, p. 876, 664.

Mechanical Manufacturing Co., Chicago.—Bond Offering.—

Fort Dearborn Trust & Sav. Bank, Chicago, in Dec. 1919 offered at prices ranging from 100 to 98.16 and int., according to maturity, \$500,000 First (closed) Mtge. 6% serial gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Nov. 15 1919, due \$30,000 annually Nov. 15 1920 to 1928 and \$230,000 Nov. 1929. Int. payable (M.&N.) at office of Fort Dearborn Tr. & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for any tax assessment or Government charge (except Federal income tax in excess of 2%) deductible at the source. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (c*). Redeemable, all or part, upon 60 days' notice at 102 and accrued interest.

Company.—Incorp. in Illinois in 1889. Plants located in the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, are valued, with equipment at more than \$1,012,000. Is one of the largest manufacturers in the world of packing-house equipment and machinery.

Fiscal Years—	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Gross sales	\$426,957	\$492,432	\$746,678	\$1,380,306	\$1,617,264
Net (after all taxes)	50,913	79,861	120,007	188,720	187,789

Management.—Louis F. Swift, Pres.; Edward F. Swift, V.-Pres.; Nathan B. Higbie, V.-Pres.; H. A. Chetham, Treas.

Metropolitan Petroleum Corp.—Settlement of Oil Suits.

The stockholders have ratified the plan of settlement of the company's dispute with the Island Oil & Transport Co. Compare V. 110, p. 1753.

Midland Counties Public Service Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross earnings	\$505,236	\$388,219	\$286,863	\$241,647
Operating expenses	356,032	266,931	168,315	138,687
Bond interest	51,460	50,836	49,779	49,318
Other deductions	34,073	36,045	39,720	28,533
Balance, surplus	\$63,670	\$34,407	\$29,049	\$25,109

—V. 110, p. 1192.

Midland Packing Co., Sioux City, Ia.—Receivership.—

A receiver was recently appointed for the company. The stockholders allege that \$8,000,000 worth of stock had been sold and that salesmen were paid as high as 25% on sales. The Midland plant was opened recently and is said to be worth between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

Midway Gas Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Gross revenue	\$1,728,510	\$1,172,784	\$955,517	\$682,798
Oper. expenses & taxes	984,884	451,628	380,616	204,521
Interest charges	126,980	126,642	132,362	144,693
Balance, surplus	\$616,645	\$594,514	\$442,539	\$333,584

—V. 110, p. 1854.

Montana Power Co.—What Interconnection Has Done for Montana.—

Under the above title the "Electrical World" has a very interesting article with charts describing the company's plants, &c.—V. 110, p. 1183.

New England Investment Co., Boston.—Dividends.—

Touching the effect of the 100% (\$3,000,000) stock dividend paid to stockholders of record April 9, President Charles S. Davis, in circular dated at Boston, April 2, said: "If this increase is made, stockholders must not expect to receive dividends on the new capitalization at the rate of 6% which has lately been paid, as the company is a holding company and the investments are almost entirely high-grade stocks and bonds, and it is not engaged in manufacture of any kind from which large profits might be derived. The directors feel that, beginning in May 1920, a dividend at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum can be paid and maintained on the whole capital, which would be equivalent to a dividend of 7% on the old stock. [The company was organized in 1918 as a holding and liquidating company for the assets of the New England Cotton Yarn Co.]—V. 110, p. 1855.

New England Telephone & Teleg. Co.—Director.—

E. K. Hall, Vice-Pres. of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., has been elected a director.—V. 110, p. 975.

New York Edison Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Operating revenues	\$28,793,272	\$25,329,203	\$25,688,008	\$25,581,154
Op. inc. aft. exp. & taxes	9,104,192	6,043,763	8,063,963	5,559,902
Charges	1,858,055	1,460,011	1,480,578	1,482,485
Dividends	4,616,178	4,616,178	4,616,816	4,616,738

Balance, surplus	\$2,629,959	\$567,567	\$2,016,568	\$4,368,800
Profit and loss	\$39,537,313	\$36,925,824	\$36,323,409	\$35,573,154

—V. 109, p. 482.

Niagara & Erie Power Co.—Acquisition.—

See Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co. under "Railroads" Above.—V. 110, p. 366.

(Chas. F.) Noble Oil & Gas Co., Tulsa, Okla.—Capital Increase—Stock Dividends on Both Pref. and Com. Siks.—Status.

H. W. Noble, investment bankers, Detroit, summarize the action taken at the annual meeting May 11 as follows:

(1) Stockholders of record May 31 or before June 15 may buy at par an amount of Common stock equal to 50% of their holdings (either Common or Preferred). Subscriptions may be paid 25% June 15 and 25% each July 15, Aug. 15 and Sept. 15, if desired. Subscribers will receive full dividends on stock subscribed for and will be charged 6% on deferred payments.

(2) A stock dividend of 20% will be paid on July 1 on stock of record June 15, both Pref. and Common, and an additional stock dividend of 6% will be paid at the same time to Common stockholders. The 6% dividend will bring the yield on the Common stock up to that on the Pref. The stock dividend will consequently be 26% on the Common and 20% on the Pref. Stock purchased under rights will receive the stock dividend.

(3) The present rate of cash dividends—1 1/2% per month on the Pref. and 1% per month on the Common (initial dividend paid June 1 1918) will be maintained on the entire amount of stock outstanding as thus increased. The authorized capital is raised to \$25,000,000. The company has amassed a surplus large enough to cover this authorized capital, and it is to distribute stock dividends from time to time as conditions warrant.

(4) The proceeds of additional stock will be used to increase the capacity of the refinery and other plants at Burkburnett, to acquire valuable production and to supply working capital.

Balance Sheet March 1920.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Preferred stock
Notes receivable	Common stock
Due from brokers	Notes payable
Accounts receivable	Purchased obligations
Inventories	Accounts payable
Plants, refineries, tank farms, tank cars, &c.	C. F. Noble
Organ. stock discount & prepaid expense	Accrued payrolls
	Capital surplus
	Earned surplus

Total (each side) \$21,128,469
 x Profits Jan. 1 to Mar. 1 1920 \$344,621, less dividends paid in January and February, \$143,738, balance Jan. 1 \$582,179; total, \$783,062 as above.

Revised Data from Official Booklet.

Incorporated May 14 1918, in Delaware. Authorized Capital stock, \$10,000,000, viz.: Pref., \$1,000,000, all issued; Common, \$9,000,000, auth. and \$6,000,000 issued. Par \$1. Transfer agents, Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y.; Union Trust Co., Detroit.

Properties.—(1) 30,000 acres of leases in Kansas, Okla., Texas and Louisiana. (2) 277 producing wells (274 oil & 3 gas), viz.: (a) In Burkburnett N. W. Extension field, Texas, 25. (b) In Pine Island field, Caddo Parish, La., 5. (c) In Quay Pool, Pawnee-Payne Co., Okla., 8. (d) Nowata Co., Okla., 129. (e) In Chautauqua and Greenwood Counties, Kansas, 100 oil and 2 gas wells. (f) In "Beggs Pool," Okmulgee Co., Okla., 4. (g) At Keystone, Okla., 3. (3) 23 wells drilling, many proposed. (4) Casinghead Gasoline Plants.—(a) At Burkburnett, Texas, capacity when completed, 40,000 to 50,000 gal. of gasoline per day; at present about 24,000 gal. daily; specific gravity, 85 to 90 degrees. Steel storage tanks for 208,000 gal. (b) At Quay, Okla., a four unit plant, now being enlarged to capacity of 6,000 to 8,000 gal. per day; now making 3,000 gal. daily. Steel storage capacity, 50,000 gal. (c) At Elgin, Kansas, a 28% interest in a plant, making about 500 gal. daily. Steel storage for 10,000 gal. (5) Refineries (a) adjoining Burkburnett, Texas, capacity 6,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Will make gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, gas oil and fuel oil. Four stills are now turning out 25,000 gallons of gasoline daily; 5 more stills being added. (b) In N. W. Extension field, skimming plant, yielding daily 15,000 gallons of gasoline. (c) Tank farm at Burkburnett, Seven 55,000-bbl. steel storage tanks; other tanks under construction. (7) Pipe lines, 87 1/2 miles, viz.: 6 & 8-in. 2 1/2 m., 2 to 4-in., 56 m. Further, 2 1/2 miles 8-in. line proposed. (8) Has ordered 700 tank cars, of which 500 were delivered and are in use. (9) Retail gasoline filling stations at Tulsa and Grandfield, Okla.; Burkburnett, Texas, and proposed at Wichita Falls, &c.

Earnings.—Production about 3,000 barrels of high grade oil per day, base price \$3 50 per barrel. Present earnings approximately \$12,000 per day; estimated upon completion of work under way, \$20,000 per day.

Officers and Directors.—Chas. F. Noble, Pres. and Gen. Mgr., Tulsa, Okla.; D. L. Robinson, V.-Pres., Detroit; B. M. Cromack, V.-Pres., Tulsa; A. L. Jelley, Secy., Detroit; E. E. Allman, Treas.; J. F. Lanier, Compt.—V. 110, p. 2082.

Northern Redwood Lumber Co., Korbrel, Calif.—

Bonds Offered.—Detroit Trust Co. are offering at par and int. \$1,900,000 First Mtge. 6% Gold 6s. A circular shows:

Dated April 1 1920, due serially Oct. and April 1 1921-1936. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Int. payable A. & O. at office of trustee, Detroit Trust Co. Red. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 101 and int.

Company.—Incorp. in Calif. in Feb. 1903. Entire capital stock except qualifying directors' shares, is owned by Charles Nelson Co. of San Fran. Security.—Secured by closed first mtge. on 24,920 acres of redwood timber land owned in fee simple, and situated in Humboldt County, Calif., valued at \$4,150,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire outstanding bonded debt and to retire debt incurred in the rebuilding of the mill and manufacturing plant, the purchase of logging equipment, and for other purposes.

Earnings.—From 1903 to 1919 company has cut 651,220,000 ft. of timber, from which it has realized the sum of \$4,601,779. Of this amount \$1,512,413 was charged to stumpage, leaving a profit on its timber operations in 16 years of \$3,089,366.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides that company shall pay to trustee \$3 50 per 1,000 ft., log scale, for all timber cut or removed from the Mad River tract on which it is now operating, and \$2 per 1,000 ft., log scale, for all timber cut or removed from the North Fork tract, payments to be made quarterly.—V. 109, p. 1897.

Ohio Cities Gas Co.—Notes Offered.—

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Wm. A. Read & Co., New York, are offering, at prices ranging from 99 and int. to 96 and int., to yield 8%, \$10,000,000 7% Convertible Serial Gold Notes.

Due \$2,000,000 annually June 1 1921 to 1925, incl. Dated June 1 1920. Int. payable J. & D. in New York and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Red. on any int. date on 60 days' notice, all or part by latest serial maturities, at 102 1/2 and int. for notes maturing in four years or more, the redemption price being reduced 1/2% each year, or part, less than four years. Company agrees to pay the U. S. normal income tax up to 2% if exemption is not claimed by the holder. Data from Letter of Pres. B. G. Dawes, Columbus, Ohio, May 26 1920.

Company.—Incorp. in 1914 in Ohio. Operations include every phase of the oil industry.

Property.—(1) Owns or leases more than 850,000 acres in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, 62,103 acres of which have been developed. (2) Owns more than 3,000 producing oil wells, which have a net settled production furnishing an income of \$38,000 per day. (3) Owns and operates 6 refineries, daily refining capacity 25,000 bbls., 5 of which plants refined 4,800,000 bbls. of oil during last fiscal year.; the other, the Heath refinery, started operations about March 1 1920, capacity of 4,000 bbls. a day

(4) Owns over 2,300 miles of pipe lines, extending principally from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia fields to the refineries in the neighborhood of Oil City, Pa., and to the Marcus Hook refinery, below Phila. Also owns several shorter lines in Oklahoma; altogether, they are connected to over 9,600 wells in the various fields and transported over 6,500,000 bbls. of crude oil last year. (5) Owns 7 casinghead gasoline plants, manufacturing more than 1,200,000 gals. of gasoline monthly. (6) Owns 1,544 tank cars and leases 154 additional; also owns controlling interest in the U. S. Pipe Line Co., having a chain of stations which are selling at retail an average of 5,000,000 gals. of gasoline and other petroleum products per month.

(7) Company's public utility operations embrace the gas plants in Columbus, Springfield and Dayton, serving 115,000 consumers with 15,000,000 cu. ft. of natural gas a year; in addition, company recently acquired a large interest in the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corp.

Purpose.—To reimburse company for expenditures made in connection with the purchase of a large interest in the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corp., and to retire on July 1 1920 \$1,250,000 6% Serial Notes maturing July 1 1920 and Jan. 1 1921.

Conversion.—Convertible at any time prior to maturity or earlier redemption, into 25 shares of Common stock (of \$25 par or its equivalent) for each \$1,000 Notes, at the following prices per share: (a) \$45 from July 1 1920 to May 31 1921, incl.; (b) \$46 from June 1 1921 to May 31 1922, incl.; (c) \$47 from June 1 1922 to May 31 1923, incl.; (d) \$48 from June 1 1923 to May 31 1924, incl.; (e) \$49 from June 1 1924 to May 31 1925, incl., with a cash adjustment of the difference between the conversion price and \$40 per share, and of accrued interest on the Notes.

Equity.—Notes are followed by \$12,510,200 Pref. stocks and \$45,937,500 Common stocks, which latter, at present quoted prices, has an indicated market value of over \$65,000,000.

The annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31 1920 will be found at length on subsequent pages of this issue. See also under reports above.—V. 110, p. 2198, 1419.

Ohio Fuel Oil Supply Co.—Quarterly Earnings.

3 Mos. end. Mar. 31—	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Gross earnings	\$3,929,241	\$3,131,496	\$1,996,020	\$1,687,179
Oil	108,314	58,081	263,917	216,339
Gasoline	311,547	203,001	24,368	264,747
Interest	30,821	28,051	Divs. paid (4 1/2%)	891,579 (2 1/2%)
Divs., U. F. G. Co	563,500	441,000	do U.S. Lib. bds (2%)	495,319
			Balance, surplus	\$1,767,541
				\$801,755

Total gross earnings \$4,943,423 \$3,861,629
—V. 110, p. 1532, 1414.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Earnings.

Net profits for the seven months ending April 1, after providing for Federal taxes, are reported as \$4,035,369 (excluding some \$600,000 from retail subsidiaries), against \$5,433,634 for the entire year ending Aug. 31 1919.—V. 110, p. 2198.

Pathe Freres Phonograph Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Readjustment of Capitalization—Sale of New Stock—Dividend Policy.—The company having arranged a readjustment of its capitalization in connection with the sale of 70,000 shares of Common stock of \$10 each to Montgomery & Co., filed on May 26 a certificate of increase of authorized capital stock from \$4,000,000, par \$100 (consisting of \$1,500,000 8% Debenture stock, \$1,250,000 7% Pref. and \$1,250,000 Common stock) to an amount reported as \$22,750,000.

Digest of Letter from President Eugene A. Widmann to Montgomery & Co., New York, May 7 1920.

Organization.—Organized in Delaware in 1912. It conducts in North and South America, Great Britain, Ireland and the British Colonies (with certain minor exceptions) the phonograph business of the Compagnie Generale des Machines Parlantes Pathe Freres, the largest and most important phonograph manufacturing and selling concern in the Republic of France. The French company retains a common stock interest in the American company. From a business of approximately \$250,000 per month sales have grown until in March 1920 they exceeded \$1,250,000, a growth of 500% in less than a year and one-half.

The company's business consists of the production and sale of phonographs and records, and it features at least three points: (1) A contract with the French concern for the use of its patent processes, master records, &c., in the United States and the larger part of North and South America, Great Britain, Ireland and the British colonies. (2) A permanent sapphire ball needle which insures the life of the guaranteed records. (3) A new machine known as the "Actuelle," which replaces the ordinary sound reproducing box and horn by a large parchment cone that reproduces the music in full volume without metallic tone.

The company proposes to sell to you and your associates 70,000 shares of Common stock and to readjust its capitalization to the size and character of its business. The cash proceeds from this Common stock will be sufficient to retire all bank loans and add over \$700,000 to working capital.

Upon completion of the financing as planned the outstanding capitalization will consist of \$2,117,000 of 8% and-or 7% Pref. stock and \$2,000,000 of Common stock having a par value of \$10 per share. (See V. 110, p. 173.)

Upon completion of this financing the company will inaugurate an annual dividend policy of \$1 per share in cash and 1-5 of a share in Common stock. It is the intention to declare dividends quarterly commencing July 1 1920.

The earnings, after allowing for all Pref. dividends, Federal taxes, interest, depreciation, &c., are at the rate of \$30 per share cash on its Common stock to be outstanding. It is estimated that the company will have sales of between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in the present calendar year and that the net earnings, based on the above, before taxes, will amount to approximately \$2,000,000; after taxes to approximately \$1,325,000, the latter being equivalent, after Pref. dividends and all other prior charges, to approximately \$5 80 per share on the proposed issue of Common stock. Our unilled orders exceed \$8,000,000.

Readjusted Balance Sheet as of Feb. 29 1920.

[Based upon proposed readjustment sale of Common stock and retirement of notes.]			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$1,090,387	Accounts payable	\$686,473
Notes & accts. rec. (net)	1,789,734	Accrued items	82,130
Inventories	1,438,724	Bonds and mortgages	20,000
Cash, &c., res. agst. mtg.	114,821	Capital stock outstanding:	
Investments	419,503	Preferred stocks	2,117,000
Land & bldgs. (less res'v)	531,581	Common stock, par \$10	2,000,000
Equipment, less reserve	535,276	Surplus	1,802,629
Contracts, matrices, patents, licenses, &c.	756,500	Total each side	\$6,708,232
Prepaid expenses	31,705		

"Net earnings for March 1920 approximately \$120,000 should be added to the above surplus."

Officers.—Eugene A. Widmann, Pres.; J. Emil Pathe, V.-Pres.; James Watters, Sec.; T. E. LaMontaigne, Treas.; Henry Mack, Asst. Sec.; H. P. Twombly, 2 Rector St., N. Y., Counsel.

Directors.—E. A. Widmann, T. E. LaMontaigne, H. N. McMinnin, James Watters, Henry Mack, J. F. Waldmeyer, Brooklyn; J. Emil Pathe, Paris; R. W. Crawford, Herman A. Metz, C. C. Conway, W. C. Janney, New York.—V. 110, p. 173.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corporation.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of additional v. t. c. on official notice of issuance in exchange for 49,223 shares of capital stock of no par value, which have been issued and are outstanding, with authority to add v. t. c. for 50,000 shares additional on official notice that said shares have been issued in exchange for or conversion of the \$2,000,000 3-Year 7% Sinking Fund Conv. Gold Notes, making the total amount applied for v. t. c. for 234,311 shares.

The stock applied for have been issued as follows: (a) issued for services rendered, 10,000 shares; (b) issued on account of the acquisition of the entire issued and outstanding Common stock of the Tacony Steel Co. of Del. (V. 110, p. 367, 472, 567), 39,223 shares; (c) issued for cash and held by the trustees for exchange or conversion of \$2,000,000 7% notes (V. 110, p. 665) 50,000 shares.—V. 110, p. 1419.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Official Statement to New York Stock Exchange.—The official statement to the New York Stock Exchange will be found on later pages of this issue.

The listing of the stock brings to notice the fact that the company has in operation no less than 629 oil and gas wells in five States, and has recently brought in a 10,000-bbl. well, drilled jointly with the Gypsy Oil Co., in Osage. Drilling is going forward in Oklahoma and Kansas. Two casinghead gasoline plants are now in operation and third will be operating by July 1. Extensions have been made to the two plants in operation and the company has nearly \$800,000 worth of material on hand for use in construction and drilling campaign now in progress.

The prices of crude oil and gasoline are advancing and the company is now receiving for a part of its output of crude \$4 per bbl. According to Government figures, March was the biggest month in the history of the industry. Crude oil produced totaled 36,491,000 bbls. and consumption 37,339,000, a loss of more than 1,000,000 bbls. in storage and reducing the surplus to 125,291,000 bbls. Domestic consumption in March 1920 exceeded that of March 1919 by 12,000,000 bbls.

The stockholders were recently offered 128,000 shares of stock (one share for each four owned), which was largely oversubscribed. The company is capitalized for 1,000,000 shares of no par value; issued 640,000 shares.

The net earnings for April recently reported were \$520,000, compared with \$304,683 in January this year. Dominick & Dominick are interested. See aforesaid statement and compare V. 109, p. 179, 684; V. 110, p. 367, 1648, 1754.—V. 110, p. 2198.

Piedmont Mfg. Co., Piedmont, S. C.—Stock Dividend.

The stockholders will vote on June 17: (a) on authorizing an increase in the capital stock; (b) on the declaration of a stock dividend of 100%, which will increase the outstanding capital stock from \$800,000 to \$1,600,000.

A special cash dividend of 14% has been declared on the stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 20; also a regular semi-annual dividend of 6%, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. Dividends have been paid semi-annually on the Capital stock at the rate of 12% per annum. W. E. Beattie is President.

Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Report.

Aug. 31 Years—	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	1915-16.
x Gross earnings	\$166,493	\$230,693	\$179,582	\$116,558
z Interest charges	\$75,657	\$76,679	\$77,385	\$78,885
Sinking fund	12,371	12,371	12,371	12,371
Miscellaneous	2,708	2,494	11,437	12,069
Income tax	28,418	\$17,724	-----	-----
Balance, surplus	\$47,039	\$121,425	\$78,389	\$13,233

x Includes dividends from water power companies, amounts received from operating company under provision of lease (less depreciation), and miscellaneous income. z Includes \$15,637 for 1917-18 and \$2,087 American income tax for 1915-16 and 1916-17.—V. 108, p. 2328.

Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co.—Quarterly Earnings.

Quarters ending March 31—	1920.	1919.
Total earnings, all sources	\$419,215	\$36,972
Operating expenses, maintenance, repairs, &c., interest on funded and current debt	\$150,333	\$189,801
Depreciation and bond sale commission	82,233	-----
Reserved for Federal taxes, &c.	18,184	34,802
Dividends paid during period	62,500	62,336
Net surplus for period	\$95,965	\$50,032

—V. 110, p. 770, 472.

Public Securities Co.—Notes Offered.

John E. De Wolf Co., Milwaukee, are offering at 100 and int. \$100,000 Two-Year 7% Collat. Trust gold notes, Series A, dated April 1 1920, due April 1 1922. Int. payable A. & O. at First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, trustee. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (cs) Red., all or part, up to 30 days' notice at 101 and int. up to Oct. 1 1921 and at 100 and int. there after. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax of 2%.

Company.—Organized in Wisconsin. Owns a majority of the Common stock of Commonwealth Utilities Co., which owns and operates the electric light and power business in southeastern and south central Minnesota and north central Iowa.

Security.—Secured by deposit with trustee of Commonwealth Utilities Co. 1st Mt. 6% bonds due Feb. 1 1933 in the ratio of 125% for each 100% of notes issued. Total outstanding, including those deposited as collateral, \$500,000.—V. 100, p. 816.

Radio Corp. of America.—Awards Contract for Station.

See J. G. White Engineering Corp. below.—V. 110, p. 1532.

Rainier Motor Corp., N. Y. City.—Preferred Dividend.

The regular quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding \$700,000 Pref. stock, payable June 1 to stockholders of record May 26.—V. 110, p. 1856, 1754.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Listing.

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of temporary certificates of Bankers Trust Co. for 60,000 "American shares," so called, each such "American share" representing 2 1/2 ordinary shares of the par value of 5 shillings each, also for authority to add such similar additional certificates for "American shares," so called, as may be issued. The authorized capital is \$550,000 (2,200,000 shares), par 5 shillings, of which 2,125,995 shares are issued and outstanding. Compare V. 110, p. 83, 173; V. 110, p. 2082.

Remington Arms Union Metallic Cartridge Co.—Reorganization.

The company is being reorganized under the name of Remington Arms Co., Inc., and press reports announce the filing of the charter at Dover, Del., on May 24. An official statement says in brief:

The new company will succeed the old company in every respect, taking over its business, including the UMC Cartridge Works at Bridgeport, Conn., and the Ilion Arms Works at Ilion, N. Y., and retaining its general offices in the Woolworth Building, New York City.

The authorized capital stock will consist of \$10,000,000 7% Pref. stock and 1,000,000 shares of Common stock of no par value.

There will be no interruption in the business and no change in management or policies. We shall continue the manufacture of Remington arms and Remington UMC ammunition (metallic cartridges, shotgun shells, &c.), which have been manufactured for 104 years and over half a century, respectively, and enjoy a worldwide market.

The new company will also continue the development and manufacture, begun about 18 months ago, of Remington cutlery, notice of which new product was sent to jobbers on Sept. 25 1919. These products will be marketed exclusively through jobbing channels. Active steps were taken immediately after the close of hostilities for the establishment of the completely new and modern cutlery plant in the new war buildings at the UMC plant in Bridgeport. It is not contemplated to take over any other companies, as it is believed a higher grade of product can be made by using new equipment much of which has been and is still being built in our shops in Bridgeport.

During the war the company operated five plants on munition work, viz.: (a) three on military ammunition for the U. S. Government, namely the big UMC parent plant at Bridgeport, a large plant at Hoboken, N. J., and another at Swanton, Vt.; (b) the Ilion Arms Plant on military rifles; (c) the big new arms plant at Bridgeport on machine guns, automatic pistols, bayonets, grenades and turbine blades for the new destroyer fleet. With the cessation of hostilities the Hoboken plant was closed and the machinery, equipment, &c., sent to Bridgeport. Other surplus manufacturing facilities, plants, &c., were disposed of. The company still owns its cartridge plant at Windsor, Ont., and through a subsidiary its English cartridge plant at Brimsdown near London.

The UMC Bridgeport and the Remington Ilion Works have approximately 200% more manufacturing floor space than previous to the war and the buildings are substantial and up to date, with greatly increased facilities, such as machines, machine tools, power, power transmission, &c., which will in future be devoted to the manufacture of our commercial product, permitting a far greater output of sporting arms and ammunition than ever before.

The official report of Assistant Secretary of War Crowell, Director of Munitions, gives this company credit for producing at its Ilion Arms Plant more military rifles than any competitor now in existence and also a producer of military rifle cartridges and military pistol cartridges approximately equal in volume to the combined total production of all other ammunition manufacturers in the country.—V. 110, p. 472, 1193.

Riordon Corporation.—Consolidation.—
See Riordon Pulp & Paper Co. below.

Riordon Pulp & Paper Co.—Consolidation, &c.—
The shareholders will vote June 23 on a plan dated May 15 for the incorporation of the "Riordon Corporation, Ltd.," which will take over the properties, both of this company and its subsidiary, the Kipawa Co., Ltd., including the latter's new bleached sulphite mill at Temiskaming, P. Q., and will provide the funds for doubling the capacity (150 tons daily) of the latter's mill, and for the purchase of additional timber lands.

The Riordon Corporation will assume the obligations of the present Riordon Co. (including \$1,901,100 1st M. 40-year 6s and \$4,000,000 Gen. M. 10-year 6s), and will issue: (a) \$1,500,000 8% Cum. Pref. stock in exchange for the \$1,500,000 Riordon 7% Pref. stock; (b) \$9,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. stock, convertible into Common and having full voting rights; (c) \$12,000,000 Common stock and such further amounts of Common as the directors may approve for the benefit of the new company.

Each share of the present \$6,000,000 Riordon Common will be exchanged for 1 1/2 shares of the new 7% Pref. and two shares of new Common.—V. 110, p. 1856, 1754.

Rotary Ring Spinning Co.—To Dissolve.—

On and after May 24 1920, shares of the company will be stricken from the Boston Stock Exchange list, the company having voted to dissolve and pay a final dividend in liquidation.—V. 100, p. 640.

Royal Weaving Co., Pawtucket, R. I.—Stock Dividend.

A stock dividend of 25% has been declared on the stock, payable June 15 to holders of record Feb. 25. The authorized capital stock is \$3,000,000, \$2,000,000 outstanding, \$500,000 to be issued as a 25% stock dividend and \$500,000 to remain in the treasury. About 51% of the stock is owned by the Pawtucket Hair Cloth Co.

Russell Mfg. Co., Middletown, Conn.—Stock Dividend—

A stock dividend of 66 2-3% has been declared payable June 2 to holders of record May 10.

The stockholders voted on May 12 to increase the outstanding capital stock from \$900,000 to \$2,000,000 (par \$100) of which \$900,000 will be issued as a stock dividend mentioned above. After this distribution the stockholders of record June 15 will be given the right to subscribe at par up to July 10 for the remaining \$500,000 stock in the proportion of one new share for each three shares then held. Payment must be made by July 20. This will make the total capitalization \$2,000,000.

Richter & Co. of Hartford has been appointed as financial agents to adjust fractions and to receive subscriptions and payments for the new stock.—V. 106, p. 506.

St. Lawrence Transmission Co.—Capital Increase.—

Company has filed notice of increase in capital from \$3,000,000 to \$3,250,000.—V. 108, p. 1941.

Safe-Cabinet Co., Marietta, O.—Bonds Offered.—Elston & Co., Chicago, are offering at prices ranging from 99.29 and int. to 94.85 and int., to yield about 7 3/4%, according to maturity, \$1,000,000 First Mtge. 7% Conv. Serial gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated May 1 1920, maturing annually May 1 1921 to 1930. Int. payable M. & N. at Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, or National Park Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Red. all or part in reverse of maturity on any int. date at 102 1/2 and int., upon 60 days' notice. First National Bank, Marietta, O., trustee. Convertible at 107 1/2 and int. into Cumul. 7% 1st Pref. stock at par and divs.

Data from Letter of President R. H. Dick, Marietta, O., May 1 1920.
Company.—Incorp. in 1906 to manufacture the Safe-Cabinet, a new and light-weight type of fire resisting safe. The company is to-day one of the largest manufacturers of safes in the United States. The company recently entered the bank vault and lock field by the acquisition of the entire plant and business of the Victor Safe & Lock Co. of Cincinnati, organized in 1885. The latter company manufactures a complete line of bank and office vault doors, safety deposit boxes, key and combination locks and burglar resisting chests. The company owns more than 50 valuable patents and numerous trade-marks and copyrights applying to these products.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to complete purchase of the Victor Safe & Lock plant, retire outstanding obligations, including \$400,000 notes and provide adequate working capital for the rapidly growing business.

Earnings Years ended Dec. 31 1919.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920 (est.).
Net sales	\$1,227,500	\$1,284,817	\$2,133,465	\$3,425,000
Net avail. for bond int.	69,938	123,965	455,766	890,000
After deducting \$168,658 Federal taxes in 1919, a net balance, before interest charges, of \$287,108 remained. Federal taxes for 1920 are estimated at \$220,000.				
Capitalization				
First Mortgage 7% bonds			Authorized \$1,500,000	Issued \$1,000,000
7% Preferred stock			2,000,000	1,025,000
Common stock			1,000,000	650,000

Saxon Mills, Spartanburg, S. C.—Stock Dividend.—

The stockholders will vote on June 1: (a) on authorizing an increase in capital stock from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000, and (b) to declare a stock dividend of 200%, thereby increasing the outstanding capital stock to \$900,000 (par \$100).

The balance sheet for the six months ending Feb. 28 1920 shows net profits after deducting estimated Federal taxes, &c., \$297,711.

John A. Law is Pres. & Treas., and Henry W. Beardon, Sec.

Saxon Motor Car Corp.—Listing—Balance Sheet.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 7,000 shares (authorized 200,000 shares) Common stock, no par value, on official notice of its issuance, in exchange for outstanding interim certificates, making the total amount applied for 187,000 shares. The stock applied for was issued in consideration of services rendered in connection with reorganization of the company.

Financial Statement April 1 1920.

Assets		Liabilities	
Machinery, trucks & equip.	\$84,274	Preferred stock	\$1,359,600
Good-will	4,557,229	Common stock (200,000 sh. auth., no par value declared under Stock Corp. Law of N. Y. at \$5 per sh. of which 187,000 issued)	1,000,000
Cash on hand and deposits	1,091,151	Acc'ts, payrolls and taxes	174,001
Notes and accounts receivable	381,683	Surplus	4,402,816
Merchandise inventories at cost or less	747,493		
Merchandise inventories at prepaid expenses	74,587		
		Total (each side)	\$6,936,417

Seaconnet Mills, Falls River, Mass.—100% Stock Div.

The 100% stock dividend recently declared was payable May 24 to holders of record May 20.—V. 110, p. 2199, 1856.

Shotwell Mfg. Co., Chicago.—Pref. Stock Offering.—

W. G. Souders & Co., Chicago, New York, &c., are offering at \$10 per share 45,000 shares 8% Cum. Partic. Pref. stock. Preferred as to assets up to \$10 per share and to cumulative divs. up to 80 cents per share, after which it participates with the Common stock in all dividends greater than 80 cents per share. Callable at \$11 50 per share after March 1 1921. Dividends Q.-M.

Capitalization (No Bonds)
Pref. stock 8% Cum. Partic. Class "A" (no par val.) 50,000 sh. 45,000 sh.
Com. stk., 100,000 shares Class "B" (no par val.) 100,000 sh. 100,000 sh.

Data from Letter of Pres. Alfred H. Shotwell, Chicago, Mar. 1 1920.
Company.—Incorp. in Illinois in 1903 to manufacture popcorn and candy specialties. Is one of the two largest buyers of popcorn in the world; sales of its trade-marked confection "Checkers" last year amounted to 30,000,000 packages. In addition to a considerable foreign business, company has over 7,000 active wholesale accounts in this country. Owns candy factories in Chicago and Brooklyn, grain elevators at Arthur, Ia., and Ord, Neb., and a warehouse at Odebolt, Ia.

Earnings.—Company has averaged over \$65,000 per year for five years and during the six months ended Dec. 31 1919 net earnings were over \$120,000, or at the rate of over \$240,000 per year.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used partly to pay for additional candy factory now under construction which is needed to take care of an immense existing demand which the company is at present unable to handle.

Southern Pacific Equipment Co.—Incorporated.—

See Southern Pacific Co. under "Railroads" above.

Standard Chemical Co.—New President.—

Attorney James C. Gray, a director of the Flannery Bolt Co. and Vice-Pres. of the American Vanadium Co., has been elected President of the Standard Chemical Co., succeeding the late Joseph M. Flannery.—V. 110, p. 2083.

Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.—

A press dispatch from Tupelo, Miss., May 23, says: "Penalties aggregating more than \$10,000,000 are asked in a suit filed in the Chancery Court May 22 at the direction of Attorney-General Frank Robertson, of Mississippi, against the company, alleging violation of the State anti-trust law."

"The bill of complaint charges that the defendant company sought to monopolize production and distribution of petroleum products in Mississippi, and, in conjunction with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and with "other alleged subsidiary companies" to stifle competition. The bill alleges that the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio also had conceived a design of monopolizing the business in which it is engaged in the United States. Answer to the suit is expected to be filed at the June term of court. Maximum penalties of \$5,000,000 a day are asked in the complaint."—V. 110, p. 976.

Stern Bros. (Dry Goods), N. Y.—Listing.—Earnings.—

The N. Y. Stock exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 (authorized) 7% Cum. Pref. stock par \$100.

Dividends.—Dividends on Pref. stock were paid at 7% each, 1911, 1912 and 1913; 1 1/4% on Mar. 1 1914. These dividends were partly paid by Louis Stern, Pres., pursuant to a personal guaranty executed by him, guaranteeing the payment of the dividends on the Pref. stock for a period of two years from Feb. 15 1912. Mar. 1 1920 paid 1 1/4%. From Mar. 1 1914 to and incl. Dec. 1 1919 no divs. were paid, and the amount of the accumulated dividends on the Pref. stock is 40 1/4%. In addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Pref. stock, the directors have declared 1 1/4% on account of the back dividends on the Pref. stock payable June 1 1920, which will leave on June 1 1920 38 3/4% of accumulated unpaid dividends on the Pref. stock.

Income Account: Years Ended Jan. 31.

	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Gross	\$918,168	\$702,477	\$896,748	\$2,226,466
Net, after taxes	537,613	365,873	460,679	1,367,053

Superior Oil Corporation.—To Increase Capital.—

The stockholders will vote June 4: (1) on increasing the authorized capital stock from 300,000 shares, no par value, to 2,500,000 shares, no par value; (2) on increasing the board of directors to comprise 15 members, and (3) on authorizing the directors to issue any or all unissued stock or any treasury stock for cash or property at their discretion.—V. 110, p. 2199, 1532.

Swift & Co.—President Answers Commission's Report.—

President Louis F. Swift, commenting upon the recent report of the Federal Trade Commission, said: "It will be observed that the criticism is entirely destructive. The entire emphasis of the report on profits is placed upon the charge that the large packing companies have grown to their present size only through their investment of excess earnings in the companies. In criticizing the reinvestment of profits in the business, the Commission attempts to penalize thrift, and in so doing it attacks a fundamental principle that is largely responsible for the growth of American industry. Stock dividends are nothing more than the deferred distribution of money which belongs to the shareholders."

"The profits of Swift & Co. over the last 24 years have averaged only 11% upon investment and only 2 1/2 cents on each dollar of sale, a fraction of a cent a pound. The only profits which have been reinvested were those which were left after paying an average of 6% to 8% dividends upon outstanding stock."—V. 110, p. 1095.

Tacony Steel Co.—New Officers.—

G. F. Jemison, Treas. of the Penn Seaboard Steel Corp., has been appointed Treasurer.—V. 110, p. 368.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.—Dividend Increased.—

A quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share has been declared on the outstanding 2,490,106 shares of capital stock (no par value), payable July 1 to holders of record June 10. Dividends of \$1 25 have been paid quarterly since Oct. 1918, prior to which \$1 was paid quarterly beginning Jan. 2 1918.—V. 109, p. 1800.

Vanadium Corp. of America, Inc.—Board Increased.—

The board has been increased to 15 members by the addition of E. E. Fernandez of Lima, Peru; Colonel M. G. Baker, Vice-Pres., and L. K. Diffenderfer, Sec'y.

Executive Committee consists of J. L. Replogle, Chairman, Charles M. Schwab, E. R. Tinker, Joseph De Wyckoff and F. K. Sheesley.

The railroad from mines at Mina Ragra to Lake Pun Run is expected to be completed by July 15. Chairman Replogle is quoted as saying that the corporation has a large tonnage of ore on hand awaiting the completion of the road.—V. 110, p. 1533, 1438.

Ventura Consolidated Oil Co.—Earnings.—

The earnings for 1919, it is stated, were \$749,378, against \$468,059 in 1918 and \$298,882 in 1917.—V. 110, p. 1328.

Victor-Monaghan Co., Greenville, S. C.—Stock Div., &c.

The directors have recommended the declaration of a stock dividend upon the Common stock of 50%, payable in Common stock to holders of record July 20; The stockholders will vote July 1 on authorizing the payment.

A special dividend of 7 1/2%, along with the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/4%, has been declared on the Common stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 20.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has also been declared on the Pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. M. C. Branch is President.—V. 106, p. 2234.

(J. G.) White Engineering Co.—Contract for the Construction of the Largest Wireless Station in the World Awarded.

The contract for the construction of the new wireless station to be built by the Radio Corp. at Rocky Point, L. I., has been awarded to the J. G. White Engineering Corp. Work will be begun immediately.

The station when completed will have a diameter of more than 3 miles with 12 sets of antennae, strung to 72-ft. self-supporting steel towers 400 ft. high, set up 1 1/2 miles away from the central power house, and will probably cost about \$10,000,000. It will be divided into five units for communication with Argentina, France, Scandinavia, Germany and one with Italy and Poland.—V. 106, p. 606.

White Motor Co., Cleveland.—To Increase Capital.—

The stockholders will vote June 9 on increasing the capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000 (not \$30,000,000). See annual report in V. 110, p. 2072, 1938.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after June 1 of \$15,000,000 additional Common stock (authorized, \$100,000,000), on official notice of issuance, as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$65,000,000. Compare V. 110, p. 2200, 1983.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Albert Frank & Co. advertising agents having recently moved into their own building, No. 14 Stone St., announce that in addition to Frank James Rascovar, President; Harry Rascovar, Vice-President and Treasurer; W. N. Record, Vice-President in charge of Chicago office and Mark Ash, Secretary, at a special meeting of the board of directors the following officers, were elected: E. W. Kimmelberg, Vice-President in charge of sales; H. R. Herman, Vice-President in charge of plans; Henry Schwarting, Vice-President in charge of financial service; Lloyd B. Myers, Vice-President in charge of service, and George Bort, Assistant Secretary.

Reports and Documents.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

(Organized under the laws of Delaware.)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LISTING OF ITS CAPITAL STOCK.
(Without nominal or par value.)

New York, N. Y., May 1 1920.

Phillips Petroleum Company, hereinafter referred to as the "Company," hereby makes application to have listed on the New York Stock Exchange 512,000 shares (out of a total authorized issue of 1,000,000 shares) of its Capital Stock, without nominal or par value, which are issued and outstanding in hands of public, with authority to add 128,000 shares, on official notice of issuance, and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 640,000 shares, without nominal or par value.

All of the said stock is fully paid and non-assessable and no personal liability attaches to stockholders. The Company has no mortgage or funded indebtedness.

ORGANIZATION AND CAPITALIZATION.

The Company was organized under the laws of the State of Delaware on the 13th day of June 1913. Duration of charter is perpetual.

By the terms of its charter, the Company is authorized to engage in all branches of the oil business, including production, refining, transportation, sale and distributing of petroleum, mines and their product, and the purchase and sale of lands and leases and the exploitation of land and leases for oil, gas or other minerals.

The Company has one subsidiary, viz., Standish Oil Company, an Oklahoma Corporation, organized Decem-

ber 12 1912 with an authorized Capital Stock of \$25,000, consisting of 25,000 shares of a par value of \$1 per share, all of which stock is outstanding and owned by Phillips Petroleum Company.

The Company was originally organized for the purpose of taking over and did take over the oil interests of Frank Phillips and L. E. Phillips, both of Oklahoma, who had taken a prominent part in the purchase and development of oil and gas properties in the Mid-Continent field for a period of over twelve years prior to this time. The properties were all located in Kansas and Oklahoma. Since organization the scope of operations has been extended into Kentucky, Texas and Louisiana, particular attention being paid to those districts where the production of oil and gas is of a prolific nature and long life.

The following is a statement of the authorized Capital Stock and changes:

Date—	Amount	—*Preferred—		—Common—	
		Shares	Par Value	Shares	Par Value
At date of organization				30,000	None
July 23 1917	\$1,500,000	15,000	\$100	100,000	None
Sept. 4 1917	1,500,000	15,000	100	120,000	None
Jan. 10 1919	5,000,000	50,000	100	400,000	None
Jan. 14 1920				1,000,000	None

*Preferred Stock retired and canceled September 1 1919 and charter amended.

The following is a statement of the dates and purposes of issuance of the stock:

Date	Common Shares without Preferred, nominal or par value.		Purpose.
	Shares	Amount	
Aug. 10 1917	75,000		For the acquisition of property
Sept. 27 1917	\$1,500,000		Sold for cash, proceeds turned into treasury of Company available for general corporate purposes
Sept. 27 1917	15,000		Bonus with Preferred Stock
Jan. 27 1919	150,000	500	For the acquisition of property
Feb. 15 1919	1,500,000		Sold for cash, proceeds turned into treasury of Company, available for general corporate purposes
Mar. 4 1919	50,000		Sold to employees of Company on payment plan, proceeds, as and when paid for, turned into treasury of Company, available for general corporate purposes
May 12 1919	1,450		For services
May 12 1919	1,800,000		Sold for cash, proceeds turned into treasury of Company, available for general corporate purposes
June 30 1919	63,984		Sold for cash and proceeds turned into treasury of Company, available for general corporate purposes
Sept. 1 1919	99,422 2-3		On conversion of Preferred Stock
Dec. 22 1919	13		Sold for cash, proceeds turned into treasury of Company, available for general corporate purposes
Jan. 12 1920	130 1-3		Sold for cash, proceeds turned into treasury of Company, available for general corporate purposes
Jan. 14 1920	255,500		Allotment to stockholders
Feb. 9 1920	1,000		For the acquisition of property
	128,000		To be issued for cash, proceeds to be turned into treasury of Company to liquidate current obligations and for general corporate purposes
	\$5,000,000	640,000	

The Phillips Petroleum Company and its subsidiary control by lease 97,416.42 acres of oil and gas lands, which are the usual commercial oil and gas leases, with the exception of the acreage in Osage County and a number of other leases in Oklahoma, which are departmental leases. In most instances the royalty is one-eighth.

ACREAGE.

WELLS.

County—	Drilled or in process of development.		Drilling or Authorized.				Undeveloped		Total	
	Gross.	Net.	Oil.	Gas.	Total.	Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.	
TEXAS.										
Palo Pinto	1,045.00	783.75		1	1	7,053.18	5,079.30	8,098.18	5,863.05	
Stephens	4,380.50	3,832.56	17		11	1,190.00	1,095.00	5,570.50	4,927.56	
Eastland	215.00	140.25	1		1	168.00	124.00	383.00	264.25	
Brown	900.00	900.00		1	1	701.40	681.40	1,601.40	1,581.40	
Wilbarger						798.00	658.00	798.00	658.00	
Young						1,111.00	832.50	1,111.00	832.50	
Schackelford						2,476.00	2,408.69	2,476.00	2,408.69	
Wichita						368.50	270.75	368.50	270.75	
Clay						130.00	65.00	130.00	65.00	
Wichita and Clay						150.00	37.50	150.00	37.50	
Erath						288.00	251.00	288.00	251.00	
McCullough						120.00	90.00	120.00	90.00	
Throckmorton						3,340.00	3,340.00	3,340.00	3,340.00	
Hamilton						179.00	179.00	179.00	179.00	
Runnels						160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	
Parker						80.00	40.00	80.00	40.00	
Taylor						160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	
Archer						40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	
Moore						80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	
Bell						66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	
Montague						40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	
	6,540.50	5,656.56	18	1	13	18,699.08	15,698.14	25,239.58	21,354.70	
KANSAS.										
Butler	5,716.00	3,376.50	42		19	2,167.80	1,213.06	7,883.80	4,589.56	
Marion	40.00	20.00	3		3	1,280.00	915.00	1,320.00	935.00	
Cowley	2,150.00	2,150.00	6	1	12	2,218.00	2,218.00	4,368.00	4,368.00	
Greenwood	160.00	120.00	1		1	815.00	775.00	975.00	895.00	
Elk	240.00	120.00			1	80.00	80.00	320.00	200.00	
Chataqua						509.00	449.50	509.00	449.50	
Montgomery						373.00	373.00	373.00	373.00	
Neosho and Dickinson						360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	
Chase						120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	
	8,506.00	5,786.50	52	1	35	7,922.80	6,503.56	16,228.80	12,290.06	

ACREAGE
WELLS

	Drilled or in process of Development		Oil.	Gas.	Drilling or Authorized.	Total.	Undeveloped		Total	
	Gross.	Net.					Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.
OKLAHOMA.										
Washington	1,638.42	1,493.22	180	1	4	185	1,510.00	950.00	3,148.42	2,443.22
Osage	8,231.16	6,131.83	228	4	74	306	2,640.37	2,195.83	10,871.53	8,327.66
Nowata	398.32	381.66	30	1	5	31	190.72	190.72	589.04	572.38
Creek	180.00	90.00	1	1	5	6	1,860.00	1,735.00	2,040.00	1,825.00
Okmulgee	440.00	353.00	14	1	5	15	1,149.89	814.19	1,589.89	1,167.19
Carter	290.00	164.99	1	4	5	5	---	---	290.00	164.99
Tillman	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,135.12	3,717.62	4,135.12	3,717.62
Lincoln	---	---	---	---	---	---	560.00	560.00	560.00	560.00
Jackson	---	---	---	---	---	---	710.00	710.00	710.00	710.00
Okfuskee	---	---	---	---	---	---	600.00	520.00	600.00	520.00
Cotton	---	---	---	---	---	---	320.00	200.00	320.00	200.00
Greer	---	---	---	---	---	---	638.50	638.50	638.50	638.50
Harmon	---	---	---	---	---	---	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
Hughes	---	---	---	---	---	---	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
Garfield	---	---	---	---	---	---	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
Jefferson	---	---	---	---	---	---	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Kiowa	---	---	---	---	---	---	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
Beckman	---	---	---	---	---	---	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
McIntosh	---	---	---	---	---	---	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Washita	---	---	---	---	---	---	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00
Stephens	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,620.00	655.00	2,620.00	655.00
Caddo	---	---	---	---	---	---	155.87	155.87	155.87	155.87
Kay	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,840.00	1,840.00	1,840.00	1,840.00
	11,177.90	8,614.70	454	11	83	548	20,520.47	16,472.73	31,698.37	25,087.43
LOUISIANA	2,120.00	2,120.00	--	2	2	--	17,481.92	16,840.42	13,601.92	18,960.42
KENTUCKY.										
Lee	254.00	127.00	57	--	--	57	272.75	136.38	526.75	263.38
Knott and Floyd	---	---	---	--	--	--	4,121.00	1,373.67	4,121.00	1,373.67
	254.00	127.00	57	--	--	57	4,393.75	1,510.05	4,647.75	1,637.05
SUMMARY.										
Oklahoma	11,177.90	8,614.70	454	11	83	548	20,520.47	16,472.73	31,698.37	25,087.43
Texas	6,540.50	5,656.56	18	1	13	32	18,699.08	15,698.14	25,239.58	21,354.70
Kansas	8,306.00	5,786.50	52	1	35	88	7,922.80	6,503.56	16,228.80	12,290.06
Louisiana	2,120.00	2,120.00	--	--	2	2	17,481.92	16,840.42	19,601.92	18,960.42
Kentucky	254.00	127.00	57	--	--	57	4,393.75	1,510.05	4,647.75	1,637.05
	28,398.40	22,304.76	581	13	133	727	69,018.02	57,024.90	97,416.42	79,329.66

Average daily gross production approximately 8,000 barrels.

Oil has been produced in Kansas and Oklahoma for a period of over sixteen years and for a similar period in the other States in which the company is operating. An estimate as to the probable life of the various fields in which the Company is operating would not be possible at this time as none of the fields have become exhausted and very few wells have been abandoned. Comparison may be made with the Eastern fields, where oil has been produced for more than fifty years, so it is reasonable to anticipate that the Mid-Continent fields will produce for a like period, as the oil sands are of a similar character, especially with reference to thickness and density.

The wells which the Company is operating range from 650 to 3,400 feet in depth, with an average depth of approximately 1,850 feet. The oil produced has a specific gravity of from 31 to 44 and in most instances is of a paraffin base, a small part being of an asphalt base.

The policy of the Company is to constantly acquire and develop new leaseholds in the defined oil-producing districts.

The Company owns ten tank cars of 8,000 gallons capacity each.

Two gasoline plants are now in operation, running to their combined capacity of approximately 5,000 gallons per day. One plant is located several miles north of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, adjacent to railroad switch where the Company has its own loading facilities. The other plant is in Osage County, Oklahoma, approximately three miles from railroad switch. The product is transported this distance by pipe line to loading rack.

A part of the product of these plants is marketed through several filling stations at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, now in operation.

The third gasoline plant, near Pershing, Oklahoma, in Osage County, is now under construction, which, when completed, on or about July 1 1920, will be one of the largest in the Mid-Continent field. Contracts for a sufficient supply of gas have been entered into, thereby insuring continuous operation; a large part of the gas, however, is from the Company's own properties.

The Company's employees number approximately 1,200.

POLICY AS TO DEPRECIATION, DEPLETION AND DRILLING LABOR CHARGES.

On equipment in use on properties a depreciation ranging from 5 to 33 1/2 per cent. Federal Government regulations are followed in determining depletion charges. It is also the policy to charge off all well drilling and development labor.

DIVIDENDS.

On January 14 1920 there was allotted to stockholders 255,500 shares of the Capital Stock and distribution made to stockholders on the basis of one share for each share of the then outstanding Capital Stock of 255,500 shares, this stock allotment being based on the reappraisal of property values.

Dividends on Preferred Stock were paid as follows:

Par Value	Dec. 1917	Mar. 1918	June 1918	Sept. 1918	Dec. 1918	Mar. 1919	June 1919	Aug. 1919	
\$50,000 00	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
\$80,000 00	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
\$35,200 00	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
1,303,033 33	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
1,500,000 00	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
1,636,200 00	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
3,895,900 00	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	1 1/2 %	
5,000,000 00	1.66 2-3	cash for months of July and Aug. 1919							

On September 1 1919 all Preferred Stock in the amount of \$5,000,000 was retired in the following manner:

49,711 1-3 shares by conversion into 99,422 2-3 shares Capital Stock
288 2-3 shares for cash at \$105 per share

The output from the Company's properties has been as follows:

	Barrels Oil.	Cubic Feet Gas.	Gasoline gal.
1917—6 months	116,846.74	234,135,000	24,653
1918	218,466.29	4,354,814,000	389,928
1919	745,705.23	2,118,233,000	643,515

The earnings of the Company, before depreciation, have been as follows:

1917 (6 months)	175,066.77
1918	574,553.15

CONSOLIDATED INCOME, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1919.

Oil and gas earnings	\$1,895,330 61
Miscellaneous	10,453 10
Gasoline earnings	187,267 01
Income from other operations	7,922 50
Sale of leases	\$38,590 80
Interest earnings	43,402 72
	81,993 52
Oil and plant operating expenses	\$290,381 70
General and administrative expenses	77,401 59
	367,783 29
Insurance premiums, depreciation on auto equipment, losses on leases charged off	\$60,796 74
Interest charges	26,732 67
	87,529 41
Net earnings before depreciation	1,727,654 04

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1919.

Capital and surplus as at December 31 1918	4,918,883 46
Additions	
From sale of 64,127 1-3 shares Capital Stock at market value	3,370,173 33
Issuance of 99,422 2-3 shares Capital Stock in conversion of 49,711 1-3 shares Preferred Stock of a par value of \$100 per share	4,971,133 33
Amount representing 1,450 shares Capital Stock issued for services (market value)	68,875 00
Profit for year, as per statement herewith	\$1,727,654 04
Sundry surplus credits	1,421 77
	\$1,729,075 81
Less dividends paid on Preferred Stock	155,145 01
Appreciation in book value of oil and gas leases	1,573,930 80
	11,761,552 16
	\$26,664,548 08

Deductions:	
Commission and discount on Preferred Stock sales and premium on Preferred Stock redeemed	\$168,943 32
Depreciation on well equipment and charge off on well drilling and development labor	1,971,972 66
	2,140,915 98
	\$24,523,632 10

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31 1919.

ASSETS.	
Capital assets:	
Property, including producing and undeveloped leaseholds	\$23,541,071 96
Current:	
Accounts receivable	\$603,313 41
Notes receivable	199,800 00
	\$803,113 41
Inventories (at cost):	
Warehouse material	\$448,280 81
Merchandise	71,954 31
	520,235 12
U. S. Government bonds	27,500 00
Other securities	25 00
Cash on deposit	1,068,399 72
	2,419,273 25
Deferred charges to operations	70,894 61
	\$26,031,239 82

LIABILITIES.

Authorized Capital:		
1,000,000 shares without nominal or par value;		
*255,500 shares without nominal or par value outstanding in hands of public—value of equity of outstanding shares	\$24,523,632 10	
Notes payable	1,336,527 71	
Accrued liabilities	171,080 01	
	<u>\$26,031,239 82</u>	

* Increased to 511,000 shares on January 14 1920.

INCOME ACCOUNT AS OF FEBRUARY 29 1920 (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT AT END OF FISCAL YEAR).

	January.	February .	Total for 2 Months.
Sales of oil, gas and gasoline	\$357,668 56	\$463,924 72	\$821,593 28
Miscellaneous income	4,951 97	2,872 38	7,824 35
	<u>362,620 53</u>	<u>466,797 10</u>	<u>\$829,417 63</u>
Operation and administration expenses—Including interest on borrowed money	57,937 27	69,240 15	127,177 42
	<u>\$304,683 26</u>	<u>\$397,556 95</u>	<u>\$702,240 21</u>
The net earnings for March 1920 aggregate			\$466,984 64
April 1920			500,662 79

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT FEBRUARY 29 1920 (SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT AT END OF FISCAL YEAR.)

ASSETS.

Capital assets:		
Property, including producing and undeveloped leaseholds	\$25,230,689 66	
Current:		
Accounts receivable	\$633,039 18	
Notes receivable	193,850 00	\$826,889 18
Inventories:		
Warehouse stock	\$506,080 77	
Merchandise	99,437 52	605,518 29
U. S. Government bonds	\$27,500 00	
Other securities	25 00	
Cash on deposit	27,525 00	
	<u>1,438,133 78</u>	
Deferred charges to operation		2,898,066 25
		<u>116,603 48</u>
		<u>\$28,245,359 39</u>

LIABILITIES.

Authorized Capital:		
1,000,000 shares without nominal or par value;		
512,000 shares without nominal or par value outstanding in hands of public; value of outstanding shares, as at December 31 1919	\$24,523,632 10	
Notes payable	\$2,844,527 71	
Accounts payable	54,712 55	
		2,899,240 26
Accrued liabilities		120,246 82
Surplus current year (January and February)		702,240 21
		<u>\$28,245,359 39</u>

On April 15 1920 the Company offered to the shareholders 128,000 additional shares of Capital Stock, without nominal par value, which shares have been underwritten. The sale of this stock will result to the Company in the receipt of approximately \$3,360,000, not later than May 31 1920.

The following circular of the Company, issued to the stockholders under date of April 15 1920, fully sets out the plan in relation to the said 128,000 shares.

Under authority of resolution of the Board of Directors under date of March 2 1920, there is offered 128,000 shares of the authorized but heretofore unissued Capital Stock of the Company for subscription on or before May 20 1920, by stockholders of record at close of business April 30 1920, on the basis of 25% of the stock registered in their name on that date, which is equivalent to one share for each four shares, at a price of \$28 25 per share. This stock has been underwritten.

Subscription warrants will be issued and mailed to each stockholder as soon as possible after April 30 1920, specifying the number of shares to which each stockholder is entitled to subscribe. Subscription warrants will be issued only for full shares.

The Directors deem it advisable to issue this additional stock to liquidate obligations incurred to the purchase and development of properties. Since January first of this year, 174 oil wells have been added by drilling and purchase, making a total of 613 oil and gas wells as of this date. We contemplate completing over 100 additional wells between now and September 1 1920, which will be located on properties which now have production or are adjacent to producing properties. The stability of the company's position is evidenced by the large reserve of undrilled proven acreage and considerable number of wells already completed from which its income is largely derived. Our third gasoline plant, now under construction, will be completed during the summer.

It is desired to issue this stock to shareholders at an attractive price, and inasmuch as our previous financing was done on this basis, we are offering stockholders these valuable rights. With this additional issue, the company will have 640,000 shares outstanding. The net earnings on this total issue, before depreciation, are running over 20% per annum on book valuation which book value is in excess of \$45 per share. Production and earnings are constantly increasing.

Since organization, each quarterly statement has shown a substantial increase over the previous quarter. For the three months ending March 31 1920, net earnings before depreciation, were as follows:

January	\$304,683 26
February	397,556 95
March	466,984 64

making a total of \$1,169,224 85, as against \$340,770,63 for the same period last year.

The balance sheets, as of February 29 1920, after adding thereto the proceeds from the sale of 128,000 shares of the Capital Stock above referred to and liquidation of current liabilities, would appear approximately as follows:

CAPITAL ASSETS.

Property, including producing and undeveloped leaseholds.	\$25,230,689 66
Current:	
Accounts receivable	\$633,039 18
Notes receivable	193,850 00
	<u>\$826,889 18</u>
Inventories:	
Warehouse stock	\$506,080 77
Merchandise	99,437 52
	605,518 29
Bonds and securities	27,525 00
Cash	1,714,646 70
	<u>3,174,579 17</u>
Deferred charges to operations	116,603 48
	<u>\$28,521,872 31</u>

LIABILITIES.

Authorized Capital:	
1,000,000 shares without nominal or par value;	
640,000 shares without nominal or par value outstanding (including proposed issue)	\$27,819,632 10
Value of equity of outstanding shares.	
Surplus earnings January and February 1920	702,240 21
	<u>\$28,521,872 31</u>

It is perhaps needless to emphasize the commercial importance of the raw material which we are producing in view of the general knowledge that never before has the product of an industry been more eagerly sought after on account of the limited supply and increased consumption.

The Company agrees with the New York Stock Exchange as follows:

Not to dispose of its stock interest in any constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled company, or to allow any of said constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled companies to dispose of stock interests in other companies unless for retirement and cancellation, except under existing authority, or on direct authorization of stockholders of the Company holding the said companies.

To publish quarterly statements of earnings. To publish at least once in each year and submit to the stockholders, at least fifteen days in advance of the annual meeting of the Corporation, a statement of its physical and financial condition, an income account covering the previous fiscal year, and a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities at the end of the year; also annually an income account and balance sheet of all constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled companies; or a consolidated income account and a consolidated balance sheet.

To maintain, in accordance with the rules of the Stock Exchange, a transfer office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, where all listed securities shall be directly transferable, and the principal of all listed securities with interest or dividends thereon shall be payable; also a registry office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, other than its transfer office or agency in said City, where all listed securities shall be registered.

Not to make any change in listed securities, of a transfer agency or of a registrar of its stock, or of a trustee of its bonds or other securities, without the approval of the Committee on Stock List, and not to select as a trustee an officer or director of the Company.

To notify the Stock Exchange in the event of the issuance of any rights or subscriptions to or allotments of its securities and afford the holders of listed securities a proper period within which to record their interests after authorization, and that all rights, subscriptions, or allotments shall be transferable, payable and deliverable in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

To notify the Stock Exchange of the issuance of additional amounts of listing securities, and make immediate application for the listing thereof.

To publish promptly to holders of bonds and stocks any action in respect to interest on bonds, dividends on shares, or allotment of rights for subscription to securities, notices thereof to be sent to the Stock Exchange, and to give to the Stock Exchange at least ten days' notice in advance of the closing of the transfer books or extensions, or the taking of a record of holders for any purpose.

To notify the Stock Exchange if deposited collateral is changed or removed.

The Company's principal office is Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Other offices are at Shreveport, La.; Ranger and Wichita Falls, Texas; Wichita and Burns, Kansas.

The fiscal year ends December 31st in each year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in each year, at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the principal office of the Company.

The Directors of the Company are (elected annually): Clyde Alexander, M. M. Doan, H. J. Holm, R. H. Hudson, John H. Kane, H. E. Koopman, Frank Phillips, John G. Phillips, L. E. Phillips, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; R. P. Brewer, Fernando P. Neal, Kansas City, Missouri; W. P. Conway, R. H. Higgins, John Markle, Bernon S. Prentice, New York, N. Y.; Eugene E. Dupont, Wilmington, Delaware; J. L. Johnston, St. Louis, Missouri.

The Officers of the Company are: President, Frank Phillips; Vice-President and General Manager, M. M. Doan; Vice-President and General Counsel, John H. Kane; Vice-President, L. E. Phillips; Secretary and Treasurer, H. E. Koopman; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, John G. Phillips; Assistant Secretary and Auditor, O. K. Wing; Assistant Secretary, Lester Powers.

Transfer Agent: Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 140 Broadway, N. Y.

Registrar: Liberty National Bank, New York.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY,
By H. E. KOOPMAN, Secretary.

This Committee recommends that the above-described 512,000 shares of Capital Stock, without nominal or par value, be admitted to the list, with authority to add 128,000 shares of said stock, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount authorized to be listed 640,000 shares.

H. K. POMROY, Acting Chairman.
E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

Adopted by the Governing Committee May 26 1920.
E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

THE OHIO CITIES GAS COMPANY
COLUMBUS, OHIO

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 1920.

Columbus, Ohio, May 10 1920.

To the Shareholders:

The Directors submit herewith their report of the operations of the Company for the fiscal year ended March 31st last, with the Consolidated Balance Sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the Company and its subsidiaries, and the Consolidated Statement of Income and Surplus.

On January 29th 1920 at a special meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose, the authorized Preferred Stock of the Company was increased from ten million dollars to ninety million dollars, none of which, however, was disposed of during the fiscal year. Previous to the authorization of the increased Preferred Stock \$997,900 of the original 5¼% Preferred Stock was issued but remains in the treasury of the Company, while one million dollars of the Preferred Stock of the Moore Oil Refining Company shows as outstanding and in the hands of the public in our Consolidated Statement. The funded debt of the Company during the year was reduced \$1,299,000.

The capital expenditures and investments made during the last fiscal year amount to \$16,917,081 28, the principal items of which consist of the purchase of the Moore Oil Refining Company, a substantial investment in the Union des Petroles, and the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Corporation of America; the building of the Heath Refinery with adequate storage and tank car equipment, purchase of oil producing properties in Ohio, West Virginia and Oklahoma, and the erection and purchase of Distributing plants.

There was a slight decrease in the business of the Company during the first half of the fiscal year, but during the last half the business and profits of the Company have shown a rapid increase leaving the results better than the previous year. At the present time the earnings are the largest in the history of the Company, and by the return of many employees who were in the war, our operating organization is back to normal.

The Board of Directors appreciate the efficient and loyal services during the year of the employees of the Company and its controlled properties.

By order of the Board of Directors.

B. G. DAWES, *President.*

OHIO CITIES GAS COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MARCH 31 1920.

ASSETS.	
Property, Plant and Equip- ment	\$111,594,279 59
Less Reserve for Depletion & Depreciation	11,488,264 31
	\$100,106,015 28
Other Investments	10,687,751 95
Stock in Treasury	997,900 00
Current Assets:	
Cash	2,835,146 66
Accounts Receivable	4,193,670 50
Notes and Trade Accep- tances Receivable	634,137 19
U. S. Government Securi- ties	194,415 10
Stocks of Finished Oils	6,059,669 23
Stocks of Crude Oils	3,349,265 12
Material and Supplies	2,093,120 95
	19,359,424 75
Deferred Charges	518,925 33
Total Assets	\$131,670,017 31

LIABILITIES, CAPITAL AND SURPLUS.

Capital Stock Outstanding:	
Common	\$45,937,500 00
Preferred	10,000,000 00
Preferred—The Moore Oil Refining Company	1,000,000 00
	\$56,937,500 00
Funded Debt:	
Bonds—Columbus Gas Company	1,326,000 00
Bonds—Dayton Gas Com- pany	1,398,000 00
Bonds—Springfield Gas Company	400,000 00
Serial Notes	1,250,000 00
	4,374,000 00
Purchase Money Obligations	11,086,187 60
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	1,812,358 49
Notes Payable	585,000 00
Accrued Taxes	1,294,410 86
Accrued Interest	52,468 83
	3,744,238 18
Consumers' Deposits	285,869 67
Premium and Discount	9,264,706 35
Surplus	45,977,515 51
Total Liabilities, Capital and Surplus	\$131,670,017 31

THE OHIO CITIES GAS CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND
SURPLUS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 1920.

Gross Earnings	\$54,304,090 84
Costs and Operating Expenses	40,339,795 80
Net Operating Earnings	\$13,964,295 04
Deduct:	
Taxes (Including Federal Taxes)	\$1,489,542 58
Interest on Serial Notes	112,500 00
Interest on Bonds of Sub- sidiary Companies	161,253 07
Amortized Discount on Serial Notes	51,200 00
Depreciation	1,701,201 67
Total Deductions	3,515,697 32
Net Surplus Income	\$10,448,597 72
Surplus:	
April 1st 1919, Ohio Cities Gas Company and Sub- sidiaries	\$47,379,366 21
Add—Surplus Adjustments	813,233 48
Total	\$48,192,599 69
Deduct—Depletion Al- lowed for Purposes of Federal Income and Ex- cess Profits Taxes	4,804,517 90
Total	\$53,836,679 51
Deduct—Dividends Paid in Cash	7,859,164 00
Surplus at March 31 1920	\$45,977,515 51

We have audited the Balance Sheets of the Ohio Cities Gas Company and of its subsidiary Companies for the fiscal year ended March 31 1920, and certify that the attached Consolidated Balance Sheet is in accord with the books and in our opinion correctly shows the condition of the affairs of the Company and of its subsidiaries at that date.

The Consolidated Statement of Income and Surplus in our opinion correctly shows the results from operation of the Ohio Cities Gas Company and of its subsidiaries for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CLOUD & CO.,

Certified Public Accountants.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 10 1920.

BUFFALO ROCHESTER & PITTSBURGH RAILWAY COMPANY

35TH ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1919.

REPORT

The Directors of the Buffalo Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway Company submit to the Stockholders the following report for the year ending December 31 1919.

During this entire period your road continued in the possession of and was operated by the U. S. R. R. Administration under the provisions of the Federal Control Act.

No regular settlements of the stipulated rentals were received but necessary funds for immediate needs were advanced from time to time as follows:

On account of annual compensation.....	\$5,454,800 00
On open accounts.....	2,500,000 00
Total.....	\$7,954,800 00

Of this amount \$3,600,000 was applied toward reducing the expenditures for additions and betterments, road and equipment accounts, made on behalf of your Company by the Director-General.

The account between the Federal Government and the Company at the close of the year is substantially as follows:

DUE FROM U. S. R. R. ADMINISTRATION.

Annual compensation (standard return, two years).....	\$6,552,820 84	
Less payment on account.....	6,314,800 00	\$238,020 84
Open Accounts—		
Cash transferred Dec. 31 1917.....	\$1,475,892 17	
Agents and Conductors balances Dec. 31 1917.....	304,244 60	
Assets Dec. 31 1917 collected.....	1,665,675 76	
Revenues prior to Jan. 1 1918 collected.....	75,536 47	
Cash received subsequent to Dec. 31 1917.....	3,311,391 57	
	\$6,832,740 57	
Less payment on account.....	2,500,000 00	4,332,740 57
Other Accounts—		
Accrued depreciation:		
Road and shops.....	\$94,026 40	
Rolling stock.....	1,650,896 09	
	\$1,744,922 49	
Equipment retired.....	385,589 37	
Road property retired and not replaced.....	48,189 79	
Interest items.....	390,195 21	
	2,568,896 86	
Total.....	\$7,139,658 27	

DUE TO U. S. R. R. ADMINISTRATION.

Open Accounts—		
Liabilities Dec. 31 1917, paid.....	\$1,916,764 48	
Payment for corporate transactions.....	2,060,605 45	
Expenses prior to Jan. 1 1918 paid.....	240,438 56	\$4,217,808 49
Expenditures for Additions and Betterments—		
Road.....	\$2,295,211 81	
Equipment.....	3,057,994 37	
General expenditures.....	16,571 86	
	\$5,369,778 04	
Less payment on account.....	3,600,000 00	1,769,778 04
Other Accounts—		
Interest items.....	\$159,829 26	
Note at 6%.....	440,000 00	
	599,829 26	
Total.....	6,587,415 79	
Balance due to Corporation.....	\$552,242 48	

In addition the U. S. R. R. Administration owes the value of Material and Supplies taken over Dec. 31 1917, \$2,989,496 03 to be offset at the end of Federal Control by materials equal in quality, quantity and relative usefulness and a cash settlement made of the overs and unders at current prices.

The note for \$1,000,000 negotiated with the U. S. R. R. Administration in previous year was transferred, at their request, to the War Finance Corporation on Feb. 8 1919, and is not included in the foregoing statement.

In accordance with a Proclamation of the President of the United States issued under date of December 24 1919 and with the terms of the Transportation Act of 1920 Government control of railroads was terminated on March 1 1920 and a final settlement with the United States Railroad Administration is being progressed as rapidly as possible.

Your company has accepted the guarantee offered under the Act of one-half of the "standard return" for the period from March 1 1920 to August 31 1920.

In accordance with the precedent established last year, the full details of the operation under Federal control for this year, so far as available, are given in an appendix to this report.

ROAD.

(Operated by U. S. R. R. Administration.)

	1919.	1918.	Dec.
Owned.....	368.31	368.31	
Leased.....	90.30	90.31	.01
Trackage rights.....	131.11	131.11	
Total length of road operated.....	589.72	589.73	-.01
Second track.....	212.59	212.61	.02
Sidings.....	456.21	457.48	1.27
Total miles of tracks, all steel rails.....	1,258.52	1,259.82	1.30

The decrease in miles of track operated is due to remeasurement and minor changes.

	INCOME.		
	1919.	1918.	Inc.(+) Dec.(—)
Operating Income—			
Revenues.....	\$91,544 84	\$52,281 17	+\$39,263 67
Expenses.....	—91,544 84	—52,281 17	—\$39,263 67
Net revenue.....	99,108 52	150,000 00	—50,891 48
Total operating income.....	—\$190,653 36	—\$202,281 17	+\$11,627 81
Non-Operating Income—			
Guaranteed rental.....	\$3,276,410 42	3,276,410 42	
Other items.....	385,222 30	279,207 88	+106,014 42
	\$3,661,632 72	\$3,555,618 30	+\$106,014 42
Gross income.....	\$3,470,979 36	\$3,353,33 13	+\$117,642 23
Deductions—			
Rentals of leased lines, interest, &c.....	2,407,012 07	\$2,205,025 94	+\$201,986 13
Net income.....	\$1,063,967 29	1,148,311 19	—\$84,343 90
Appropriations—			
Pension and Fire Insurance Funds.....	\$28,601 63	\$28,754 45	—\$152 82
Special appropriations.....	600 29	600 29	—600 29
Surplus available for divs.....	\$1,035,365 66	\$1,118,956 45	—\$83,590 79
Return on capital stock.....	6.27%	6.78%	—-.51%

Expenses were increased \$39,263 67, due to the fact that the Corporation bore the entire expense for this year, while in 1918 such expenses for a part of the year were assumed by the U. S. R. R. Administration.

Taxes decreased \$50,891 48, due to a reduction of two per cent in the Federal War Income tax, and an over-estimate for the preceding year.

The increase of \$106,014 42 in the non-operating income and \$201,986.13 in deductions came principally from interest on accounts with Federal Administration and the adjustment of railway operating expense accounts applicable to period prior to Jan. 1 1918.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends in cash were paid on:		1919.	1918.
Preferred stock.....	\$6,000,000 6%	\$360,000 6%	\$360,000
Common Stock.....	10,500,000 4%	420,000 5%	525,000
Total.....	\$16,500,000	\$780,000	\$885,000

Since the close of the fiscal year, your Board of Directors has declared semi-annual dividends of three dollars per share on the preferred stock and two dollars per share on the common stock, payable February 15 1920.

CAPITAL STOCK.

There has been no change during the year in this account. The total outstanding Capital Stock of the Company amounts to \$16,500,000, and consists of \$6,000,000 preferred stock and of \$10,500,000 common stock.

FUNDED DEBT.

In accordance with the provisions of the Consolidated Mortgage of 1907, \$1,500,000 4½% bonds were received from the Trustee to apply on payments made for improvements and betterments, and the securities placed in the Treasury of the Company.

The Trustee also delivered to the Company \$837,000 Consolidated Mortgage 4½% bonds, representing the entire issue of Equipment Bonds, Series A, amounting to \$500,000, and 50% of the final installment of Equipment Bonds, Series D, and a part of Equipment Bonds E and F retired during the year.

These bonds, added to those in the Treasury of the Company, made a total of \$5,307,000 of which \$2,285,000 were sold during the year for corporate purposes, leaving a balance of \$3,022,000 held in reserve.

Under the terms of the Sinking Funds and Agreements for the payment of Equipment Bonds, \$1,611,000 were retired, as follows: \$470,000 Series A, in full; \$50,000 Series B; \$52,000 Series C; \$267,000 final installment Series D; \$117,000 Series E; \$166,000 Series F; \$184,000 Series G; \$125,000 Series H; \$100,000 Series J; and \$80,000 Series K.

The net result is an increase of \$674,000 in the bonded debt of the Company, held by the public on December 31 1919.

LOANS.

During the year \$1,825,000 notes given by the Company were paid off, reducing the short term indebtedness from \$3,699,600 00 to \$1,874,600 00.

COST OF ROAD.

Capital account has been charged during the year with \$411,569 99 for investment in road, as follows:

Right of way	\$8,097 36
Interlocking plant, Riverside Junction, N. Y.	30,869 29
Terminal facilities, Buffalo Creek, N. Y.	8,635 76
Terminal facilities, West Shore Junction, N. Y.	3,184 76
Terminal facilities, East Salamanca, N. Y.	11,457 93
Terminal facilities, Du Bois, Pa.	3,826 46
Terminal facilities, Elk Run Junction and Cloe, Pa.	52,593 64
Tie and ballast tamping machines	36,305 61
Shop and power plant machinery	67,228 80
Increased weight of rail, &c	100,983 15
Stone and slag ballast	25,731 83
Additional yard extensions, sidings, &c.	62,655 40
Total	\$411,569 99

The interlocking plant at Riverside Junction, N. Y., referred to in last year's report, is now completed.

The only important work still in progress, is the completion of industrial tracks in Buffalo, N. Y., and the interlocking plant and yard tracks at Falls Creek, Pa.

As far as practicable under the present abnormal conditions, the general program of strengthening the road with stone ballast and heavier type of rail will be continued.

COST OF EQUIPMENT.

Expenditures were made for additions to equipment as follows:

Sundry locomotive betterments	\$39,935 03
One gondola car purchased	536 43
Forty-one steel underframes applied	2,063 18
Sundry car betterments	15,242 10
	\$57,776 74

There was credited for equipment sold, transferred or destroyed, the following book values, of which the accrued depreciation to January 1 1918 was charged to Accrued Depreciation Account, and the balance to the U. S. R. R. Administration:

Eighteen locomotives	\$214,234 52
One hundred and forty-three freight train cars	99,704 11
Five work equipment cars	2,290 31
	316,228 94

Making a net increase of \$258,452 20

The total tractive power of engines aggregates 15,346,830 pounds, a decrease of 678,532 pounds during the past year.

The average tractive power of each engine increased 788 pounds, being 44,100 pounds as against 43,312 pounds on December 31 1918.

The total carrying capacity of cars in freight service now amounts to 771,541 net tons, a decrease of 6,116.

The average carrying capacity or efficiency of each freight car increased .03 ton, being 43.97 tons as against 43.94 tons.

Of the cars in passenger service 47.31 per cent are of all steel construction; and in the freight service 94.12 per cent of the cars are of all steel, or are equipped with steel underframes.

The 800 fifty-five ton steel coal cars allocated to your company by the U. S. R. R. Administration, referred to in last year's report, were accepted as of January 15 1920.

The entire cost is to be provided for by an issue of six per cent gold notes, maturing in 15 equal installments from January 15 1921 to January 15 1935 inclusive, and will be taken at par by the U. S. Government in full settlement.

FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

The assets of this fund were increased \$13,902 08 and now amount to \$387,363 73 in interest bearing securities and cash.

PENSION FUND.

The assets of this fund, created July 1 1903 were increased \$8,699 04, and now amount to \$252,697 73 in interest bearing securities and cash.

There are 72 pensioners upon the roll on December 31 1919, a net increase of 4 during the year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Ontario Car Ferry Company, Limited, paid a dividend of 5% for the year ending December 31 1918. The sum of \$12,500 received on the \$250,000 of this Company's stock was credited to non-operating income account.

Effective Jan. 1 1918 the several contracts with the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. covering trackage rights between Butler Junction, Pa., and New Castle, Pa., and between Ribold Junction, Pa., and Pittsburgh, Pa., etc., were revised and renewed for a term of 15 years.

The valuation of your lines by the Inter-State Commerce Commission began July 1 1917 and is about 70% completed. The amount expended to date on this account has reached \$128,428 73.

The officers and employees of your Company subscribed to the Loans of the Government as follows:

Liberty Loans, Nos. 1 to 4 inc., 18,239 Individuals	\$1,684,000 00
Victory Loan, 5,690	619,500 00
Total	23,929 " \$2,303,500 00

In addition they have invested in War Thrift Stamps to the amount of \$66,478 37.

The acknowledgments of the Board are renewed to its officers and employees for their faithful and efficient service.

By order of the Board,

WILLIAM T. NOONAN, *President.*

Rochester, N. Y., April 29 1920.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, May 28 1920.

Wholesale trade has if anything slowed down further. This is partly however because of continued railroad congestion. It has only been partly relieved, more particularly as to water transportation. The scarcity of raw materials and fuel also still hits manufacturing industries hard. The tendency as regards car shortage, it is true, is towards betterment, but at the same time it is no less clear that there is less eagerness in the demand in wholesale lines. Another thing worth noting is that although retail trade makes the best showing even marked reduction in prices have not in all cases greatly stimulated business. For a time there was a rush to buy at the big retail stores of the country by people who were attracted by cuts in prices of 20 to 30% and more. But latterly this demand has fallen off. Prices are so high that even the cuts made leave them still far above the normal level. Cancellations, too, of orders for textiles and other goods are still a notable feature. And returns of goods also attract attention. In short the business world of this country is determined to go ahead at a much moderated pace for the most part, buying rather for immediate needs than for distant requirements. Business men show a disposition to proceed cautiously until the general situation clears up and they can get their bearings. One effect of the car shortage has been the discharge for the time being at any rate of thousands of workmen all over the country. This may have a sobering effect on labor and at the same time it probably tends to increase the efficiency of labor actually employed. There can be no doubt that inefficiency and strikes have militated largely against normal production to say nothing of the shorter hours of work.

Meanwhile not for twelve months past have the clothing trades been as quiet as they are now. Retail trade is the best at the West and the South. In the Middle West and the Eastern States retail cuts have less effect. The general tendency of prices for textiles and clothing is believed to be downward. That seems to be also true of food in general, although grain is higher than a week ago. Still to-day there was a sharp break in corn, rye and other cereals owing to the increasing supply of cars in different parts of the West and more favorable weather for the crops. It looks now as though the wheat crop would turn out larger than was at one time expected, and conditions are better for the planting of corn. European crop reports are favorable. It seems safe to say that the European harvest will be larger than those of last year. Of course this is so much gained, for society at large. There is quite a good demand for iron and steel and business undoubtedly would be more active if raw materials and fuel could be had in larger quantities. It is certainly regrettable to notice that bituminous coal has sold at as high as \$7 to \$8 at times. But hides and leather are dull and declining. Raw wool is 5 to 10 cents per lb. lower than recently and is dull even at the decline. Silks are falling. Lumber prices are tending downward.

On the other hand there is no real uneasiness as to the future of American business. The trading population has been pulled up in time, partly by the raising of discounts and partly by the very fact that the scarcity of transportation of itself imposed greater prudence in the matter of buying. The refusal of the people to go on paying exorbitant prices has also had a salutary effect in wholesale lines. The worm has turned. Business will now proceed on more conservative and of course safer lines. The transportation blockade will be gradually relieved through the efforts of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Railroad Labor Board. And there has been a more cheerful tone at the Stock Exchange with some advance in prices. Liberty bonds, it is gratifying to notice, have been steadily advancing. And certainly this is as it should be. We have, then, a more cheerful tone as to finance, a tendency to cause a reduction in the cost of living and as already noted a more conservative disposition throughout the ramifications of American trade. Significantly too failures are fewer than recently. Though they are more numerous than a year ago they are noticeably smaller than in previous years.

A fund of \$500,000 has been started by the Merchants Association here to form an independent trucking corporation and break the freight tie up, at New York, perpetuated by 100,000 unionized transportation workers who it is charged have got a strangle hold on the city's commercial and industrial life. Some 2,000 business men met at a luncheon at the Hotel Astor on the 25th inst. to consider this grave matter. They included railroad men, shippers and merchants in practically all lines of trade, all of whom have suffered from incessant strikes and tie-ups at this port. "The annual average tonnage of the four coastwise lines which it is now sought to put out of business, said" William Fellows Morgan, "is something over 3,500,000 tons of which 600,000 tons represent foodstuffs, and perishables and 225,000 tons represent cotton factory products." These figures do not include tonnage of the Old Dominion Line, which approximated 1,100,000 tons annually. The workmen refuse to handle non-union goods. They have a combination called the Transportation Trades Council. The purpose of this combination it is declared is to

tie up if necessary the transportation of goods throughout the city. The Merchants Association unanimously and amid great applause adopted resolutions calling upon federal, State and city officials to take action to bring an intolerable situation to an end. And now a conference is to be held between merchants and workers and there seems some possibility of a settlement of the men giving up the "closed shop" idea.

In Kansas rains have fallen which have been beneficial for all crops. The wheat prospects in that State are generally improving. The Japanese Silk Exchange reopened on May 27th. Silk fell to a new "low" of 1500 yen a bale as compared with 5,000 yen at the peak of the market. A small bank failed at Dix, Neb.; capital \$10,000 and deposits \$102,000. A Binghamton, New York clothing firm has been fined \$31,000 for profiteering. Prices of straw hats are to be cut at once on a suggestion from agents of the Department of Justice William M. Wood and the American Wool Company of New York and Mass. have been indicted for alleged profiteering. Government agents are trying to make retail grocers govern their prices by normal market fluctuations. The recent sharp decline in retail prices and its effect on credits were discussed by credit men representing the wholesale clothing trade of New York city on May 22nd, and they concluded that unless the public forces labor to increased production, empty shelves would sooner or later result in higher prices. It is estimated in the leather trade that sole leather tanneries average between 50 to 60% of capacity operation. Around the beginning of the year the average was above 80%. And the demand for shoes is turning from the choicest to the medium grades. This is a significant feature. Many shoe and textile plants throughout New England are reported to be closing because of poor transportation facilities, inability to produce new materials and strikes.

A striking and perhaps very significant event is noted in a Columbus, O., dispatch which says that to overcome the farm labor shortage and insure harvest hands for farmers near that city approximately 2,000 business and professional men announce that they will give one day's service each week to farmers needing assistance. This is a hint to the rest of the country. Argentina lifted the ban on sugar exports to enable producers to dispose of surplus stocks, limiting the amount to 100,000 tons, but providing that domestic price reaches 11 cents exports must cease. An American firm has secured the order for the erection of six tin plate mills for Tata Iron & Steel Co. in British East India. Officials of this steel company express the opinion that America easily excels South Wales in tin plate and other manufactures. At Fort Worth, Tex., lumber has fallen \$5 to \$15 per 1,000 feet. Some Massachusetts woolen goods manufacturers have stopped work for a week or more owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the business. High wages and shortened hours and insufficient production have helped to raise prices to the point where sales began to slacken. Labor has been striking at itself. Sixty cotton mills in southern New England are to work only 3 to 4 days a week owing to a falling off in trade and delayed transportation. The Cotton and Coffee & Sugar Exchanges will be closed to-morrow, Saturday, as well as on Monday, May 31, when Decoration Day will be observed. The Chicago Board of Trade will be open to-morrow; also the New York Produce Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.

LARD higher; prime western 21.35@21.45c.; refined to the Continent 23.50c.; South American 23.75c.; Brazil in kegs 24.75c. Futures have advanced with grain, despite lower hogs. Packers both bought and sold. May shorts covered. Receipts have been moderate. To-day prices declined but they end higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	20.80	21.17	21.15	21.30	20.62	20.50
July delivery	21.65	21.97	21.75	22.10	21.27	21.10
September delivery					22.07	21.95

PORK lower; mess \$1@42; family \$50@53. May pork closed at \$33.40 and July at \$34.15, a decline for the week. Beef steady mess \$6@18; packet \$17@19; extra India mess 4 @42. Cut meats lower; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 30½@31½c. picnic 18½@19½c; pickled bellie 6 to 1 lbs. 26@28c. Butter, creamery extras 60@60½c. Cheese, flats 20@32c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras 46½@47c. —

COFFEE on the spot quiet and about unchanged; No. 7 Rio, 15½c.; No. 4 Santos, 23¼@24¼c.; fair to good Cucuta, 21½@22c. Futures advanced on higher Rio cables, cold weather in Brazil, free deliveries, i. e., about 440,000 bags in three weeks of May, and, finally, covering of shorts. Some say coffee prices cannot decline permanently until producing cotton, sugar and cereals becomes less profitable than growing coffee, adding that when this point is reached it will take one to two years to get old trees in good condition, five years for fresh planted trees to produce coffee and an additional five years for these trees to reach maximum efficiency. The quantity of coffee imported in the fiscal year which ends with next month will approximate 1,500,000,000 lbs. against 1,052,000,000 two years ago, while the average import price in 1920 was 22.7c. per lb. against an average of 5½c. per lb. in 1918. Andrade, Junquiera & Co., Santos, cabled on the 24th inst.: "Market improving over severity of weather. Very cold weather set in. Information received from interior report frosts." Later there was a re-

action when Santos dropped 125 to 275 reis, despite temperatures of 30 to 70 degrees and some further rise at Rio. To-day prices fell, but end higher than a week ago.

July	cts. 15.04@15.05	January	cts. 14.69@14.70
September	14.74@14.75	March	14.69@14.70
December	14.69@14.70		

SUGAR higher; centrifugal 96 degrees test Cuba 23.06c. and Porto Rico 23.06c. Futures declined. Actual sugar has been less active and also lower. Buyers have become wary. Also a small lot of full duty paid sugar is asserted to have been sold at 22¼c. It was said that offerings at the same time were moderate or light. But the demand is plainly less eager. The indications point to a lessened consumption. How much it will be reduced is purely conjectural. But jam and jelly manufacturers are fighting high prices, and members of the National Preserves & Fruit Products Association have announced that they will withhold further orders for sugar until the market has weakened. Evidently the economy wave is reaching sugar. The shortage of cars has still handicapped trade in refined sugar. Sales were reported of Cuba July shipment to a New Orleans interest at 22½c. c. and f. to New York refiners of Peru prompt shipment at 22c. c. i. f., a decline of ¼c. Cuba, Porto Rico and full duty sugars were available on the basis of 22½c. c. and f. for Cuba prompt, June and July shipment. Later prices dropped 1½c. Local refiners bought 25,000 bags Cuba, May-June shipment at 19½c. cost and freight and Porto Ricos at 20.50c., c. i. f. It is believed that bankers have been calling loans and that the Lusk Committee of Investigation has entered into closer relations with refiners. To-day futures gave way again and July closed at about 300 points below the price of a week ago.

June	cts. 18.80@19.30	September	cts. 18.60@18.90
July	18.80@19.30	December	17.10@17.25
August	18.70@19.10		

OILS.—Linseed in light demand but steady. Conditions in the Middle West, where there was a serious shortage during the early part of the railroad tie-up, are now a little better. But shipments to the East are still held up by transportation conditions. Coconut oil, Ceylon, bbls., 18½@19c.; Cochin, 18½@18¾c. Olive, \$3 20@3 25. Corn, car lots, 20c. Cottonseed oil, 16c. Spirits of turpentine, 2.27½c. Common to good strained rosin, \$19 50.

PETROLEUM steady and in good demand; refined in bbls., 23.50@24.50c.; bulk, 15@16c.; cases, 27.50@28.50c. Gasoline active and steady; steel bbls., 30c.; consumers, 32c.; gas machine, 49c. A new oil pool in Arkansas is forecast following the purchase by the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana of the Hunter leases on some 21,000 acres of land in Ouachita, Union and Columbia counties. It is understood the price paid by the Standard for the leases was in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. Reports of new production were made by the Union Oil Co. of California to the effect that in the first quarter of the present year the production of the company's California's properties was 2,112,668 bbls., an increase of 158,319 bbls. over the same period of last year. New wells being drilled by the company in California, Wyoming, Mexico and Texas number 51, which is an increase of 11 over the same period a year ago. Pipe line run in the Kansas-Oklahoma fields in March were 11,241,293 bbls., an increase of 1,135,548 bbls., according to the summary published by the "Oil City Derrick." Shipments from the same territory were 11,752,411 bbls., an increase of 1,668,039 bbls. Stocks in the Mid-Continent field at the end of March were 51,194,452 bbls., a decline of 1,044,632 bbls.

Pennsylvania	\$6 10	Indiana	\$3 63	Thrall	\$3 00
Corning	4 25	Princeton	3 77	Headton	2 75
Cabell	4 17	Illinois	3 77	Moran	3 00
Somerset, 32 deg.		Plymouth	3 98	Henrietta	3 00
and above	4 00	Kansas&Oklahoma	3 50	Canada	4 13
Ragland	2 10	Corsicana, light	3 00	Caddo, La., light	3 50
Wootter	4 05	Corsicana, heavy	1 75	Caddo crude	2 50
North Lima	3 73	Electra	3 50	De Soto	3 40
South Lima	3 73	Strawn	3 00		

RUBBER higher on covering by local shorts and light offerings. Ribbed smoked sheets for May-June were quoted at 39½c.; July, 40c.; August, September, 41c., Oct.-Dec., at 44c.; Jan.-June 1921 at 45½c., and July-Dec. at 46½c. Scrap rubber is dull. So are Para and Centrals.

OCEAN FREIGHTS remained quiet. Despite a freer movement of freight from the interior there has been as yet no great increase in receipts of merchandise here. Ships are still leaving in ballast, others with cargoes are detained for the lack of bunker coal or fuel oil. Grain and cotton move slowly. Liners take wheat to the United Kingdom at 9s. to 10s. British Government charters are open for full cargoes at 10s. 6d. per quarter, from Northern range ports; 62s. 6d. bid for flour room; Gulf grain rate is 12s. Cotton from New York to Liverpool or Manchester is \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.

Charters included coal from Atlantic range to a French Atlantic port \$18.75 prompt, 1,452 ton steamer, one round trip in West India trade \$6.50; 29,000 quarters of grain from St. Lawrence, Halifax, N. S., St. John or Portland to Greece, 28s. 9d. prompt; coal from Atlantic range to west Italy \$20 July-Aug.; coal from Atlantic range to La Plata 70s., to Buenos Ayres, 71s. May-June, 28,000 quarters of grain from Portland to Greece, 28s. 9d. June; coal from Atlantic range to west Italy, \$20 June several trips; to Rotterdam \$18.25 prompt.

TOBACCO has been rather slow. The delay in transportation due to car shortage would partly explain that. At the same time prices are noticeably firm. Many are looking forward to the forthcoming Sumatra inscription. It will be an event. The offering will be of 17,000 bales some 8,000 bales of the original total have been sold.

COPPER steady but quiet; electrolytic 19@19¼c. Although the domestic demand is very light, there are a large number of inquiries for export. But the only business being done here is by small interests who have had to make concessions to attract purchasers. Production in the West has been curtailed by the lack of coal and ore. Of late London has been easier. Tin quiet and lower on the weakness in London. On the 26th inst. when prices here dropped 1c. from Tuesday's close, the market was saved from a further reaction by the firmness of exchange. According to cable advices there is no support being given to the market in London, as buyers are holding aloof awaiting developments. But it is said that as soon as prices appear to have touched the low level, a big demand will set in and the tendency will be toward higher prices. Lead steady but quiet at 8.50c. Zinc slightly lower at 7.50c.

PIG IRON trade still suffers from clogged transportation. But the situation is gradually improving. Coke production and shipments, however, do not really increase much as yet and prices are still high, partly owing to the coal famine. Raw materials are arriving more freely. Export demand is still reported. Swedish and German interests, it appears, have bought 5,000 tons of foundry iron from Southern operators on the furnace basis of \$42 to \$44, Birmingham.

Steel trade in general is still badly hampered by the shortage of cars and blockades. If fuel could be had the story would be different. But it is hard to get; but so are raw materials. Meanwhile the Pittsburgh district makes the best showing as to cars and fuel. Its production is about 75 to 80% of ingot capacity. Prices for semi-finished steel, in fact, have a downward tendency, although wire nails, which have been in sharp demand, have ruled at the basis of \$5 35 per keg. Blue annealed is quiet and it is hinted would not freely command more than 6c., but some have held at 7.50c. Black sheets have been reported as declining there. Youngstown production is up to nearly 50%; Chicago has not shown much improvement.

COTTON

Friday Night, May 28 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 46,422 bales, against 51,276 bales last week and 54,213 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1919 6,523,136 bales, against 4,891,175 bales for the same period of 1918-19, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1919 of 1,631,961 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	1,085	1,172	3,923	1,059	2,081	1,123	10,443
Texas City	---	---	336,448	---	352	264	1,395
Port Arthur, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	3,287	3,287
New Orleans	1,205	1,395	2,706	2,976	2,391	4,723	15,396
Mobile	90	2	---	323	75	213	703
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	580	580
Savannah	1,608	932	634	1,059	262	237	4,732
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	2,000	2,000
Charleston	118	---	197	85	270	56	726
Wilmington	12	6	48	44	17	7	134
Norfolk	233	148	1,011	441	630	393	2,856
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	---	---	31	31
New York	---	---	1,699	---	---	---	1,699
Boston	559	---	95	138	53	---	845
Baltimore	---	75	125	---	---	1,095	1,095
Philadelphia	275	---	---	---	---	25	500
Totals this week	5,185	3,730	11,217	6,125	6,131	14,034	46,422

The following shows the week's total receipts, total since Aug. 1 1919 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to May 28.	1919 20.		1918 19.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1918.	1920.	1919.
Galveston	10,443	2,046,952	42,753	1,645,098	205,417	237,137
Texas City	1,395	336,448	3,966	79,499	33,743	12,299
Aransas Pass	---	1,801	---	---	---	---
Port Arthur, &c.	3,287	97,969	---	53,527	---	---
New Orleans	15,396	1,256,936	30,924	1,355,615	333,368	435,220
Mobile	703	257,269	595	134,559	5,299	16,216
Pensacola	---	15,795	---	9,812	---	---
Jacksonville	580	15,179	67	21,184	3,466	11,300
Savannah	4,732	1,238,120	19,249	891,767	63,779	195,235
Brunswick	2,000	159,437	4,000	177,680	12,419	10,000
Charleston	726	441,108	5,838	170,828	245,682	57,208
Wilmington	134	142,499	6,269	108,284	44,968	69,558
Norfolk	2,856	334,108	7,113	286,955	57,796	120,626
N'port News, &c.	31	4,289	---	3,120	---	---
New York	1,699	24,830	26	7,891	44,344	101,995
Boston	845	42,360	412	25,509	3,119	16,095
Baltimore	1,095	88,167	398	19,592	4,912	7,533
Philadelphia	500	19,869	---	255	4,977	3,576
Totals	46,422	6,523,136	121,610	4,891,175	1,063,289	1,293,998

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	10,443	42,753	12,802	24,606	20,559	14,441
Texas City, &c.	4,682	3,966	4,465	---	5,615	491
New Orleans	15,396	30,924	21,065	12,236	23,334	8,859
Mobile	703	595	340	926	7,304	307
Savannah	4,732	19,249	3,068	5,028	6,568	4,984
Brunswick	2,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	1,200	500
Charleston, &c.	726	5,838	141	2,042	1,659	614
Wilmington	134	6,269	1,090	22	1,825	1,315
Norfolk	2,856	7,113	1,925	8,632	5,952	1,489
N'port N., &c.	31	---	---	148	232	994
All others	4,719	903	3,314	11,686	2,673	2,606
Tot. this week	46,422	121,610	51,750	69,326	76,931	37,590
Since Aug. 1.	6,523,136	4,911,175	5,428,364	6,419,702	6,682,168	10,109,535

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 63,431 bales, of which 19,994 were to Great Britain, 1,000 to France and 42,437 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1919 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending May 28 1920. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1919 to May 28 1920. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	16,611	---	---	16,611	1,293,637	97,300	427,418	1,818,355
Texas City	---	---	---	---	221,686	20,934	---	242,620
Houston	---	---	---	---	70,284	---	---	70,284
Pt. Nogales	---	---	---	---	---	---	250	250
El Paso	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	13
New Orleans	---	---	15,192	15,192	457,500	116,724	640,729	1,214,953
Mobile	---	---	---	---	88,645	24,614	5,197	118,456
Pensacola	---	---	---	---	19,013	---	---	19,013
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	21,614	---	100	21,714
Savannah	---	---	14,848	14,848	301,046	208,346	623,913	1,133,305
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	166,408	---	---	166,408
Charleston	---	---	---	---	94,263	19,149	25,326	138,738
Wilmington	---	---	---	---	29,363	16,847	107,582	153,792
Norfolk	3,278	---	---	3,278	110,705	2,350	41,333	154,388
New York	5	---	1,973	1,978	8,685	18,298	158,272	185,255
Boston	---	---	---	---	11,315	403	3,802	15,520
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	4,889	500	2,815	8,204
Philadelphia	100	1,000	---	1,100	4,005	1,700	7,051	12,756
Providence	---	---	---	---	375	---	---	375
San Fran	---	---	---	---	---	---	112,826	112,826
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	1,805	---	---	1,805
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	258,392	258,392
Tacoma	---	---	---	---	---	---	45,746	45,746
Port'd, Ore.	---	---	---	---	---	---	38,869	38,869
Total	19,994	1,000	42,437	63,431	2,907,508	527,165	2,501,113	5,935,786
Tot. '18-'19.	55,990	---	27,875	83,865	1,981,927	623,096	1,716,654	3,211,677
Tot. '17-'18.	18,610	12,510	19,660	50,780	2,018,931	553,989	1,193,394	3,766,314

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.

May 28 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger many.	Other Cont't.	Coast wise.	
Galveston	9,100	---	23,000	13,158	10,500	55,758
New Orleans	13,440	4,881	16,268	25,477	---	60,066
Savannah	2,000	---	---	---	2,400	4,400
Charleston	---	---	---	---	1,000	1,000
Mobile	1,888	500	---	---	---	2,388
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	650	650
New York*	1,000	---	---	3,500	---	4,500
Other ports*	6,000	---	---	1,500	---	7,500
Total 1920	33,428	5,381	39,268	43,635	14,550	136,262
Total 1919	87,335	7,052	---	41,736	6,087	142,230
Total 1918	18,165	3,000	---	10,000	9,800	40,965

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been more active at irregular prices. But following a decline early in the week on better weather, weakness in stocks and disturbed outside trade conditions there was a sharp rally. The market had become oversold. Besides rains in the eastern belt recommenced. They were especially heavy in Georgia and Alabama. All kinds of gloomy reports have been coming from Georgia and other parts of the belt. Nor is the outlook in Texas regarded as favorable, although it is true that latterly the weather has been more favorable in that State. Liverpool prices, however, have been advancing. In a single day Egyptian cotton rose 100 points. This had no small effect. The rise in Liverpool was attributable in part to a fear of a bad Bureau report on June 2. Private reports on this side seem to foreshadow something of the kind, and indicate that considerable replanting will have to be done. Now and then a dispatch claims that acreage has been abandoned on account of weeds, rotting seed and the lateness of the season.

Meanwhile the spot markets at the South have been reported as generally firm with a steady demand for the higher grades which naturally enough grow scarcer and scarcer as the season advances. Another thing of interest is that the technical position here had been strengthened by recent drastic liquidation and the fact that there has been a good deal of short selling. This selling was done largely by Wall Street, Waldorf-Astoria interests and other uptown centres, as well as Chicago and other parts of the West. So popular has become the short side that in uptown districts of this city it is well known that even waiters in big hotels have been trading on the short side. Local operators on the Exchange have also in some cases sold for a turn owing to the cry of deflation and the slowing down of trade in this country, which seems to pretend a decline in the prices of pretty much all kinds of merchandise. But on the other hand trade interests have been steady buyers and Liverpool bought for a time on a large scale after recently selling heavily, supposedly in making new straddles. The trans-Atlantic straddle is invariably made as is well known by selling New York and buying Liverpool. Liverpool shorts became alarmed by the rise in Egyptian cotton, the crop outlook in this country and heavy buying by some prominent American interest in the English market.

The cotton farmer it is urged has not been enjoying anything like the same prosperity as the spinner, although he is in a better position than formerly. And the farmer faces with the grain farmer a shortage of labor which may have to be corrected by courageous innovation in the matter of machinery as time goes on but which cannot be done all at once. Meanwhile although it is true that the public demands lower prices for textiles and clothing and is getting them, mills can pay high prices for raw cotton it is contended and still make good profits.

But prices have at times weakened with stocks. Cancellations too of orders for silks, woolsens and cottons in this country had some effect. India and China have recently been cancelling orders in Manchester owing partly to the recent decline in silver, and Chinese exchange. And it is now suggested that these countermanded goods may be diverted to American markets under the present very profitable rate of exchange on such shipments. The shipper makes a profit on his goods and also on his exchange. Japan has had a sorry experience with silk and to some it looks as though Japanese interests have been selling out cotton lest cotton behave somewhat as silk has. Woolen merchants it is declared have also been selling cotton futures here as a precaution. Such selling is striking witness to the value of exchanges for hedging purposes. Neither silk nor wool has this kind of loophole in the U. S. Latterly it is stated neither English nor Japanese interests have been buying spot cotton at the South at all freely. It is also said that this abstention from buying by such large customers has had a rather depressing effect in some parts of the Southwest. Japanese financial difficulties seem to make conservatism in purchasing foreign commodities more or less obligatory. The number of dishonored bills in the Tokyo Clearing House increased noticeably in April and May. The failure of the big Mogi Bank at Yokohama was of course noted with regret. To-day prices declined on long liquidation as well as more or less Wall Street and Western selling despite bullish crop reports. The weather is still cool but it has cleared. Some think that a bullish crop report on next Wednesday had been for the time being at any rate pretty well discounted. Prices end irregular, i. e., slightly lower on July and a little higher on October. Spot cotton closed at 40c. for middling uplands, a decline of 100 points from a week ago.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

May 22 to May 28—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	40.50	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1920 c.....	40.00	1912 c.....	11.50	1904 c.....	13.20	1896 c.....	8.00
1919.....	33.30	1911.....	15.70	1903.....	11.70	1895.....	7.31
1918.....	29.40	1910.....	15.30	1902.....	9.50	1894.....	7.19
1917.....	21.75	1909.....	11.40	1901.....	8.25	1893.....	7.62
1916.....	12.90	1907.....	11.40	1900.....	9.31	1892.....	7.38
1915.....	9.60	1906.....	12.25	1899.....	6.25	1891.....	8.94
1914.....	14.50	1905.....	11.90	1898.....	6.56	1890.....	12.75
1913.....	11.90	1905.....	8.60	1897.....	7.75	1889.....	11.06

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 50 pts. dec.	Steady			
Monday	Quiet, 50 pts. dec.	Barely steady		1,700	1,700
Tuesday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady		2,000	2,000
Wednesday	Steady, unchanged.	Steady		600	600
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged.	Easy		5,500	5,500
Friday	Quiet, unchanged.	Easy			
Total				9,800	9,800

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, May 22.	Monday, May 24.	Tuesday, May 25.	Wed. day, May 26.	Thurs'd'y, May 27.	Friday, May 28.	Week.
June—							
Range	38.05—37.55	37.55—38.30	38.30—37.90	37.90—38.10	38.20—37.75	37.75—37.90	37.90—97
Closing	38.05	37.55	38.30	38.10	38.20	37.75	37.90—97
July—							
Range	37.35—36.90	37.05—36.80	36.95—36.82	37.75—37.24	37.86—38.38	37.75—38.28	36.95—92
Closing	37.55	37.05	36.82	37.81	38.13	38.18	37.72—85
August—							
Range	36.70—36.25	36.00—35.80	35.80—35.55	37.15—37.08	37.15—37.08	37.15—37.08	36.00—f20
Closing	36.70	36.25	35.80	37.15	37.15	37.15	36.70—85
September—							
Range	35.20—34.75	34.75—34.80	34.80—34.80	36.00—36.00	36.10—35.78	35.78—35.78	34.80—100
Closing	35.20	34.75	34.80	36.00	36.10	35.78	34.80—100
October—							
Range	34.32—34.15	34.15—34.15	34.15—34.15	34.83—34.83	35.05—35.05	35.07—35.07	34.15—j75
Closing	34.67	34.15	34.15	35.34	35.45	35.07	34.15—j75
November—							
Range	34.00—33.50	33.50—33.50	33.50—33.50	34.70—34.70	34.85—34.85	34.85—34.85	33.50—a50
Closing	34.00	33.50	33.50	34.70	34.85	34.85	33.50—a50
December—							
Range	33.30—33.05	33.05—33.05	33.05—33.05	33.80—33.80	34.05—34.05	34.08—34.08	33.05—a70
Closing	33.60	33.05	33.05	33.88	34.29	34.45	33.05—a70
January—							
Range	32.55—32.18	32.18—32.18	32.18—32.18	33.13—33.13	33.40—33.40	33.39—33.39	32.18—a07
Closing	32.75	32.18	32.18	33.70	33.75	33.39	32.18—a07
February—							
Range	32.35—32.00	32.00—32.00	32.00—32.00	33.50—33.50	33.50—33.50	33.15—33.15	32.35—t50
Closing	32.60	32.00	32.00	33.50	33.50	33.15	32.35—t50
March—							
Range	32.05—32.00	32.00—32.00	32.00—32.00	32.72—32.72	33.08—33.08	32.95—32.95	32.00—t65
Closing	32.25	32.00	32.00	32.73	33.25	32.95	32.00—t65
April—							
Range	31.95—31.70	31.70—31.70	31.70—31.70	32.80—32.80	33.10—33.10	33.00—33.00	31.95—t20
Closing	31.70	31.70	31.70	32.80	33.12	32.75	31.95—t20
May—							
Range	31.70—31.70	31.70—31.70	31.70—31.70	32.80—32.80	33.12—33.12	32.75—32.75	31.95—t20
Closing	31.70	31.70	31.70	32.80	33.12	32.75	31.95—t20

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, May 22.	Monday, May 24.	Tuesday, May 25.	Wed. day, May 26.	Thurs'd'y, May 27.	Friday, May 28.
May	40.35					
June		38.35	38.95	39.35	39.80	39.17
July	37.40	37.10	37.70	38.10	38.30	37.90—92
September	35.08	34.64		35.73	35.92	35.58
October	34.58	34.14	34.83	35.23	35.42	35.08—11
December	33.53	33.12	33.83	34.23	34.41	34.05—09
January	32.80	32.40	33.20	33.62	33.80	33.46—47
March	32.37	31.86	32.65	33.00	33.20	32.95—
Tone—						
Spot	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

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.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Stock at Liverpool.....	1,171,000	534,000	307,000	532,000
Stock at London.....	11,000	12,000	22,000	24,000
Stock at Manchester.....	189,000	71,000	47,000	47,000
Total Great Britain.....	1,371,000	617,000	376,000	603,000
Stock at Hamourg.....	-----	-----	-----	-----
Stock at Bremen.....	74,000	-----	-----	72,000
Stock at Havre.....	330,000	178,000	132,000	181,000
Stock at Marseilles.....	-----	4,000	1,000	6,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	84,000	63,000	9,000	80,000
Stock at Genoa.....	144,000	63,000	3,000	27,000
Stock at Trieste.....	-----	-----	-----	11,000
Total Continental stocks.....	632,000	308,000	145,000	297,000
Total European stocks.....	2,003,000	925,000	521,000	900,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	96,000	28,000	29,000	55,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe.....	269,774	282,331	172,000	201,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur.....	57,000	39,000	93,000	39,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	108,000	108,000	231,000	116,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	1,274,000	1,050,000	1,657,000	874,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,063,289	1,293,998	1,226,551	870,563
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,066,410	1,283,193	956,972	764,815
U. S. exports to-day.....	12,461	-----	39,376	1,517

Total visiole supply.....5,949,934 5,225,522 3,975,899 3,821,895

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Liverpool stock.....	889,000	334,000	147,000	406,000
Manchester stock.....	163,000	47,000	10,000	35,000
Continental stock.....	532,000	284,000	1128,000	1239,000
American afloat for Europe.....	269,774	282,331	172,000	201,000
U. S. port stocks.....	1,063,289	1,293,998	1,226,551	870,563
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,066,410	1,283,193	956,972	764,815
U. S. exports to-day.....	12,461	-----	39,376	1,517

Total American.....4,001,934 3,524,522 2,679,899 2,517,895

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Liverpool stock.....	282,000	200,000	160,000	126,000
London stock.....	11,000	12,000	22,000	24,000
Manchester stock.....	20,000	24,000	37,000	12,000
Continental stock.....	100,000	24,000	117,000	158,000
India afloat for Europe.....	96,000	28,000	29,000	55,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	57,000	39,000	93,000	39,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	108,000	108,000	231,000	116,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	1,274,000	1,050,000	1,657,000	874,000

Total East India, &c.....1,948,000 1,701,000 1,296,000 1,304,000

Total American.....4,001,934 3,524,522 2,679,899 2,517,895

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	26.10d.	20.44d.	21.33d.	14.53d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	40.00c.	33.15c.	29.55c.	22.65c.
Egypt, good sakel, Liverpool.....	78.00d.	30.05d.	31.40d.	30.15d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	50.00d.	30.08d.	39.00d.	22.50d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	21.35d.	18.05d.	20.59d.	14.00d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	22.35d.	18.30d.	20.84d.	14.18d.

† Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 91,000 bales. The above figures for 1920 show a decrease from last week of 89,294 bales, a gain of 724,412 bales over 1919, an excess of 1,974,035 bales over 1918 and a gain of 2,128,039 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 May 28 1920.						Movement to May 30 1919.					
	Receipts.		Shtp-ments.	Stocks May 28.	Receipts.		Shtp-ments.	Stocks May 30.				
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.						
Ala., Eufaula.....	17	5,872	61	1,617	58	4,644	90	3,199				
Montgomery.....	185	71,805	697	6,515	600	62,470	2,378	22,204				
Selma.....	7	38,439	14	698	622	59,905	1,253	16,135				
Ark., Helena.....	35	31,501	15	4,047	178	38,609	1,500	4,726				
Little Rock.....	519	185,449	2,137	28,929	2,084	162,796	3,697	41,255				
Pine Bluff.....	1,384	105,338	1,752	31,332	1,000	129,779	1,500	44,500				
Ga., Albany.....	-----	9,687	-----	932	126	10,726	58	3,927				
Athens.....	810	155,079	2,600	25,294	2,862	131,087	2,900	40,457				
Atlanta.....	1,630	260,264	2,596	20,127	6,008	211,515	6,325	29,222				
Augusta.....	5,737	535,136	6,046	90,167	10,082	418,627	7,219	161,726				
Columbus.....	-----	34,501	100	4,004	-----	51,418	2,450	27,575				
Macon.....	270	211,924	1,517	17,012	6,755	202,389	7,453	39,944				
Rome.....	500	54,867	746	10,554	770	48,599	43	14,227				
La., Shreveport.....	-----	76,120	892	26,624	2,381	122,						

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

May 28— Shipped—	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	4,063	687,530	4,863	451,944
Via Mounds, &c.	5,183	395,779	14,425	459,130
Via Rock Island	224	21,367	491	24,456
Via Louisville	2,591	103,276	2,017	101,049
Via Cincinnati	600	26,313	1,000	60,554
Via Virginia points	6,126	207,047	461	98,194
Via other routes, &c.	11,415	414,963	16,209	756,761
Total gross overland	30,507	1,856,275	43,566	2,020,088
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	4,139	175,226	836	53,247
Between interior towns	498	66,477	176	46,377
Inland, &c., from South	7,213	238,032	8,020	234,431
Total to be deducted	11,850	479,735	9,032	334,055
Leaving total net overland †	18,657	1,376,540	34,534	1,686,033

† Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 18,657 bales, against 34,534 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 309,493 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1919-20		1918-19	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to May 28	46,422	6,523,136	121,610	4,891,175
Net overland to May 28	18,657	1,376,540	34,534	1,686,033
Southern consumption to May 28 ^a	75,000	3,043,000	56,000	2,973,000
Total marketed	140,079	10,942,676	212,144	9,550,208
Interior stocks in excess	10,298	264,363	135,072	586,577
Came into sight during week	129,781		177,072	
Total in sight May 28	11,207,039		10,136,785	
Nor. spinners' takings to May 28	36,746	2,585,356	38,987	1,813,290

† Decrease during week. ^a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1918—May 31	135,820	1917—May 31	11,148,731
1917—June 1	136,382	1916—June 1	12,011,761
1916—June 2	142,000	1915—June 2	11,558,657

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our reports by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that the weather has been favorable as a rule during the week, and that planting, where not already completed, has made good progress. Texas reports cotton making steady improvement, and advices from the bottom lands of Alabama are more satisfactory. Rainfall light in the main.

Texas.—General—Weather conditions throughout the week were beneficial for all plant growth. Cotton is making steady improvement. Planting still continues under favorable conditions.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	1 day	trace	high 90	low 72	mean 81
Abilene	1 day	0.42 in.	high 90	low 60	mean 75
Brenham	dry	-----	high 91	low 66	mean 79
Brownsville	dry	-----	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Quero	1 day	0.12 in.	high 92	low 66	mean 79
Dallas	dry	-----	high 94	low 68	mean 81
Henrietta	1 day	0.62 in.	high 92	low 50	mean 71
Huntsville	dry	-----	high 92	low 67	mean 80
Kerrville	2 days	0.32 in.	high 87	low 57	mean 72
Lampasas	2 days	0.54 in.	high 93	low 60	mean 78
Longview	dry	-----	high 92	low 64	mean 81
Luling	1 day	0.05 in.	high 94	low 63	mean 79
Nacogdoches	dry	-----	high 90	low 66	mean 78
Palestine	1 day	0.04 in.	high 90	low 67	mean 78
Paris	2 days	0.20 in.	high 97	low 67	mean 82
San Antonio	1 day	0.02 in.	high 90	low 66	mean 78
Taylor	dry	-----	high 93	low 64	mean 77
Weatherford	2 days	0.07 in.	high 93	low 60	mean 77
Ardmore, Okla.	3 days	1.23 in.	high 97	low 62	mean 80
Altus	2 days	1.36 in.	high 91	low 56	mean 74
Muskogee	3 days	0.55 in.	high 93	low 61	mean 77
Oklahoma City	2 days	0.38 in.	high 90	low 56	mean 73
Brinkley, Ark.	dry	-----	high 93	low 58	mean 76
Eldorado	dry	-----	high 93	low 65	mean 79
Little Rock	2 days	0.37 in.	high 89	low 68	mean 78
Marianna	dry	-----	high 92	low 60	mean 76
Alexandria, La.	dry	-----	high 98	low 68	mean 83
Amite	dry	-----	high 93	low 67	mean 81
New Orleans	dry	-----	high 93	low 69	mean 81
Shreveport	2 days	0.43 in.	high 93	low 69	mean 81
Columbus, Miss.	dry	-----	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Greenwood	1 day	0.26 in.	high 92	low 67	mean 80
Okolona	2 days	0.56 in.	high 96	low 65	mean 81
Vicksburg	dry	-----	high 90	low 70	mean 80
Mobile, Ala.	Weather very favorable and good progress made in clearing crops. Condition in bottom lands improving rapidly.				
Decatur	1 day	0.88 in.	high 95	low 66	mean 80
Montgomery	2 days	0.38 in.	high 89	low 63	mean 76
Selma	3 days	0.52 in.	high 91	low 64	mean 78
Gainesville, Fla.	3 days	0.20 in.	high 92	low 62	mean 76
Madison	2 days	1.01 in.	high 91	low 58	mean 75
Savannah, Ga.	1 day	1.82 in.	high 95	low 60	mean 78
Athens, Ga.	1 day	0.23 in.	high 86	low 60	mean 71
Augusta	1 day	0.78 in.	high 91	low 55	mean 73
Columbus	3 days	1.26 in.	high 86	low 58	mean 72
Charleston, S. O.	dry	-----	high 92	low 61	mean 77
Greenwood	2 days	0.20 in.	high 94	low 60	mean 72
Columbia	2 days	0.30 in.	high 84	low 54	mean 69
Conway	dry	-----	high 89	low 55	mean 72
Charlotte, N. C.	dry	-----	high 88	low 51	mean 70
Newbern	2 days	0.10 in.	high 84	low 54	mean 68
Weldon	1 day	0.01 in.	high 85	low 53	mean 69
Dyersburg, Tenn.	2 days	0.44 in.	high 84	low 54	mean 67
Memphis	dry	-----	high 89	low 62	mean 76
	dry	-----	high 88	low 49	mean 69

OUR COTTON ACREAGE REPORT.—Our cotton acreage report will probably be ready about the 18th of June. Parties desiring the circular in quantities, with their business cards printed thereon, should send in their orders as soon as possible, to insure early delivery.

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 May 28.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	40.25	40.50	40.50	41.00	41.00	41.00
New Orleans	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Mobile	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Savannah	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.50	41.50
Charleston	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Wilmington	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Norfolk	41.50	41.50	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
Baltimore	40.75	40.25	40.25	40.25	40.25	40.25
Philadelphia	41.75	41.75	41.75	41.75	41.75	41.75
Augusta	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Memphis	39.50	40.10	40.40	40.40	40.40	40.40
Dallas	39.50	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.75
Houston	40.00	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50
Little Rock	40.00	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50	40.50

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1919-20.		1918-19.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply May 21	6,039,228		5,228,803	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,792,018		3,027,450
American in sight to May 28	129,781	11,207,039	177,072	10,136,785
Bombay receipts to May 27	685,000	3,049,000	45,000	2,082,000
Other India ship'ts to May 27	84,000	138,000	5,000	91,000
Alexandria receipts to May 26	61,000	752,000	5,000	637,000
Other supply to May 26 [†]	612,000	211,000	13,000	184,000
Total supply	6,271,009	20,149,057	5,473,875	16,158,235
Deduct				
Visible supply May 28	5,949,934	5,949,934	5,225,522	5,225,522
Total takings to May 28. a	321,075	14,199,123	248,353	10,932,713
Of which American	247,075	10,396,123	182,353	8,558,713
Of which other	74,000	3,803,000	66,000	2,374,000

† Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. ^a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,043,000 bales in 1919-20 and 2,973,000 bales in 1918-19—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 11,156,123 bales in 1919-20 and 7,959,713 bales in 1918-19, of which 7,353,123 bales and 5,585,713 bales American. ^b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

May 5. Receipts at—	1919-20.		1918-19.		1917-18.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	99,000	2,724,000	68,000	1,912,000	49,000	1,479,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1919-20	1,000	---	82,000	83,000	71,000	370,000	1,486,000	1,927,000
1918-19	1,000	3,000	26,000	30,000	38,000	94,000	601,000	733,000
1917-18	---	---	---	---	146,000	102,000	1,104,000	1,352,000
Other India*—								
1919-20	---	2,500	---	2,500	24,450	104,050	---	128,500
1918-19	---	1,000	2,000	5,000	25,000	4,000	---	64,000
1917-18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total all—								
1919-20	1,000	2,500	82,000	85,500	95,450	474,050	1,486,000	2,055,500
1918-19	3,000	4,000	28,000	35,000	63,000	98,000	636,000	797,000
1917-18	---	---	---	---	146,000	102,000	1,104,000	1,352,000

* 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 May 4 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, May 4.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	20,225	14,088	84,557
Since Aug. 1	5,581,894	4,675,684	5,690,130

Exports (bales)	1919-20.		1918-19.		1917-18.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	200	244,737	---	191,214	1,846	159,125
To Manchester, &c	---	140,204	---	98,145	7,135	231,180
To Continent and India	1,408	126,833	2,493	122,397	---	64,415
To America	1,000	274,739	---	50,210	---	56,763
Totalexports	2,608	786,513	2,493	461,966	8,981	511,483

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs.

The statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 4 were 20,225 cantars and the foreign shipments were 2,608 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is closed for the holiday. We give prices for yesterday below and also those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Apr.	1920.						1919.					
	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lb. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.	Col'd Mid. Up's	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.	Col'd Mid. Up's	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.	Col'd Mid. Up's	32s Cop Twist.	8½ lbs. Shrtngs. Common to Finest.	Col'd Mid. Up's
7	55	@ 76	42 6	@ 46 0	27.76	25	@ 27	16 6	@ 23 0	15.24		

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 63,431 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—May 21—Caronia, 5.....	5
To Hamburg—May 21—Mongolia, 516.....	516
To Oporto—May 21—Buffalo Bridge, 900.....	900
To Genoa—May 21—Dante Alighieri, 148.....	148
To Antwerp—May 26—Toronto, 75.....	75
To Japan—May 26—Shimokoku Maru, 334.....	334
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—May 25—Indiana, 12,556.....	12,556
To Manchester—May 22—Asuncion de Larrinaga, 4,055.....	4,055
NEW ORLEANS—To Antwerp—May 21—Phidias, 800.....	800
To Antwerp—May 21—Phidias, 1,466.....	1,466
To Barcelona—May 22—P. Claris, 4,205.....	4,205
To Genoa—May 25—Sestri, 4,292.....	4,292
To Guatemala—May 21—Suriname, 300.....	300
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—May 26—Edgewood, 7,540.....	7,540
To Barcelona—May 27—Pawtucket, 7,308.....	7,308
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—May 25—Thistlemore, 3,278.....	3,278
BALTIMORE—To Genoa—May 22—City of St. Joseph, 1,700.....	1,700
PHILADELPHIA—To Manchester—May 7—Manchester Merchant, 100.....	100
To Havre—May 5—Shamrock, 1,000.....	1,000
To Antwerp—May 24—Valdura, 100.....	100
To Rotterdam—May 4—Cushnoc, 700.....	700
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—May 22—West Cactus, 1,805.....	1,805
SEATTLE—To Japan—May 15—Arcturus, 56.....	56
May 17—Tajima Maru, 1,292.....	1,292
May 18—Indo Maru, 1,285.....	1,285
May 19—Kureha Maru, 3,481.....	3,481
May 20—Elkton, 2.....	2
Total.....	63,431

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Liverpool, 1.75c.	Stockholm, 2.25c.	Bombay, 1.25c.
Manchester, 1.50c.	Trieste, 1.50c.	Vladivostok, 1.50c.
Antwerp, 85c.	Fiume, 1.50c.	Gotenburg, 2.25c.
Ghent, via Antwerp, 90c.	Lisbon, 2.25c.	Bremen, 1.92½c.
Havre, 1.00c.	Oporto, 2.25c.	Hamburg, 1.75c.
Rotterdam, 1.00c.	Barcelona, direct, 1.50c.	Danzig, 2.25c.
Genoa, 1.35c.	Japan, 1.50c.	Helsingfors, 2.25c.
Christiania, 2.25c.	Shanghai, 1.50c.	Salonica, 1.50c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	May 7.	May 14.	May 21.	May 26.
Sales of the stock.....	21,000	31,000	22,000	10,000
Of which speculators took.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Of which exporters took.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sales, American.....	18,000	27,000	20,000	8,000
Actual export.....	6,000	8,000	.....	7,000
Forwarded.....	63,000	67,000	56,000	41,000
Total stock.....	1,119,000	1,255,000	1,184,000	1,171,000
Of which American.....	926,000	930,000	903,000	889,000
Total imports for the week.....	47,000	93,000	21,000	42,000
Of which American.....	19,000	77,000	10,000	30,000
Amount afloat.....	198,000	157,000	180,000	161,000
Of which American.....	129,000	91,000	123,000	114,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12-15 P. M.		Dull.		Dull.	Dull.	
Mid. Upl'ds			25.55	25.58	26.10	
Sales 1.....	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	3,000	3,000	3,000	HOLIDAY
Futures, M rket opened			Steady, 62@82 pts. decline.	Quiet, 21@23 pts. advance.	Quiet, 3@9 pts. decline.	
Market, 4 P. M.			Quiet, 42@59 pts. decline.	Firm, 66@74 pts. advance.	Irregular, 38 pts. dec. to 39 pts. advance.	

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

May 22 to May 28.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12½/12½ p. m. p. m.	12½/4 p. m. p. m.	12½/4 p. m. p. m.	12½/4 p. m. p. m.	12½/4 p. m. p. m.	12½/4 p. m. p. m.
May.....	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.	d. d.
June.....			24.05/23.90	24.08/24.61	24.60/25.00	
July.....			23.90/23.72	23.88/24.38	24.25/24.48	
August.....			23.80/23.62	23.80/24.28	24.15/24.23	
September.....			23.65/23.47	23.65/24.13	24.01/24.03	
October.....			23.43/23.29	23.47/24.00	23.78/23.82	
November.....	HOLI-DAY.	HOLI-DAY.	23.18/23.04	23.24/23.76	23.57/23.52	HOLI-DAY.
December.....			22.76/22.62	22.85/23.36	23.16/23.09	
January.....			22.48/22.36	22.57/23.08	22.88/22.79	
February.....			22.26/22.14	22.35/22.85	22.64/22.52	
March.....			22.02/21.87	22.10/22.60	22.39/22.22	
April.....			21.77/21.62	21.86/22.36	22.14/22.00	
			21.52/21.37	21.61/22.11	21.89/21.75	

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 28 1920.

Flour was at one time declining. The mills were naturally anxious to stimulate business after rather prolonged dullness and lower prices. Here the lowering of prices met with little response. Consumers have adopted a waiting attitude. This is partly due to the fact that transportation facilities have increased somewhat. Certainly the trade here is getting enough for immediate needs. It is, therefore, less nervous on the subject of supplies. Besides, buyers already have large unfulfilled contracts with the mills. They are disposed to wait until these are filled before they make further purchases. Also some have a notion that wheat may decline after the Grain Corporation goes out of existence on June 1st. Later a rather good export demand was reported, especially for straights and clears. They sold at noticeably higher prices for export, it was said, than was obtainable for domestic account. Early in the week Minneapolis flour prices dropped another 25 cents to a basis of \$14.75 per barrel for family brands. Ten days ago this

brand was quoted at \$16.20. Broomhall says his Pacific Coast agent cables: "Crop conditions generally favorable. We look for wheat crop of approximately 55,000,000 bushels for the North Pacific States as against 64,000,000 bushels last year."

Wheat was off early in the week at Minneapolis to \$2.80 @ \$2.90 for No. 1 Northern with little life in the market. Here cash wheat was weak for a time in the forepart of the week with No. 2 hard quoted at \$2.90 f. o. b. Gulf ports and c. i. f. track New York. Later 250,000 bushels were sold for export possibly to Italy. And there was a surprising decrease in the visible supply in the United States of 745,000 bushels in the teeth of big receipts. Home and foreign consumption on a liberal scale was evident. The decrease in the visible leaves it 38,097,000 bushels against 27,615,000 a year ago. Later Chicago wired that exporters were buying some wheat and asking for offerings of rye. British continental buyers have not bought wheat at all freely. The Continent complains that prices are too high. The British Commission has been holding aloof. Kansas crop reports were favorable; harvesting there it is stated will begin in four weeks. In Oklahoma cutting will begin it appears in three weeks. The Kansas crop will reach 110,000,000 bushels if present conditions continue into the harvest, according to an estimate made by the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

In Australia drought has been severe, especially in New South Wales. Wheat is urgently in need of more rain in that country. In Italy it is feared that severe crop damage will result from the heat wave which is being experienced there. In the United Kingdom the weather is hot but seasonable. Liverpool "Corn Trade News" says: "The bread ration this month was fixed at 250 grammes per day and of macaroni at 500 grammes per week. The bread ration is equal to a little more than a half-pound, which, of course, is rather small, but it is supplemented by the macaroni. There is no precise information of present-day milling percentage in Italy, but we know that the extraction is high, and we should reckon that if the rationing is rigidly enforced and maintained, Italy would not consume during twelve months more than 192,000,000 bushels, which is about an average crop for that country." C. A. King, of Toledo, says the Argentine Government has ruled that for every ton of wheat exported a ton and a half of corn must be shipped. Argentine wheat surplus is mostly sold, but her corn supplies are still very large. Europe will have to take a great deal more corn than she wants or else buy more wheat in America. If she takes the corn to get wheat, she may try to unload the corn on us. Argentine corn surplus exceeds 200,000,000 bushels. Paris cabled on the 25th inst. that the text of the proposed law establishing the price of wheat and controlling the wheat supply had been approved by the Cabinet on that day. It authorizes the Government to buy all domestic wheat of the 1920 crop, as well as all imported foreign wheat.

Minneapolis wired that progress is being made in relieving the car shortage crisis. The Omaha and Rock Island lines are up to their schedule in bringing cars from the East and other roads are doing well. The Northern Pacific, which has only 60% of its box car equipment, due to the congestion in the East, and which had not been asked to provide cars, set out 20% of the number furnished for Minneapolis terminals. President Wilson has issued a proclamation removing Government control over cereals and cereal products on June 1, and returning the trade in these commodities to private control. In the United Kingdom continued good weather has improved the agricultural outlook, and prospects for new grain are maintained. In France the agricultural prospects are fairly favorable. In Germany the weather has been seasonable and the crops are in good condition. Potatoes have made a favorable start. In Italy there are complaints of damage to the crop on account of intensely hot weather. In Spain and Portugal the outlook is considered favorable, but actual supplies of grains are extremely short. In North Africa the crop has been damaged by hot weather. In Australia wheat is badly in need of rain. The drought is especially severe in South Wales. In India merchants predict that there will not be any wheat for export until next October, although the stocks in that country are good. Later the British Commission came into the market for wheat and is said to have accepted all offers and asked for more. August and September shipment was most wanted and the price paid was said to be \$3.16 for No. 2 hard f.o.b. Gulf ports. To-day exporters were again buying and it is said took about 250,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	295	295	295	310	310	310
No. 2 red.....	cts. 295	295	295	310	310	310

Indian Corn advanced on unexpectedly small receipts. Selling has been brought to a halt by the continued scarcity of cars despite some admitted increase and better crop news. Evidently the talk of materially increasing transportation facilities will not be the work of a week. It may take many weeks. Meanwhile the visible supply is decreasing. It fell off last week 657,000 bushels. That left the total 3,392,000 bushels against 2,549,000 bushels a year ago. Alarmed shorts have been free buyers, seeing not only corn but rye and oats advancing. Corn and other grain looked oversold. Recent liquidation had been drastic. Offerings grew smaller. May was especially firm. Though receipts have increased they have not been large enough to meet the demand. Much

of course depends as to the future of prices, on the receipts. Meanwhile some having covered are simply looking on not caring to buy at the current prices with the possibility of larger receipts before very long. Others it is true are bullish on the smallness of the supply and the fact that crop prospects are not especially favorable. Chicago emphasizes the delay in planting due to the prolonged wet weather. Cash handlers there as a rule assert that even with much larger receipts here the grain will all be wanted.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	cts. 201	206 1/2	211 1/2	218 1/2	218	218 1/2
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	cts. 178	183 1/2	189 1/2	192 1/2	194	189
July delivery in elevator	157 1/2	161	165 1/2	169 1/2	168 1/2	163 1/2
September delivery in elevator	148 1/2	151	154 1/2	157 1/2	155 1/2	151 1/2
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.

Oats weakened a little for a time in expectation of larger receipts and with the weather more favorable for the crop. Also other commodities and stocks declined. But later oats advanced sharply with other grain. Despite an increase in the visible supply in this country of 447,000 bushels as against a decrease in the same week last year of 2,456,000 bushels the total is only 6,743,000 bushels against 16,680,000 bushels a year ago. Eastern markets are said to be carrying but the slimmest supplies. There would be a quick Eastern demand if cars could be had for immediate shipment. As for the increase in the visible which puzzled not a few, the change from last year's statement being 2,900,000 bushels a Chicago explanation was that about 1,500,000 bushels, are Canadian oats in bond at Buffalo. The secretary's office of the Chicago Board of Trade stated that their advise from the secretary of the Buffalo Exchange was to the effect that they were Canadian oats, but no particulars were given as to whether they were in bond or not. In any case visible and invisible stocks are small. Farm reserves are also believed to be small. And the crop outlook might be better. Some have taken the bull side on the statistical and crop situation. Much of the recent decline of 10 to 12 cents has been recovered. To-day prices declined but they end higher for the week. Offerings greatly increased. Cars are said to be more plentiful. And the weather was better.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 1 white	cts. 143	143	143 1/2	143 1/2	145	142	145	140	143
No. 2 white	143	143	143 1/2	143 1/2	145	142	145	140	143
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.			

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	cts. 98 1/2	99 1/2	102	105 1/2	104	103 1/2
July delivery in elevator	85 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	91 1/2	90	87 1/2
September delivery in elevator	74 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.

Rye advanced with other grain as the receipts were smaller than expected and exporters re-entered the market. The visible supply fell off 1,532,000 bushels bringing it down to 9,689,000 bushels against 11,528,000 a year ago. Chicago reported some export business at 13 cents over Chicago July c. i. f. Georgian Bay shipment by June 2, and 19c. over July track Baltimore May and first half f June. And exporters took 100,000 bushels here earlier in the week supposed to be for Germany. In a single day prices advanced 8@10c. To-day prices of a recent decline of 3c. has been recovered. Sales latterly reached 200,000 bushels. And there are said to be orders for considerable more. Hedging operations it is said are being carried on in Rye by wheat merchants on the absence of such facilities in the wheat market. To-day prices were lower but they close much higher than a week ago. Exporters were said to be buying both wheat and rye. Offerings were not large however; about 200,000 bushels were reported to-day for export.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery in elevator	cts. 197 1/2	207 1/2	206 1/2	217	218	217
July delivery in elevator	188	194 1/2	196 1/2	204 1/2	200	197 1/2
	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
Spring patents	\$13 75@14 75	No. 1	\$7 00
Winter straights, soft	13 00@14 00	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl	6 25
Kansas straights	13 50@14 50	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0	7 00@7 15
Rye flour	11 50@12 25	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 25
Corn goods, 100 lbs.—		Oats goods—Carload.	
Yellow meal	4 60@5 10	spot delivery	10 60@11 60
Corn flour	4 85@5 00		
GRAIN.		Oats—	
Wheat—		No. 1	142@145
No. 2 red	\$3 10	No. 2 white	142@145
No. 1 spring	nom.	No. 3 white	142@145
Corn—		Barley—	
No. 2 yellow	2 18	Feeding	175
Rye—		Malting	175@185
No. 2	2 36 1/2		

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 25.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ending May 25, is as follows:

WINTER WHEAT.—Moderate showers and seasonable temperatures characterized the weather of the week in the principal winter wheat States and that crop continued to show improvement in practically all sections of the country, the improvement being substantial in some of the heavy producing areas. Excellent progress was reported from Kansas and Nebraska, and the weather was favorable for winter wheat in nearly all districts from the Rocky Mountains westward, although dry weather in California continues unfavorable. Wheat is mostly in boot in the eastern half of Kansas and is heading out northward to the south-central portion of that State, the lower Ohio Valley and to central North Carolina. Wheat is ripening in the South.

SPRING WHEAT.—The weather during the week was very favorable in the spring wheat belt, except in some local areas in the far Northwest. Temperatures were moderate and there was sufficient soil moisture in nearly all localities. Seeding has been about completed except in some Rocky

Mountain localities, and the crop has germinated well and come up generally to a good stand. Early sown spring wheat is generally looking well in Oregon, but less favorable weather has prevailed in Washington, and the advance has been slower in that State. The weather was favorable for seeding in most northern Rocky Mountain districts.

COTTON.—Moderate temperatures prevailed in the cotton growing States except that it was rather cool in the more eastern section of the belt. The rainfall was light to moderate as a rule, except in localities in the northwestern and southeastern portions, where some heavy rains occurred. East of the Mississippi River the weather showed considerable improvement over that during the preceding week and as a result, cotton made better progress generally in that area, while to the westward conditions were, as a rule, favorable, except in the more northwestern portion of the belt.

CORN.—Rapid progress was made in planting corn, except in some central districts where heavy rain fell, or the soil continued too wet from previous rains. The seed planted germinated quickly under the influence of higher temperatures in Central and Western States, but the germination and growth were slow in the East, where the nights, especially, continued cool. Cultivation made good progress in the South, except where the soil was too wet. Much has been laid by in Texas and the crop is tasseling in the central and southern portions of that State. Some early planting was in market in Florida. Good progress was made in ploughing for corn in the Northern States and some planting was done.

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush 48 lbs	bush 56 lbs.
Chicago	138,000	323,000	1,030,000	1,307,000	187,000	107,000
Minneapolis	1,640,000	62,000	239,000	216,000	96,000	96,000
Duluth	636,000	—	20,000	153,000	337,000	—
Milwaukee	17,000	55,000	96,000	391,000	196,000	111,000
Toledo	—	33,000	33,000	105,000	—	—
Detroit	—	4,000	10,000	12,000	—	—
St Louis	53,000	456,000	429,000	812,000	5,000	7,000
Peoria	43,000	116,000	296,000	342,000	7,000	30,000
Kansas City	—	1,073,000	209,000	144,000	—	—
Omaha	—	391,000	369,000	312,000	—	—
Indianapolis	—	58,000	279,000	474,000	—	—
Total wk. '20	251,000	4,785,000	2,815,000	4,158,000	764,000	688,000
Same wk. '19	400,000	2,676,000	1,517,000	3,079,000	1,723,000	763,000
Same wk. '18	289,000	1,571,000	3,112,000	3,164,000	860,000	119,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1919-20	16,968,000	393,719,000	174,062,000	182,287,000	2,243,413,000	31,605,000
1918-19	14,229,000	390,559,000	175,227,000	248,155,000	1,767,000,000	34,593,000
1917-18	13,745,000	155,858,000	207,887,000	285,964,000	49,104,000,000	22,523,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended May 22 1920 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	146,000	330,000	12,000	328,000	52,000	341,000
Philadelphia	40,000	628,000	24,000	129,000	4,000	142,000
Baltimore	28,000	588,000	26,000	39,000	—	904,000
Norfolk	7,000	—	—	—	—	—
New Orleans *	—	502,000	—	—	—	—
Galveston	117,000	470,000	92,000	90,000	—	—
Montreal	29,000	1,628,000	—	146,000	272,000	165,000
Total wk. '20	377,000	4,176,000	154,000	750,000	378,000	1,552,000
Since Jan. 1 '20	7,869,000	43,389,000	7,908,000	14,477,000	5,223,000	18,934,000
Week 1919	948,000	5,647,000	143,000	1,170,000	533,000	1,355,000
Since Jan. 1 1918	15,134,000	84,285,000	5,689,000	25,666,000	10,236,000	17,523,000

* 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 May 22 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Fas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	438,795	450	104,852	—	27,334	—	4,200
Philadelphia	439,000	—	398,000	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	340,000	11,000	237,000	—	542,000	—	—
Norfolk	—	—	7,000	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	39,000	—	4,000	5,000	—	—	—
Galveston	225,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	570,000	—	16,000	47,000	—	50,000	—
Total week	2,081,795	11,450	766,852	52,000	769,334	50,000	4,200
Week 1919	3,885,319	114,000	1,047,440	1,702,843	1,943,120	162,000	35,518

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1919 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week May 22 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week May 22 1920.	Since July 1 1919.	Week May 22 1920.	Since July 1 1919.
United Kingdom	181,428	6,408,377	603,445	53,383,874	450	2,481,243
Continental	541,568	9,970,285	1,462,350	85,974,389	1,000	246,500
S. & Cent. Amer.	2,000	1,034,795	16,000	154,330	—	84,847
West Indies	3,000	1,611,122	—	13,730	10,000	950,568
Brit No Am Colonies	—	58	—	—	—	3,970
Other Countries	38,856	248,466	—	413,025	—	11,303
Total	766,852	19,273,103	2,081,795	139,939,348	11,450	3,778,431
Total 1918-19	10,474,400	16,754,946	3,885,319	142,828,785	114,000	5,005,797

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending May 22 1920 and since July 1 1919 and 1918 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1919-20.		1918-19.	1919-20.		1918-19.
	Week May 22	Since July 1	Since July 1	Week May 22	Since July 1	Since July 1
North Amer.	Bushels. 4,293,000	Bushels. 285,448,000	Bushels. 300,257,000	Bushels. 9,000	Bushels. 2,730,000	Bushels. 8,097,000
Russia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Danube	—	—	—	—	—	—
Argentina	8,341,000	207,750,000	77,688,000	2,042,000	123,159,000	34,294,000
Australia	1,256,000	86,481,000	58,546,000	—	—	—
India	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oth countr's	—	1,911,000	3,500,000	—	1,750,000	4,238,000
Total	13,890,000	581,590,000	445,674,000	2,051,000	127,639,000	46,629,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports May 22 1920 was as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat. bush.	Corn. bush.	Oats. bush.	Rye. bush.	Barley. bush.
New York	531,000	15,000	203,000	265,000	33,000
Boston	184,000	—	—	1,000	64,000
Philadelphia	1,819,000	113,000	101,000	436,000	5,000
Baltimore	1,370,000	287,000	115,000	778,000	4,000
New Orleans	1,311,000	116,000	197,000	27,000	718,000
Galveston	4,236,000	—	2,000	194,000	302,000
Buffalo	5,178,000	427,000	—	3,586,000	579,000
Toledo	572,000	19,000	47,000	162,000	—
Detroit	23,000	20,000	64,000	24,000	—
Chicago	4,473,000	588,000	2,467,000	437,000	800,000
Milwaukee	431,000	294,000	658,000	223,000	152,000
Duluth	1,473,000	—	27,000	294,000	142,000
Minneapolis	6,557,000	55,000	1,830,000	2,897,000	1,009,000
St. Louis	392,000	337,000	199,000	10,000	17,000
Kansas City	7,841,000	194,000	208,000	33,000	—
Peoria	2,000	50,000	67,000	—	—
Indianapolis	208,000	372,000	102,000	3,000	—
Omaha	1,361,000	502,000	260,000	130,000	14,000
On Lakes	130,000	—	196,000	83,000	—
On Canal and River	—	—	—	36,000	—
Total May 22 1920	38,097,000	3,399,000	6,743,000	9,689,000	3,839,000
Total May 15 1920	38,842,000	4,056,000	6,294,000	11,221,000	3,361,000
Total May 24 1919	27,615,000	2,549,000	16,680,000	11,528,000	10,708,000
Total May 25 1918	1,534,000	14,407,000	20,496,000	900,000	3,376,000

Note—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 4,000 New York; 1,558,000 Buffalo; total, 1,562,000, against 4,000 bushels in 1919 barley, New York, 4,000 total, 4,000 bushels, against 155,000 in 1919.

Canadian—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Montreal	3,159,000	8,000	563,000	1,178,000	814,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	4,699,000	—	1,920,000	—	721,000
Other Canadian	2,941,000	—	1,723,000	—	333,000
Total May 22 1920	10,799,000	8,000	4,206,000	1,178,000	1,868,000
Total May 15 1920	11,805,000	9,000	4,172,000	769,000	1,839,000
Total May 24 1919	24,783,000	5,000	4,894,000	97,000	1,290,000
Total May 25 1918	5,505,000	109,000	10,776,000	—	668,000

Summary—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
American	38,097,000	3,399,000	6,743,000	9,689,000	3,839,000
Canadian	10,799,000	8,000	1,723,000	1,178,000	1,868,000
Total May 22 1920	48,896,000	3,407,000	8,466,000	10,867,000	5,707,000
Total May 15 1920	50,647,000	4,065,000	10,466,000	11,990,000	5,155,000
Total May 24 1919	58,519,000	2,554,000	21,574,000	11,625,000	11,998,000
Total May 25 1918	7,039,000	14,516,000	31,272,000	900,000	4,044,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, May 28 1920.

The primary dry goods markets are very quiet and seasonably so, and it is not expected that much attention toward stimulating them will be given before the midsummer holiday. Buyers are about the markets indulging in pessimistic utterances and they show little or no disposition to order goods unless the prices are cut. Many houses report business as stagnant because of the great uncertainties arising from the developments of the past week or two. Transportation congestion has made it extremely difficult to secure merchandise quickly. The long-deferred deliveries and the difficulty in striving to arrange for payment for goods long overdue are also among the troubles that have been wearing raw the patience of buyers. Resistance to high prices by the retail purchaser has manifested itself to such a degree that Eastern manufacturers are reported to have received cancellations by the score. But the cancellations and rumors of cancellations are said not to be worrying jobbers, who for the most part are just as well pleased as if the goods were accepted. Some of the most important merchants in the wholesale districts are beginning to see that a drive is being made on the trade from financial interests not directly connected with the banks. Both jobbers and mill agents are noting that much of the retail price-cutting is confined to goods on which prices were extravagantly high. In many instances it is reported that price reductions in women's dresses in the retail stores of the country range from 20 to 50%. Jobbers are under pressure to cut prices because they have no goods to work on if lower offerings are made. As a matter of fact, many jobbers are already behind on goods their customers insist on having. The great majority of manufacturers and merchants want lower prices and expect them, but they hope that the tendency downward will be gradual. In the mill agencies there is a very noticeable tendency to sit by and watch how far the retail selling movement will actually go. Salesmen's reports indicate that retailers have liquidated large portions of their surplus stocks, and that the response of the public to the sales was beyond all expectations. Retailers are willing to take anything offered at substantial concessions by first hands under a promise to sell them quickly at close prices. Trading in cloths is slow. Fabric manufacturers in the wool goods division are making a firm effort to hold their markets steady. Mills making quality fabrics are holding their orders better than many others, and the larger units of production are not so fearful of cancellations as the smaller mills have shown themselves to be. Fine goods mills are not paying much attention to lower prices made in second hand sales. Auction houses in the dry goods districts in many cases are glutted with merchandise forced into the market by weakening jobbers. Most auction offerings are of woolen piece goods. And quite often it happens that concerns offering the goods are hard pushed for money. Wool prices show an easier tendency. Woolen mills are unwilling to go on producing goods from high-priced raw materials to go into stock. Raw cotton still maintains a high and strong position, and at the moment the crop prospect is not satisfactory; and this fact is tending to make conservatism greater in places where long term merchandising is under consideration. In general, it may be safely said that all textile raw materials, with the possible exception of flax, are tending lower. The English wool auctions held in Boston last week are referred to by the trade as a decided failure on the whole, not only

as to the heavy withdrawals but also in the fact of the decline in prices. Predictions are made that business with Mexico will be better this fall, now that Carranza has been disposed of. At the moment Argentina and Cuba are the best markets for textiles, according to local export houses and those countries are not very active.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Trading in cotton goods during the week has been very quiet, with an easing tendency on certain cloths that have been overpriced for some time. Brokers say it is next to impossible to quote satisfactorily the conditions being greatly unsettled and showing a wide variation. Many cotton goods in the market are held firm by selling agents and will continue to be so held by them until the holiday at least. On heavy cloths for white goods prices are holding steady. The demand for gray goods improved somewhat towards the close of the week, especially in the case of print cloths for near by deliveries, but there is no telling how long it will keep up. Inquiries for spot 38 1/2-inch 64x60s were frequent. For spot and June deliveries of 39-inch 64x64s buyers paid 23 cents. Sheetings are very quiet and fine goods continue dull at first hands. Sales of 6.15 sheetings were effected at 15 1/2c. A better tone to the market for voiles was in evidence and spot business was done on hard-twistgoods at 21 and 22 cents. Lately the same goods had sold around 20 cents. Colored goods are proving fairly active despite the buying slump that has affected the market. Some export orders on the various classes of colored fabrics are being received, particularly for goods of dark and plain shades suitable for working garments. The domestic demand for denims, gingham, &c., is stronger than for most of the other varieties of cottons. Southern cotton mills are reported sold up to next fall, and their chief worry now concerns their ability to deliver the goods.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Trading in woollens has been extremely dull. Retail woolen sales are reported lagging following recent price concessions. Not a few opinions are ventured in the woolen markets that the worst phase of the price situation will be over with the heavyweight season, but on the other hand there are many who disagree with this version of the outlook. Manufacturers are managing to keep cheerful despite their grumblings about cancellations, and some of them even go so far as to say they believe prices on future production are going higher. But there is no gain-saying the fact that the situation at the retail end of the woolen and worsted business has become so depressed that comparatively few plans are made for sales next season. Woolen men are hoping that by the time the next season opens, about July 15 the average manufacturer will have decided upon a definite policy with regard to resuming operations for future business. Bad conditions of the woolen market and inability to make shipments are assigned as reasons for some of the woolen mills closing down. The break in the price of raw wool last week in the Boston market had an important bearing on the outlook. There is an extremely reluctant tendency on the part of manufacturers to buy wool, caused by cancellations coming in during the past few weeks. On the other hand, idleness in the wool manufacturing centres is beginning to have a depressing effect upon wool growers, who have been holding for higher prices. But there is no such scarcity in wool as there is in flax or cotton. Spot ready-to-wear conditions continue very unsettled. Clothing manufacturers are diligent in their propaganda for much higher prices in the fall, and some of the garment manufacturers are declaring that the present rate of retail selling will not last. The most difficult problem that is now facing the manufacturers of apparel, as well as the woolen manufacturer and jobber is the extent to which present curtailment in purchases on the part of consumers will be carried. Some of the largest manufacturers of piece goods report, contrary to cancellations on deliveries for spring, orders booked that will keep the mills busy until the end of December. Jobbing houses accustomed to a large serge business are of the opinion that stimulation of counter trade has saved them; and it is said a growing tendency for heavily pleated dresses is helping increase serge consumption. Serges from 47 inches down are extremely hard to get whereas an abundance of 10-ounce 54-inch materials at \$5.50 and up is reported. There is a strong reluctance on the part of American buyers to take goods in British markets on account of the prices. It is thought that the prices British merchants ask are too high for the American trade. The mills on the other side are said to be having a hard time filling orders for home consumption. A leading importer of woollens is reported as saying that high prices for fall 1920 domestic and foreign goods will be followed by higher prices in the spring of 1921.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—A few parcels of linen goods were received by New York importers last week and other shipments are afloat. Manufacturers in Belfast are striving to fill orders sent them by domestic and export customers. The situation in linens grows more acute week by week, and no change is expected until after the new crop of flax is harvested, and not much change than. The harvest will fall short of requirements. Burlap markets are weaker. There is a congestion of stocks on the seaboard due to inability to ship promptly. Light weights are available at 8 cents a yard; heavies at 11 3/4c. Men experienced in the burlap business look for a hardening of prices before long.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS.

Massachusetts.—Amendment to Savings Bank Investment Law.—Chapter (420), Acts of 1920, amends the law relative to investment of savings bank funds. An amendment made in 1919 provided that railroad bonds, which were legal investments for savings banks at the time when the Federal Government took over the operation of the railroads issuing such bonds should not become illegal investments by reason of the operation of the railroads by the Government. The new law extends this provision for a period of two more years. The Act in full follows:

[Chap. 420.]

AN ACT relative to the investments of savings banks and institutions for savings.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this Act would result in substantial public inconvenience, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The clause entitled "Third" of Section 68 of Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, as amended by Chapter 13 of the General Acts of 1919, which added to said clause a new subsection entitled *o* is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said subsection *o* the following paragraph: The time during which any railroad is operated by the Government of the United States under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved Aug. 29 1916, of an Act of Congress approved March 21, 1918, or of any other Act or Acts of the Congress of the United States, and for two years thereafter, and the earnings made and dividends paid during said time and for said two years thereafter shall not be taken into consideration in determining whether the bonds of the railroad corporation comply with any of the provisions of this section. Any railroad corporation, which, at the time when the operation of its railroad by the Government of the United States under the provisions of the said Act or Acts began, had complied with the provisions of sub-division *e* of this clause, for one or more years next preceding the commencement of such Government operation and control shall be entitled to include, in computing the period of ten years prescribed by the provisions of said sub-division *e* every year during any part of which its railroad shall have been operated by the Government of the United States under the provisions of said Act or Acts, and the two years succeeding the termination of such operation, in determining whether such corporation has complied with the provisions of said sub-division *e* each year for ten years. Except as hereinbefore provided, whenever a reference is made in said sub-division *e* to a period of ten years preceding the date of an investment in the bonds of any railroad corporation, such period shall be deemed exclusive of any time during which the property of such railroad corporation has been operated by the Government of the United States under the provisions of the said Acts and of the two years succeeding the termination of such operation.

Section 2. Any bonds acquired by savings banks or institutions for savings, or by any institution to which said Chapter 590 applies, prior to the passage of this Act, or at any time hereafter, which comply with the provisions of said clause entitled "Third", as amended by said Chapter 13 or by this Act, so long as they continue to comply therewith, be retained as investments authorized by law.

[Approved May 7 1920.]

New York State.—Vehicular Tunnel Appropriation Approved by Governor.—The 30-day period of limitation allowed the Governor in which to sign bills expired at midnight on May 24. Of the 1,200 bills passed by the Legislature, 940 became law. This is an increase of 290 over last year. Among the measures approved by the Governor was the Walters bill, appropriating \$1,000,000 for the initial construction work on the proposed New York-New Jersey vehicular tunnel.

Texas.—Special Session of Legislature Convened.—A special session of the Texas Legislature convened on May 20. The session was called by Governor Hobby to consider recommendations to meet the boll-worm situation and for the enactment of school relief legislation and emergency appropriations of school funds in the approximate sum of \$6,500,000.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABERDEEN, Moore County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 water and \$28,000 sewer 6% bonds offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 10—V. 110, p. 783—have been sold to Paine, Webber & Co., of N. Y.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aberdeen), Brown County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. May 31 by Adah Flemington, Clerk Board of Education, for the \$500,000 5½% school building bonds—V. 110, p. 1446. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Due \$25,000 yearly on April 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to the Board of Education, required. The approving opinion of Judge David F. Simpson of Lancaster, Simpson, Junell & Dorsey of Minneapolis will be furnished to the successful bidder. The district will furnish printed bonds ready for delivery. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt (including this issue) \$699,707; assessed value, 1919, \$20,536,980. Population 1910 census, 10,753.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Gray Harbor County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. June 5 by John B. Orton, County Treasurer, (P. O. Monessano) for the \$270,000 coupon school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest—V. 10, p. 1771.—Denom. \$500. Interest semi-ann. Certified check for 1% required.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Council), Idaho.—BID.—A bid of par for 6s with a deduction of \$10,912.50 was received from Keller Bros. of Denver on May 7 for an issue of \$125,000 road bonds. The bid was rejected.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by Hugh D. Hite, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. May 31 for \$7,120 Ferdinand Stauffer Monroe Twp. and \$9,200 Siegrist French Twp. 4½% macadam road bonds. Each issue is divided into twenty bonds of equal denomination. Date May 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due 1 bond of each issue semi-annually from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

ADENA, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 14 by Wm. P. Tabor, Village Clerk, for \$35,500 6% special assessment Main & Ridge Sts. impt. bonds. Auth. Sec. 3821 and 3914 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$3,000 Oct. 1 1921; \$2,500 Oct. 1 1922; \$1,500 on each April 1 and \$2,000 on each Oct. 1 from April 1 1923 to April 1 1930, incl.; \$2,500 Oct. 1 1930, and \$1,500 April 1 1931. Cert. check for 1½% 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.

ADRIAN, Lenawee County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—Newspaper reports state that at a special election to be held June 18 the voters will have submitted to them propositions to issue \$225,000 water works and \$65,000 water main extension bonds.

ALHAMBRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. June 1 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles) for \$103,000 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1921 to 1942, incl., and \$5,000, 1943 to 1945, incl. Cert. check or cashier's check for 3% payable to the Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Bonded debt \$237,000. Assessed value of taxable property, 1919, \$8,226,865. Population (est.), 12,000.

ALHAMBRA CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. June 1 sealed proposals will be received for \$112,000 5½% bonds by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles). Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1921 to 1933, incl., and \$5,000, 1934 to 1945, incl. Cert. or cashier's check for 3%, payable to the Chairman of Board of County Supervisors required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Bonded debt \$151,250. Assessed value of taxable property 1919, \$8,266,865. Population (est.) 12,000.

ALLEGANY COUNTY (P. O. Cumberland), Md.—BOND OFFERING.—Angus Ireland, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive proposals until 11 a. m. June 11 for \$95,000 5% road bonds. Due serially from May 1 1921 to 1924.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Ft. Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 3 by E. G. Kampe, County Treasurer, for \$24,000 4½% H. G. McDuffee et al Bel River Twp. road bonds. Denom. 40 for \$500 and 20 for \$200. Date June 1 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,200 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Allentown), Lehigh County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—A proposition to issue \$3,000,000 bonds carried by over 3 to 1 at an election held May 18.

ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alliance), Stark County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A proposition to issue \$200,000 school building bonds carried by a vote of 929 to 411 at an election held April 27, it is reported.

AMERY, Polk County, Wisc.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 12 \$25,000 6% 1-20 year bonds will be submitted to the voters. V. H. Christensen is City Clerk.

ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. June 1 by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk (P. O. Los Angeles) for \$200,000 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Due \$8,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1945, incl. Cert. or cashier's check for 3% payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Bonded debt, \$18,000. Assessed value of taxable property, 1919, \$4,843,580. Population (est.), 4,000.

ASHTABULA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashtabula), Ashtabula County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. E. Peck, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. June 15 for \$77,000 6% school bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625, 7627 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1925, and \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1926 to 1940, incl. Cert. check on a national bank for \$2,000 required.

ATLANTIC COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic City), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. June 5 by E. L. Johnson, County Collector, for \$454,000 2-year State highway, \$650,000 6-year county road, and \$25,500 6-year county building 6% bonds. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 2% required.

BATAVIA, Genesee County, N. Y.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election is to be held June 14 to vote on propositions to issue \$70,000 William Street school extension, \$70,000 East Main Street school addition, \$13,000 property purchase and impt., and \$500 playground bonds.

BEAUREGARD PARISH (P. O. De Ridder), La.—BOND OFFERING.—D. W. McFatter Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of Police Jury, will sell at public auction, 2 p. m. June 8, the following 5% bonds: \$142,000 30-year Road District No. 2 bonds. \$138,500 30-year Road District No. 3 bonds. \$92,000 20-year Road District No. 4 bonds. \$93,000 20-year Road District No. 6 bonds. Date Sept. 1 1919. Interest annually. Certified check for 2½% of bid payable to the Parish Treasurer, required.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Dillon), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that R. F. Tattersall, Clerk, Board of Trustees, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. June 2, \$95,000 10-20 year (opt.) school building bonds at not exceeding 6% int. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for \$2,000 payable to the above clerk required.

BENICIA, Solano County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. June 1 by J. O. Maravy, City Clerk, for \$15,000 6% gold coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.), payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl. Cert. check for 5% required.

BETHANY, Moultrie County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Village Clerk advises us that the village recently disposed of \$4,000 bonds.

BETTSTVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bettsville), Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 2 by Geo. A. Geyer, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$15,000 6% school-addition-bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date day of sale. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$500, 1921 to 1926, incl.; \$1,000, 1927 to 1938, incl. Certified check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BILLINGS, Yellowstone County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—E. H. Sackett, City Clerk, will sell at public auction at 3 p. m. June 15 the \$50,000 water bonds at not exceeding 6% interest—V. 110, p. 1661. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at option of holder at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Due Jan. 1 1940. Redeemable 1-10 ann. after 10 years from date. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$2,500, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. The bonds will be printed and furnished by said city at its expense and will be ready for delivery at time of sale. The city of Billings will furnish the approving opinion of Charles B. Wood of Chicago without expense to the bidders.

Financial Statistics.

Actual value of property (estimated).....	\$30,000,000 00
Assessed valuation for taxation year 1919.....	9,028,149 00
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	1,001,000 00
Floating debt—warrants outstanding May 1 1920.....	3,398 10
Water works bonds included in above.....	500,000 00
Sinking funds on hand to retire bonds May 1 1920.....	31,029 64
Population 1910 Census, 10,031; population, 1920 Census, 15,100.....	

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On May 24 an issue of \$70,000 5½% paving bonds was awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, at 100.29, a basis of about 5.42%. Date May 1 1920. Due \$7,000 yearly on May 1 from 1921 to 1927, incl.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that an election may be called to vote on the issuance of \$1,000,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$200,000 yearly for five years.

BOSSIER CITY, Bossier Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—U. W. Hutchings, Clerk of Council, will receive bids for \$28,500 5% water works bonds until 8 p. m. July 6. Denom. \$500. Prin. and ann. int. payable at the National City Bank, N. Y., or American National Bank, Shreveport. Due yearly on Feb. 1, as follows: \$500 1921 to 1942, incl., \$1,000 1943 to 1952, incl., and \$1,500 1953 to 1957, incl. Legality approved by John C. Thomson of N. Y.

BRANFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. June 21 by A. J. Harmount, Town Treasurer, for \$160,000 4% coupon (with privilege of registration) road-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Principal and em-annual interest payable in gold coin of the U. S. of the present standard

DUNCAN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, Greenlee County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. July 6 by A. L. Terry, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Clifton), it is stated for the \$30,000 6% school bonds offered without success on April 5—V. 110, p. 1662. Denom. \$1,000. Date Apr. 1 1920. Int. A. & O. payable in Clifton, Ariz. or New York City, N. Y. Due \$3,000 yearly on Apr. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Cert. check for 5% payable to the Board of Supervisors, required.

EAST PALESTINE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 1 by O. L. Butts, Village Clerk, for \$2,250 5 1/2% coupon street impt. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$250. Date Apr. 1 1920. Int. A. and O. Due \$500 April 1 in 1925, 1926 and 1927, and \$750 April 1 1928. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

EASTWOOD, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—Proposals to issue \$45,000 paving and \$20,000 sewer bonds carried by votes of 114 to 10 and 122 to 24, respectively, at a special election held May 18, according to reports.

EAST YOUNGSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Youngstown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. June 1 by J. W. Powers, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$100,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1925 to 1944, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank, located in Mahoning County for \$5,000, payable to the above Clerk, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

EDMUNDS COUNTY (P. O. Ispawich), So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 4 by L. J. Thomas, County Auditor, for \$75,000 funding bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1925 to 1939 incl. Certified check for \$7,500 required. The legal opinion of Elmer L. Williams of Minneapolis will be furnished by the board.

ELK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elk Grove), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—The issuance of \$125,000 school bonds will be submitted to the voters, it is stated, on June 12.

ELKHART SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Goshen), Elkhart County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. June 8 by Martin H. Kinney, Township Trustee, for \$50,000 5 1/2% school bid bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,500 yearly for 20 years. Certified check for \$2,500 required.

ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED.—The city is making an effort to sell by popular subscription an issue of \$425,000 5% registered Main Street bridge construction bonds, bids being received at 7:30 p. m. to-day (May 29). Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Chamberlain's office. Due annually in from 1 to 20 years. Bonded debt (excl. this issue), \$1,101,000. Water debt (add'l), \$1,415,000. Assessed value, \$34,891,500.

EMMETT COUNTY (P. O. Petoskey), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 1 by D. Chas. Levinson, Chairman, for \$50,000 5% road bonds. Denoms. to suit purchaser. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1940. Purchaser to pay for bonds and their printing. Bonded debt, this issue only. Assessed value 1919, \$13,000,000.

ENDICOTT (V.) AND UNION (T.) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Endicott), Broome County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—TO BE RE-SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT HIGHER RATE OF INTEREST.—An issue of \$160,000 5% school bonds offered on May 26 was not sold. The question of issuing the bonds at a higher rate of interest will be submitted to the voters.

EVANS CITY, Butler County, Pa.—BONDS ELECTION ON June 1 it is stated, an election is to be held to vote on the issuance of \$14,000 paving bonds.

FAIRMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairmont), Martin County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held, it is stated, on June 5 to vote on the issuance of \$60,000 bonds to provide a central heating system for the schools.

FERGUS COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42, (P. O. Brooks) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—At 2 p. m. June 7 bids will be opened by Nora Belgin, Clerk for a \$1,000 6% 10-15 yr. bond issue. Certified check of \$150 required.

FERGUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (P. O. Buffalo) Mont.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—On May 20 no bids were submitted for the \$67,500 6% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds—V. 110, p. 1898. Denom. \$1,000.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert H. McElwee, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. June 4 for \$14,800 4 1/4% Schuyler L. Tourrette et al. Wash Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$740. Date April 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$740 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, inclusive.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Herbert E. Stone, Town Treasurer, will receive proposals until 1 p. m. June 1 for the purchase at discount, of a temporary loan of \$100,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, and maturing Nov. 30 1920. Notes will be ready for delivery on or about June 4 or as soon as they can be registered and certified by the Bureau of Statistics of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 1 by Ralph W. Smith, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, for the following 6% road-impt. bonds:

- \$97,000 Sullivant Ave. impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$10,000 yearly on May 15 from 1921 to 1929, inclusive, and \$7,000 May 15 1930.
- 52,000 Hess No. 1 road-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$5,000 yearly on May 15 from 1921 to 1928, inclusive, and \$6,000 May 15 in 1929 and 1930.
- 35,500 Elliott road-impt. bonds. Denom. 1 for \$500, 35 for \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due \$3,500 June 1 1921; \$3,000 1922 to 1925, inclusive, and \$4,000 1926 to 1930, inclusive.
- 386,000 Harbor road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$39,000 1921 to 1926, inclusive, and \$38,000 1927 to 1930, inclusive.

Auth. Sec. 6929, Gen. Code. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check on a solvent national bank or of County Commissioners, required. Delivery to be made at Columbus. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for an issue of \$100,000 6% Greenlawn Ave. Bridge bonds will be received until 10 a. m. June 16 by Ralph W. Smith, Clerk of Board of County Comm'rs. Auth. Sec. 5643 & 5644 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office, where bonds will also be ready for delivery on day of sale. Due \$2,000 June 1 1921 and \$7,000 yearly on June 1 from 1922 to 1935, incl. Cert. check on a national bank or trust company, for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of County Comm'rs., required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GALLUP, McKinley County, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated that sealed bids will be received for the \$10,000 water extension, \$10,000 sewer extension and \$10,000 street and bridge 6% 20-30-year (opt.) coupon bonds—V. 110, p. 1338—by Wm. A. Walden, Town Clerk, until 8 p. m. June 16. Date May 1 1920. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.

GASTONIA, Gaston County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until June 23 for \$430,000 6% serial city's consolidated sewer and combined water, electric light and power bonds by R. G. Cherry, Mayor. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required.

GEAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. E. Leach, County Auditor, will receive bids until 12 m. June 21 for the following 6% road bonds:

- \$27,250 Middlefield-Huntsburg Center road bonds. Denom. 54 for \$500 and 1 for \$250. Due \$1,000 on May 1 and Nov. 1 in 1921 and 1922; \$1,500 on May 1 and Nov. 1 in 1923, 1924 and 1925; \$2,000 on May 1 and Nov. 1 in 1926 and 1927; \$2,000 May 1 1928; \$1,000 Nov. 1 1928, May and Nov. 1 in 1929; and \$1,250 May 1 1930.
- 24,000 Scotland Station northerly road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 each six months from May 1 1921 to May 1 1925; and \$1,500 each six months from Nov. 1 1925 to May 1 1930, incl.

38,250 Chardon Village-Munson Center road bonds. Denom. 76 for \$500 and 1 for \$250. Due \$1,000 May 1 and Nov. 1 1921; \$2,000 on May 1 and Nov. 1 in each of the years from 1922 to 1928, incl.; \$3,000 on May 1 and Nov. 1 in 1929; and \$2,250 May 1 1930.

Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. (M. & Nov.) payable at the County Treasury, where bonds will also be delivered and paid for. Cert. checks for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GEM COUNTY (P. O. Emmett) Ida.—BOND ELECTION.—On Aug. 13 \$200,000 highway bonds are to be voted upon.

GILES COUNTY (P. O. Pearisburg), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—On June 8 at 9 a. m. F. E. Snidow, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive proposals for \$100,000 6% coupon road bonds, being part of an issue of \$300,000 authorized by a vote of 989 to 104 at an election held April 6 1920. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the First National Bank, Pearisburg. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000 1932 and 1933, \$9,000 1934 and 1935, \$10,000 1936 and 1937, \$11,000 1938 and 1939, and \$12,000 1940 and 1941. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds upon which the bid is submitted required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt none. Assessed value for taxation, last assessment, \$4,500,000. Actual value (est.) \$20,000,000. Total tax rate (per \$100) \$2. Population 1920 (est.) 12,500.

GLENDALE, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until June 14 for the following 6% bonds—V. 110, p. 1217.

- \$35,000 water bonds. Due March 1 1940.
- 20,000 electric light bonds. Due April 1 1940.
- 25,000 paving bonds. Due May 1 1930.

GLENDALE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of an issue of \$250,000 6% water and electric dept. bonds recently offered for sale \$100,000 bonds were disposed of.

The unsold portion of the above bond issue will be sold at a private sale.

GLENN'S FERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glenns Ferry), Elmore County, Ida.—BOND VOTED.—On May 11 \$40,000 high school bonds were voted.

GLYNN COUNTY (P. O. Brunswick), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 1 by Paul E. Twitly, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$40,000 5% coupon building bonds being part of an issue of \$250,000 auth. on Dec. 18—V. 109, p. 2 58. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in New York in gold. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1926, incl. Cert. check for \$800, payable to the County Commissioners, required. The approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich of N. Y. will be furnished to purchaser without charge. The bonds will be furnished by county and will be delivered on or about the date of purchase.

Financial Statement.

Assessed value taxable property, 1919	\$12,195,242 00
Estimated real value taxable property	20,000,000 00
Value of property owned by the county	350,000 00
Bonded debt, including this issue:	
Issue of 1895 sold	\$55,000
Issue of 1919 sold	\$110,000
On hand, unsold	240,000
This issue	350,000
Total bonded debt	\$655,000 00
Floating debt	None
Cash value of sinking fund held for debt redemption	56,663 45
Population 1910 Census, 15,780. Population 1920 (est.), 20,000.	
Tax rate 1919, \$1.20 per \$100. Assessed value for 1920, (est.) \$15,000,000. Final date for payment of taxes annually, Dec. 19. Limitation of indebtedness 7% of assessed value of property. No limitation of taxes to pay indebtedness.	

Glynn County has never defaulted in the payment of any part of either principal or interest of any debt.

GRAFTON, Lorain County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that on April 27 a proposition to issue \$40,000 water works and sewer bonds carried by a vote of 165 to 61.

GRAYSON COUNTY (P. O. Sherman), Tex.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An issue of \$50,000 district road bonds will be submitted to the voters on June 12.

GREEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Laings), Monroe County, Ohio.—NO BIDDERS.—There were no bidders for the \$6,000 6% school bonds, offered on May 15.—V. 110, p. 1996.

GROTON, Tompkins County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of an issue of \$90,000 water supply extension bonds offered on May 25. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the First National Bank of Groton. Due \$3,000 yearly on May 1 from 1921 to 1950.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 31 by H. O. Cottingham, County Treasurer, for \$8,400 4 1/4% A. J. Brock Noblesville Twp. road bonds. Int. M. & N. Due each six months beginning May 1, 1921.

HAMPDEN COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$300,000 5 1/2% registered tax-free notes, dated June 1, 1920 and payable June 1 1923, offered on May 25—V. 110, p. 2104—were awarded on that date to Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, at 98.52, and interest, a basis of about 6.05%.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,860 Geiger Pike bonds offered on May 3 at 5%—V. 110, p. 1996—have been sold to the First National Bank of Dunkirk at 6%. Due yearly as follows: \$4,000, 1921; \$5,000, 1922; \$4,000, 1923 and \$4,860, 1924.

HASTINGS, Adams County, Neb.—BIDS REJECTED.—All the bids that were received on May 24 for the two issues of bonds aggregating \$175,000—V. 110, p. 1996—were rejected.

HAVRE, Hill County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—On March 15, \$125,000 sewer and \$40,000 park 6% 20-year bonds were authorized by the voters.

HEMPHILL COUNTY (P. O. Canadian), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that on May 18 an issue of \$70,000 county hospital bonds was voted.

HERKIMER, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 4 by Madge B. Whitehead, Village Treasurer, for \$160,000 5% tax-free electric light impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First Nat. Bank of Herkimer; if requested by registered holder will be redeemed in New York exchange. Due \$8,000 yearly on May 1 from 1921 to 1949 incl. Cert. check on a national bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$500,000 6% sewer bonds has been sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable in gold. Due June 1 1926.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On May 27 \$2,000 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) tax-free highway bonds were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston at 100.599, a basis of about 5.37%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable in gold coin at the Merchants Nat. Bank of Boston; interest on registered bonds will be mailed by check. Due \$20,000 yearly on May 1 from 1921 to 1930 incl.

HOPEDALE, Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—U. G. Kyle, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. June 12 for \$5,000 6% coupon street impt. (village's share) bonds. Denom. \$250. Date April 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the Village Treasurer's office. Due \$250 each six months from April 1 1921 to Oct. 1 1930, incl. 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.

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Thermopolis), Wyo.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$4,000 6% bonds offered on April 12—V. 110, p. 1554.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—NO BIDDERS.—There were no bidders for the \$25,000 4 1/2% Samuel Lindley Liberty Twp. road bonds offered on May 25—V. 110, p. 2104.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY (P. O. Belzoni), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated that subject to an election June 1 \$200,000 road and \$300,000 court house and jail bonds at not exceeding 6% interest will be sold on June 7. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 7 1920.

INDIAN CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Winamac R. F. D. No. 2), Pulaski County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. June 11 by Vernon Kestle, Township Trustee, for the following 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds: \$32,666 62 School Twp. bonds. Denom. 56 for \$500 and 7 for \$666 66. Due \$2,166 66 on each Jan. 1 and \$2,500 on each July 1 from July 1 1921 to Jan. 1 1928, inclusive.

37,333 28 Civil Twp. bonds. Denom. 64 for \$500 and 8 for \$666 66. Due \$2,166 66 on each Jan. 1 and \$2,500 on each July 1 from July 1 1928 to Jan. 1 1936, inclusive.

Date day of sale. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the Township Trustee required.

IRON COUNTY (P. O. Parowan), Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., of Salt Lake City has purchased the following 6% bonds:

\$125,000 road bonds. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$8,000 1926 to 1935 incl., and \$9,000 1936 to 1940 incl.

25,000 county hospital bonds. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 1926 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000 1931 to 1940 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York. Bonded debt this issue only. Assessed value \$7,941,099; Actual value (est.), \$11,000,000. Population, 1910 (Census), 7,947.

ISLAND COUNTY (P. O. Coupeville), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Libbey, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will sell at public auction 2 p. m. June 7, it is stated, \$27,000 county bonds.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following 4 issues of 5 1/2% tax-free bonds, offered on April 27—V. 110, p. 1773—were awarded to Whittlesey, McLean & Co. of Detroit:

\$95,000 water works impt. bonds. Due \$5,000 May 1 1938, and \$9,000 yearly on May 1 from 1939 to 1948, inclusive.

17,000 repaving bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$7,000, 1939; \$5,000, 1940, and \$2,000, 1941.

27,500 storm sewer bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924; \$3,500, 1933; \$3,000, yearly from 1939 to 1945, inclusive.

36,500 paving bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1924; \$1,000, 1925; \$6,000, 1926; \$2,000, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932; \$1,500, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1937, 1938; \$2,000, 1939, and \$3,000, 1943.

Date May 1 1920.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On May 6 the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit purchased \$200,000 road bonds of this county.

JACKSON PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 4 by R. L. Dickerson, President of the School Board (P. O. Jonesboro), for the following bonds:

\$40,000 School District No. 8 bonds. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on April 1 from 1921 to 1940, inclusive.

5,000 School District No. 13 bonds. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive.

12,000 School District No. 26 bonds. Date April 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1938, inclusive.

6,000 School District No. 28 bonds. Date Feb. 1 1920. Due yearly on Feb. 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive.

Certified check on a Louisiana bank for 2 1/2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above President, required. Separate bids will be received for each issue.

JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jackson), Butts County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 1 \$35,000 school bonds will be submitted to a vote.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—James F. Gannon Jr., Director of Dept. of Revenue and Finance, will receive proposals until 12 m. June 2 for \$1,500,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due June 1 1926. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the city of Jersey City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal thereon.

Jersey City—Summary Debt Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Bonds, Temporary bonds, Total debt, Water bonds, Sinking funds, Net debt, and Assessed Valuations, 1920.

JOHNSON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Circleville), Clinton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edwin L. Tudor, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 1 for \$8,000 6% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1928 incl.

JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—NO BIDS SUBMITTED.—No bids were submitted for the \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on May 24 (V. 110, p. 1898).

JOHNSTON COUNTY (P. O. Tishomingo), Okla.—BOND SALE.—Geo. W. and J. E. Piersol of Oklahoma City have purchased, it is stated, \$250,000 5% road bonds, being part of the \$380,000 road bond issue recently authorized—V. 110, p. 2104.

KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kane), McKean County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. G. Berkhouse, Secretary of Board of School Directors, will receive bids until June 7 for the \$50,000 5% 1-20 year serial school bonds, voted at the May 18 election—V. 110, p. 2104. Date Oct 1, 1920.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS REFUSED.—N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati, advise us that because of the decision of their attorneys, Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, that the bonds were being irregularly issued, they have refused to accept the \$60,000 5 1/2% water works impt. bonds, which were awarded to them on March 19—V. 110, p. 1774.

These bonds are now being offered on May 31, as reported in V. 110, p. 2217.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—B. O. Sours, Village Clerk, will receive proposals until 12 m. June 7 for \$5,000 6% street repair bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due May 1 1924. 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 int.

KINGSBURY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 49 (P. O. Hetland), So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% 20 year school bonds offered on May 24—V. 110, p. 2104—have been sold to the First National Bank of Duluth at par.

KIRKWOOD, Warren County, Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a recent election the voters defeated a proposal to issue \$20,000 water bonds.

KITSAP COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On May 19 the \$10,000 5 1/2% school bonds—V. 110, p. 2105—were sold to the State of Washington. Denom. \$1,000. Due 1930, optional 1925. There were no other bidders.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by A. O. Guild, Director of Finance, until 12 m. May 31 for \$35,000 5 1/2% park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Semi-annual interest (A. & O.), payable at the Cleveland Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due \$10,000 Oct. 1 1941, \$20,000 Oct. 1 1942 and \$5,000 Oct. 1 1943. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. The official circular states that the city has never defaulted in payment of its obligations and that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting this issue.

LEE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that bids will be received until June 7 by J. W. Sherrill, County Superintendent, (P. O. Fort Myers) for \$100,000 6% 1-30 year school bonds. Date May 1 1920.

LEWISTOWN, Fergus County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Carey, City Clerk, will sell at public auction 9 p. m. July 5 the following 6% bonds recently voted—V. 110, p. 1997:

\$40,000 bridge bonds. Due yearly from 1931 to 1940, incl., redeemable at option of city 1 year preceding the date it is payable. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$1,000 payable to the City Treasurer required.

100,000 water bonds. Due yearly from 1931 to 1940, incl., redeemable at option of city 1 year preceding the date it is payable. Cert. check on some reliable bank for \$2,000 payable to the City Treasurer required.

Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at option of holder at some bank in New York City to be designated by the City Treasurer. The bonds will be printed and furnished by the city at its expense and will be ready for delivery within 15 days from date of award. The city will furnish the approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich of N. Y., without expense to the purchaser.

LIBERTY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Greentown), Howard County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John S. Hall, Township Trustee, will receive bids until 1 p. m. June 11 for the \$39,300 6% school bonds, which were offered unsuccessfully on May 14 as 5 1/2%—V. 110, p. 2218. Denoms. \$500 and \$120. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the State Bank of Greentown. Due \$2,620 yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1935, incl. Cert. check for \$150 required.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. June 16 by Paul Porter, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$170,000 6% school site and bldg. bonds. Auth. Sec. 7625, 7626, 7627 and 5659, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$4,000 June 1 and \$3,000 Dec. 1 in 1921; \$2,000 on June 1 and Dec. 1 in 1922, 1923, 1924; \$3,000 on June 1 and \$2,000 on Dec. 1 in 1925, 1926 and 1927; 3,000 on June 1 and Dec. 1 in 1928, 1929 and 1930; \$3,000 on June 1 and \$4,000 on Dec. 1 in 1931 and 1932; \$4,000 on June 1 and Dec. 1 in 1933, 1934 and 1935; \$5,000 on June 1 and \$4,000 on Dec. 1 in 1936 and 1937; \$5,000 on June 1 and Dec. 1 in 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942; \$5,000 on June 1 and \$4,000 on Dec. 1 in 1943, and \$3,000 June 1 1944. Cert. check for \$2,500, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LODI TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jerseyville), Athens County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Lawther, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. June 17 for \$10,000 6% school repair bonds. Auth. Sec. 7629 Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1941, incl. Certified check for \$200 payable to the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LORDSTOWN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 10 by M. J. Kistler, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$13,000 6% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Union Savings & Trust Co. of Warren. Due each six months as follows: \$500, April 1 1921; \$1,000, Oct. 1 1921 to Oct. 1 1923 incl.; \$1,500, April 1 1924, and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1924 to Oct. 1 1925 incl. Cert. check for \$200, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Union Savings & Trust Co. of Warren. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ardmore), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. June 22 by the Chairman of the Finance Committee for \$270,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) road bonds. Int. J. & D. Due \$30,000 Dec. 1 1921, and \$40,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1922 to 1927, incl. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to the "Township of Lower Merion required." required. Legality approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Phila.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

LYNDEN, Whatcom County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 6% paving bonds has been sold, it is stated, to the Lynden State Bank of Lynden at par. Denom. \$1,000.

LYNN HAVEN, Bay County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 10 by George C. Morton, Secretary Board of Bond Trustees, for \$15,000 6% gold bridge and street-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in New York or Lynn Haven, at option of holder. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1939 to 1953, inclusive. Certified check on a bank or trust company in Florida, or on a national bank in any place, for \$300 required. The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York will prepare and certify the bonds, and Caldwell & Masslich will approve them as valid obligations of city, payable from taxes, upon all its taxable property, as provided by Chapter 6721, Laws of 1913. Bonds will be delivered at the office of the City Secretary, or at the office of the above trust company in New York, at option of purchaser, on June 30 1920, or as soon thereafter as they can be prepared, and must then be paid for in New York funds.

Financial Statement of the City of Lynn Haven.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed Valuation, Estimated actual value, Total debt including this issue, and Sinking funds.

McLENNAN COUNTY (P. O. Waco), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held June 22 an issue of \$365,000 road impt. bonds at not exceeding 5 1/2% interest will be voted upon.

MADERA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On May 7 \$71,500 6% 1-24-year school bonds were sold to Stephens & Co. for \$71,707 35 (100.29) and interest. Denoms. 23 for \$3,000 and 1 for \$2,500. Int. M. & N.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. London), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 14 by the Board of County Commissioners for \$40,600 6% coupon Columbus Washington C. H. I. C. H. No. 50 bonds. Auth. Sec. 1223 Gen. Code. Denom. 1 for \$600 and 80 for \$500. Date June 20 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$3,100 on March 1 1921, and \$2,500 each six months from Sept. 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1928, incl. Cert. check for \$200, payable to the Board of County Commissioners required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MANATEE COUNTY (P. O. Bradentown), Fla.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$50,000 6% 1-5-year serial time warrants offered on May 10—V. 110, p. 1899—have been sold, according to reports, to the Bradentown Bank & Trust Co. at par and interest.

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Manhattan) Gallatin County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 12 by a vote of 195 "for" to 15 "against" \$64,000 community high school bonds were voted.

MARIANNA, Jackson County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. McNulty, City Clerk, will receive proposals until 8 p. m. June 11 for \$40,000 6% 30-year paving bonds. Date Mar. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to J. C. Davis, President of City Council, required.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11, Ariz.—BID REJECTED.—On May 17 the only bid submitted for the \$200,000 6% high and grade school bonds V. 110, p. 1997 was rejected because it was so far below par. Bonds not to be re-offered until conditions improve.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville), Ala.—BONDS VOTED.—It is stated that this county recently voted \$560,000 road bonds by a vote of 2 to 1.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 24 an issue of \$133,000 6% coupon Marion-Kenton Road, I. C. H. No. 112, bonds, was awarded to a Toledo firm at par and interest, plus the cost of printing the bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$6,000 each six months from Mar. 1 1921 to Mar. 1 1924, incl., and \$7,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1924 to Sept. 1 1930, incl.

MARION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alger), Hardin County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At the April 27 election, it is reported, \$90,000 school bldg. bonds were voted.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Britton), So. Dak.—BONDS PROPOSED.—We are advised by Clarence Sandahl, County Auditor, that the county is contemplating the issuance of \$60,000 drainage bonds.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Moundsville), W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that proposals will be received until 1 p. m. June 1 for \$200,000 5% Clay Road District bonds by J. E. Chase, Clerk of County Court. Date Jan. 1 1920

MAUMEE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BONDS SOLD IN PART.—Of the two issues of 5½% coupon bonds offered on March 29 last—V. 110, p. 1110—the \$2,750 Conant St. Impt. bonds have been purchased by the Sinking Fund Commission. Date Jan. 1 1920. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl., and \$250 Jan. 1 1927.

MEAGHER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. White Sulphur Springs), Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 13 \$50,000 bonds were voted.

MEDINA SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lafayette R. F. D.), Warren County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William Davis, Township Trustee, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. June 12 for \$21,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 each six months from May 15 1921 to May 15 1931, inclusive.

METHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—NO BIDS SUBMITTED.—No bids were submitted for an issue of \$7,200 6% school bonds recently offered for sale.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND ISSUE ABANDONED.—The six issues of 6% coupon special assessment Union Twp. road bonds aggregating \$18,000, which were to have been sold on May 20—V. 110, p. 2105—have been abandoned, owing to the fact that the Supreme Court has decided that the bonds could not be issued at 6%, under the emergency Act, unless the roads had their inception since Feb. 17 1920, when the law was enacted.

MILLVILLE, Bay County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by J. M. Sapp, Attorney (P. O. Panama City), for \$30,000 6% municipal impt. bonds until 10 a. m. June 23. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 2 1920. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 2 1950. Cashier's or cert. check for \$1,500, payable to "Town of Millville" required.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by Henry N. Knott, City Clerk, until 2.30 p. m. June 11 for the following 5% tax-free bonds: \$250,000 library bonds. Due June 1 1950. 120,000 Franklin Avenue bridge bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1927 to 1950 incl. Denoms. \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, as the purchaser thereof may desire. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Fiscal Agency of Minneapolis in New York City or at the office of the City Treasurer. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, required. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of the City Comptroller, or elsewhere in the United States, at option of purchaser. Legality approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

Financial Condition of Minneapolis May 1 1920 Assessed Valuation, 1919

Real property.....	\$175,696,283.00
Personal property.....	51,337,412.00
Money and credits.....	82,655,089.00
Assessed valuation, 1919.....	\$309,688,784.00
Actual valuation (estimated).....	557,000,000.00
Population, National Census, 1900.....	202,718
Population, National Census, 1910.....	301,408
Population, National Census, 1920.....	380,498
Outstanding Bonds	
Total non-serial bonds.....	\$28,663,700.00
This issue.....	370,000.00
Total serial street improvement bonds.....	6,087,607.97
Total May 1 1920.....	\$35,121,307.97
Waterworks bonds included in above.....	2,100,000.00
Value of city property, about.....	67,000,000.00

Sinking Fund.
City of Minneapolis, other bonds and cash.....\$2,456,119.31
The bonds held in the Sinking Fund are 3½, 4, 4½, 4¾, 5, 5½ and 6 per cent, and are carried at their face value.
The City has never defaulted or delayed payment of principal or interest on its bonds.

BOND SALE.—On May 12, E. H. Rollins & Sons of Chicago were awarded at 95.14 and interest a basis of about 5.625%, the \$150,000 5% 1-30-yr. serial sewer coupon bonds dated July 1 1920—V. 110, p. 1997.

MISSOULA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Missoula), Missoula County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—H. C. Carnall, District Clerk, will receive bids for \$205,000 5½% 10-20-year (opt.) coupon school bonds until 8 p. m. June 15. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at option of purchaser at the banking house of any bank in New York, Chicago or Minneapolis. Cert. check on a reliable bank for \$10,000, payable to the County Treasurer required.

MONTPELIER, Bear Lake County, Ida.—BIDS REJECTED.—At the recent offering of \$45,000 6% street improvement bonds Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver, bid 94.10; Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver 90.19 and Keeler Bros. 90. All bids were rejected and the issue will be readvertised.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On May 25 the \$8,800 4½% Sam Watson et al. Madison Twp. bonds, offered on that date—V. 110, p. 2218—were awarded to the First National Bank of Martinsville at par and interest. Date May 15 1920. Due \$440 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, inclusive.

MOSS POINT, Jackson County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until June 1 by C. M. Fairley, City Clerk, for \$10,000 light and power bonds, it is stated.

MOUNTAIN SHEEP IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Joseph), Wallawa County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by A. W. Schaupp, District Secretary, for \$100,000 6% 5-20-year serial irrigation bonds until 5 p. m. June 14, it is stated. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Interest semi-annual.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY (P. O. Muskogee), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—The issuance of \$400,000 5% bridge bonds will be submitted to the voters on June 8, it is stated. Due \$16,000 yearly for 25 years.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—LOAN OFFERING.—It is reported that the City Treasurer will receive proposals until 10 a. m. May 29 for a temporary loan of \$75,000, dated June 1 and maturing Dec. 1 1920.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl J. Bennett, County Comptroller, will receive proposals until 12.30 p. m. June 14 for \$790,000 5% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.), payable in gold at the County Treasurer's office. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to Wm. E. Luyster, County Treasurer, required. Bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Nassau County Trust Co. of Mineola, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon; legality approved by Reed, Dough-

erty & Hoyt of New York, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NAVARO COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 19 the State Comptroller registered \$175,000 6% serial bonds.

NEW AURELIA CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aurelia), Cherokee County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—G. S. Kierman, Secretary Board of Directors, will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. June 1, it is stated, the following 5% bonds: \$76,000 school-building bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: 4,000 1926 to 1928, inclusive; \$5,000 1929 to 1931, inclusive; \$6,000 1932 to 1934, inclusive; \$7,000 1935, and \$8,000 1936 to 1938, inclusive. 89,000 school-building bonds. Due Nov. 1 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) payable at the Corn Exchange National Bank, Chicago. Certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, required. Sealed bids for the above will also be given consideration.

NEW CASTLE, New Castle County, Del.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$25,000 5% 5-30-year (opt.) city bonds offered on May 25 (V. 110, p. 2106).

NEW ORLEANS, La.—DESCRIPTION OF CERTIFICATES.—Additional information is at hand relative to the sale of the \$1,600,000 4½% tax-free coupon paying certificates awarded as reported in V. 110, p. 1897. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Interest semi-annual, payable at New Orleans. Due \$160,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Taylor, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 5 p. m. today (May 29) for the following 5½% coupon gold school bonds: \$175,000 High School bonds. Due \$7,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1945, incl. 75,000 Rogers High School Bonds, Series "A". Due \$2,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1957, incl.; and \$1,000 June 1, 1958. 50,000 Broadway School Bonds, Series "A". Due \$2,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1945, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in gold coin of the U. S. of the present standard on weight and fineness, at the City Treasurer's office, or at the First National Bank of Boston at holder's option. Said bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by The First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk only, until 5 p. m. Saturday May 29 1920; are to be sealed and addressed to the Board of Aldermen, Newport, R. I., and marked "Proposal for Bonds." Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Tuesday June 8 1920 at The First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, Mass.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—The offering of the three issues of 5½% and 5% bonds, aggregating \$539,310, which was to have taken place on June 4—V. 110, p. 2218—has been postponed.

NIORABO COUNTY (P. O. Lusk), Wyo.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED.—An issue of \$40,000 court house improvement bonds may soon be voted upon.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—BIDS REJECTED.—NOTES RE-OFFERED.—All bids received for the \$60,000 6% coupon hospital notes, dated June 1 1920, and maturing Dec. 1 1921, offered on May 25—V. 110, p. 2218—were rejected. The Board of County Commissioners will again receive proposals for these notes, this time until 10 a. m. June 1.

NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—It is reported that on May 28 a temporary loan of \$50,000, dated June 1 and maturing Nov. 1 1920 was awarded to the First National Bank on a 6.20% discount basis.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. W. Clark, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 m. today (May 29) for \$70,000 5½% coupon tax-free paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Hampshire County Trust Co. of Northampton. Due \$7,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl. Bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, which trust company will further certify that the legality has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Bayden & Perkins, of Boston, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder, free of charge. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, where they may be inspected.

OVERLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oberlin), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 2 for \$50,000 6% coupon school-site bonds, by J. E. Barnard, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due \$5,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive. Certified check on an Ohio bank for \$1,000, payable to the above Clerk, required.

OCEAN PARK, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 17 by 1004 "for" to 350 "against" \$375,000 municipal auditorium bonds carried.

OLMSTED COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. June 10 by Lester J. Fiegel, County Auditor, for the \$90,000 road bonds at not exceeding 6% interest—V. 110, p. 2106. Date June 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int., payable at the Union Trust Co., Chicago. Due June 1 1930, optional any interest paying date after June 1 1925. Cert. check for 5% of the bid, payable to Jno. J. Fulkerson, County Treasurer, required. The county will furnish the approving opinion of R. G. Andrews of Minneapolis, without charge.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10.30 a. m. June 16 by John L. Sloan, County Treasurer, for \$60,000 5½% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1930 to 1941, incl. A deposit of 2% of amount of bid is required.

ORLAND JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Orland), Glenn and Tehama Counties, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 26 to 0 the question of issuing \$22,000 6% school bonds carried at an election held May 8. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly as follows: \$1,000 1925 to 1934, incl., and \$4,000 1935 to 1937, incl.

PARKDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Parkdale), Hood River County, Ore.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$25,000 6% school bonds recently voted (V. 110, p. 1900) are in denomination of \$500 and are dated June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due yearly as follows: \$1,500 1925 to 1938, incl., and \$2,000 1939 and 1940. Bonded debt, \$30,000; assessed value 1920, \$925,463. The said bonds will be sold about June 15 1920.

PERSHING SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$19,000 6% school bond issue offered on May 14 was not sold. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 19 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.), payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Assessed value of taxable non-operative property 1919-20, \$390,300.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$225,000 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, which was to have taken place on May 24—V. 110, p. 2106—has been postponed indefinitely, because the construction of the school has been abandoned, at least for the present, on account of the abnormally high cost of materials, labor, &c.

PLACERVILLE WATER WORKS DISTRICT (P. O. Placerville), San Miguel County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 15 by J. P. Williams, Secretary, for \$30,000 bonds. No offer less than 95% of the face value of said bonds will be considered.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Crookston), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. June 11 by H. J. Welse, County Auditor, for the following bonds at not exceeding 5½% interest: Road bonds not to exceed \$250,000 and ditch bonds not to exceed \$210,000. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 1%, required.

PONDERA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Conrad), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports say that sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. June 14 by J. I. Castle, Clerk Board of Education, for \$7,000

10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds at not exceeding 6% interest interest semi-annual. Denom. \$1,000. Certified check for \$700, payable to above Clerk, required.

POWDER RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Broadus), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. June 9 by F. T. West, County Clerk, for \$150,000 6% road bonds, it is stated.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY (P. O. Princess Anne), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. June 7 by John C. Wood, Chairman, for \$75,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) Kempsville Magisterial District bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J. payable in Norfolk. Due as follows: \$10,000 1925, \$15,000 1930, \$25,000 1935 and 1940. Certified check on some state or national bank for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to J. E. Old, County Treasurer, required.

PROCTORVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Proctorville), Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 8 by Fred Atkinson, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$50,000 6% school erection bonds. Denom. 40 for \$500 and 40 for \$750. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Citizens National Bank of Ironton. Due \$7,250 May 1 1925, and \$1,250 yearly on May 1 from 1926 to 1960, incl. Certified check for \$300, payable to the Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. These bonds were previously advertised for sale on May 27 as follows—V 110, p. 2106

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$1,500,000 bonds recently authorized—V. 110, p. 2106—have been purchased by the Sinking Fund Commission.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Lime) Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—Sale subject to an election soon to be called \$18,000 6% 15-30-yr. (opt.) school bonds have been sold to Benwell, Phillips, Esie & Co. of Denver at par.

QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 28, according to reports, a temporary loan of \$200,000, maturing Dec. 15 1920, was awarded to the First National Bank on a 6.20% discount basis.

REDWOOD CITY, San Mateo County, Calif.—BONDS TO BE SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE.—We are advised by W. A. Price, City Clerk, that no time has been set for the sale of the \$25,000 bonds recently voted.—V. 110, p. 1776—as yet but as soon as the city is in need of money the said bonds will be sold at a private sale.

RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Richmond), Contra Costa County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 12 the \$565,000 school bonds were carried, it is stated.

RIVERSIDE, Riverside County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—On May 18 the \$195,000 city hall bond issue.—V. 110, p. 2107—was defeated.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—E. B. Williams, Deputy City Comptroller, will receive bids until 2.30 p. m. June 1 for \$20,000 Plymouth and Brooks Aves. sewer notes, maturing four months from June 3 1920 at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, where delivery of notes to the purchaser will be made on June 3. Bidders must state rate of interest, designate denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On May 21 the Lincoln National Bank of Rochester was awarded at a 6% interest basis, plus \$25 50 premium, the following notes:

\$250,000 school notes, payable eight months from May 26 1920.
100,000 sewage disposal notes, payable four months from May 26 1920.
150,000 overdue tax notes, payable four months from May 26 1920.
Payable at maturity at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York.
The only other bidder was the National Bank of Commerce of Rochester, which offered to take the notes at 6% interest.

ROCK COUNTY (P. O. Luverne), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10.3 a. m. today (May 29) by Olaf Skyberg,

County Auditor, for \$150,000 6% public highway bonds, it is stated. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1, 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, St. Paul. Due May 1, 1930. Certified check on some reliable bank for \$15,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

ROCK ISLAND, Rock Island County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 5 by M. T. Rudgren, City Clerk, for \$75,000 5% coupon storm drain bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1919. Int. A. & O. Due \$7,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl. Cert. clerk for \$1,500, payable to the "City of Rock Island," required. Issue has been approved by Chas. B. Wood of Chicago, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished to the successful bidder, free of charge.

ROSS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Millvale R. F. D. No. 4), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERINGS.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 17 by J. H. Crider, Secretary of Board of Directors, for \$10,000 5.60% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

ROSEBUD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Vananda), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. today (May 29) it is stated, by P. W. Barthel, District Clerk, for \$15,000 6% school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the Wells-Dickey Trust Co. of Minneapolis. Due May 1 1940, optional 1930. Certified check for \$1,500 required.

RUSH COUNTY (P. O. Rushville), Ind.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$31,600 4 1/4% Fred Goddard et al Richland Twp. road bonds, offered on May 22.—V. 110, p. 2107.

RYE (P. O. Port Chester), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles O. Derby, Town Clerk, will receive proposals until 3 p. m. June 10 for \$21,465 judgment bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%. Denom. 1 for \$1,465 and 4 for \$5,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,465 July 1 1925 and \$5,000 on July 1 in 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929. Cert. check on an incorporated bank for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Total debt, \$560,967. Assessed value, \$29,015,479.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward F. Keller, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 11.30 a. m. June 8 for the following 5% road impt. bonds:

\$74,000 Guy Carpenter et al Oline Twp. bonds. Denom. \$370. Due \$370 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.
140,000 S. H. Thornton et al Penn. Twp. bonds. Denom. \$350. Due \$7,000 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.
104,000 Guy Carpenter et al Oline Twp. bonds. Denom. \$520. Due \$520 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.
—Date Feb. 15, 1920. Int. M. & N.

SACRAMENTO GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—At 10 a. m. on June 8 \$1,400,000 school bonds will be offered for sale, it is stated.

SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$684,000 school bonds will be sold, it is reported, at 10 a. m. on June 8.

SAGINAW UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Saginaw), Saginaw County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the voters on April 28 authorized the issuance of \$225,000 school bldg. bonds.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—It is reported that the City Treasurer will receive proposals until 10 a. m. June 2 for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$300,000, maturing Nov. 5 1920.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Las Vegas), N. M.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 3 p. m. June 7 \$10,000 6% 20-30-yr. (opt.) building bonds will be offered for sale by M. A. Sanchez, Treas.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Las Vegas), N. M.—BOND OFFERING.—On June 7 at 3 p. m. \$7,500 6% building bonds will be offered for sale by M. A. Sanchez, County Treasurer.

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Village of Middleport, N. Y.

WATER BONDS

To the Public:

TAKE NOTICE, That on JUNE 1st, 1920, AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M., at the Village Trustee Meeting Room in the Village of Middleport, Niagara Co., N. Y., the Village Trustees will offer the below described water bonds of said Village for sale in bulk at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to wit:

42 bonds of \$1,000.00 each, all to be dated July 15th, 1920, bearing 5 per centum per annum interest, payable semi-annually on January 15th and July 15th of each year; the first two bonds to become due five years after their date, and the rest to become due two each year after the maturity of said first two bonds; interest and principal payable at the office of the Treasurer of said Village in New York exchange.

The issuance and sale of said bonds is duly authorized by vote of the duly qualified electors of said Village and by the proper actions of its Board of Trustees, a record of all of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of said Village and open to inspection by the public.

Sealed bids or proposals may be filed with the Village Clerk at any time prior to said sale, to be opened and received as bids at the opening of said sale.

The Board of Trustees of said Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids or proposals prior to the bonds being struck off to the purchaser.

Said bonds will be ready for delivery to the purchaser and he shall pay the Treasurer of said Village therefor in New York exchange on July 15th, 1920, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the First National Bank in said Middleport, N. Y. Dated May 4th, 1920.

Board of Trustees of Village of Middleport, N. Y. By TRUMAN JENNINGS, President, and BERNARD J. MAHAR, Clerk.

\$20,000

Town of Dodson, Montana

SEWER BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Dodson, Montana, will sell at public auction sewer bonds of the Town for \$20,000.00, 6%, 20-year, optional after ten years, interest payable semi-annually in New York City, on the EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 1920, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M., at the Council Chamber in said Town. Certified check for \$2,000.00 on National Bank as guarantee.
O. E. MOEN, Town Clerk.

NEW LOANS

\$575,000.00

City of Ironwood, Michigan

Water and Building Bonds

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned up to 5.00 O'CLOCK P. M. TUESDAY, MAY 25TH, 1920, for the purchase of \$275,000 "Water System Extension Bonds" and \$300,000 of "Municipal Site and Building Bonds" of the City of Ironwood, Gogebic County, Michigan. Bonds to be dated May 1st, 1920, and mature as follows: Water Bonds, \$75,000 May 1st, 1925; \$75,000 May 1st, 1930; \$75,000 May 1st, 1935, and \$50,000 May 1st, 1940.

Municipal Site and Building Bonds due \$15,000 each year from May 1st, 1921, to May 1st, 1940. Interest 5% per annum payable semi-annually May 1st and November 1st, of each year. Principal and interest on both issues are payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the city of Ironwood, Michigan. Bonds approved by the Electors at a special election held on the 8th day of March, 1920. Water Bonds: Vote, for, 1,214; against, 82. Building Bonds: Vote, for, 928; against, 336.

Valuation of the city of Ironwood for 1919, \$25,194,745.00. Tax rate, \$27.49. Bonded indebtedness to date, \$410,000. All proposals must be accompanied by a bank draft or certified check for \$2,000.

Rights reserved to reject any or all bids.
DAVID HEDLUND, City Clerk.

\$10,000

Town of Dodson, Montana

ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Dodson, Montana, will sell at public auction electric light bonds of the Town, for \$10,000.00, 6%, 20-year, optional after ten years, interest payable semi-annually in New York City, on the SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 1920, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, P.M., at the Council Chamber in said Town. Certified check for \$2,000.00 on National Bank as guarantee.
O. E. MOEN, Town Clerk.

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SANPETE COUNTY (P. O. Manti), Utah.—BOND SALE.—Recently an issue of \$140,000 6% road bonds was purchased by the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., of Salt Lake City. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1, 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York. Due \$14,000 yearly on May 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Bonded debt, this issue only \$140,000. Assessed value \$14,992,550. Actual value (est.) \$21,000,000. Population 1910 (Census) 16,704.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$100,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on May 27—V. 110, p. 2219.

SCIOTO TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Commercial Point), Pickaway County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The State Industrial Commission of Ohio has purchased the \$25,000 6% coupon school-house-erection bonds, for which bids were to have been opened on June 7 (V. 110, p. 2219). Date March 1 1920. Due \$500 on March 1 and Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1921 to 1945, inclusive.

SEDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sedalia) Pettis County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 18 \$75,000 school bonds were voted by 2099 to 76.

SMITH'S PRAIRIE HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Mountain Home), Elmore County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—On May 31 at noon \$25,000 6% bonds will be offered for sale by P. T. McFroud, Sec'y.

SPIRIT LAKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50 (P. O. Spirit Lake), Kootenai County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The State of Idaho has been awarded, it is stated \$14,000 5% school bonds.

STEELE COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63 (P. O. Blooming Prairie), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5½% 15-year school bonds offered on May 17 (V. 110, p. 1999) have been sold, according to reports, to the Minneapolis Trust Co.

STRATFORD, Sherman County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 21 an issue of \$5,000 5% 10-40-year bonds was registered with the State Comptroller.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$3,400,000 tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) water refunding bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5%, offered on May 26 (V. 110, p. 2219).

TALLADEGA, Talladega County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—It is stated that \$35,000 sewer refunding bonds were sold to local investors.

TANNERS CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Norfolk County, Va.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on May 26 for the \$300,000 5% school bonds—V. 110, p. 2107.

TAOS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Taos), N. M.—BOND OFFERING.—On June 8 bids will be received for \$5,000 6% 30-yr. school bonds.

TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. June 7 by Wm. M. Hoover, County Treasurer, for \$9,120 4½% Wm. Eiler et al Cicero Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$456. Date May 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$456 yearly each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, N. Mex.—NO BIDS.—At the offering of the \$22,900 6% 20-30-yr. (opt.) school bonds on May 11—V. 110, p. 1902—no bids were received.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$500,000 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) tax-free improve-

ment bonds has been purchased by J. S. Rippel & Co. of Newark, who are now offering them to investors at a price to yield 5.4%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due June 1 1925.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1920).....	\$226,237,786
Real valuation.....	275,000,000
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	\$2,631,536
Less sinking fund.....	469,223
Net debt.....	\$2,162,313

UNION COUNTY (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. June 7 by C. K. McCormick, Clerk, for \$400,000 5½% gold road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in New York City, N. Y. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$30,000 1925 to 1927, incl., \$20,000 1928 to 1938 incl., and \$45,000 1939 and 1940. Certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. The approving legal opinion of J. S. Hodgins, District Attorney, and of Teal Minor and Winfree of Portland, will be furnished to the successful bidders.

UPPER ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bridgeville R. F. D. No. 2), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. June 21 by H. W. Gerding, Secretary of Board of School Directors, for \$60,000 5% tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$20,000 on May 1 in 1930, 1940 and 1950. Certified check for \$500 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Urbana), Champaign County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED—OFFERING.—At a recent election a proposition to issue \$140,000 5½% school-building bonds carried by a vote of 734 "for" to 213 "against." Proposals for these bonds are being received until June 20. Denom. \$500.

UTAH (State of).—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—E. H. Rollins & Sons and the National City Co. are offering to investors at a price yielding about 5.20% \$1,500,000 4½% tax-free coupon (with privilege of registration) road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First Nat. Bank, N. Y., or at the State Treasurer's office at option of holder. Due July 1 1939.

Financial Statement.

Actual value taxable property, estimated.....	\$800,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1919.....	696,518,564
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	8,170,000
Sinking fund.....	740,000
Net bonded debt.....	7,970,000
Population, 1910 Census, 373,351; 1920, estimated.....	475,000
Net debt less than 1¼% of assessed valuation.....	

These bonds are free from all Federal income taxes and are legal investment for savings banks in New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island, and eligible as security for postal savings deposits.

UTAH (State of).—BOND SALE NEVER CONSUMMATED.—The sale on April 5 of the \$2,000,000 4½% 20-year State Highway bonds to the Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co., Guaranty Trust Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., and Stacy & Braun—V. 110, p. 1666—was never consummated.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$17,000 4½% Geo. B. Hartman et al Nevins Twp. road bonds, offered on May 17—V. 110, p. 2108.

VILAS COUNTY (P. O. Eagle River), Wisc.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$17,000 soldiers' bonus and \$28,000 highway impt. 5% bonds offered on April 30—V. 110, p. 1776. New bids are now being received for the above bonds by Frank Hansowety, County Clerk.

NEW LOANS

\$325,000

City of Goldsboro, N. C.
STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, in the City Hall in said City, until **TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1920**, at twelve o'clock M., when they will be publicly opened, for the purchase of \$325,000 Street Improvement Bonds of said City, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, and dated April 1, 1920. Said bonds will mature serially, seventeen bonds on April 1st in each of the years 1923 to 1927, inclusive, and forty bonds on April 1st in each of the years 1928 to 1933, inclusive. Principal and interest will be payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York City. The bonds will be coupon bonds, with the privilege of conversion into fully registered bonds.

The bonds will bear interest at the rate of six per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1st and October 1st in each year.

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked on the outside, "Proposal for Bonds," and addressed to C. M. Grantham, City Clerk, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Bidders must deposit with said City Clerk before making their bids, or present with their bids, a certified check drawn to the order of the City of Goldsboro, upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money, for or in an amount equal to two per centum of the face amount of the bonds bid for, to secure the municipality against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. Purchasers must pay accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. The bonds cannot be sold at less than par and accrued interest.

Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Messrs. Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City of Goldsboro. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed on the bonds.

By order of the Board of Aldermen.
Dated, April 5th, 1920.
C. M. GRANTHAM, City Clerk.

\$45,000.00

Town of Harlem, Montana
Water Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Harlem, Montana, will sell at public auction water bonds of the Town, for \$45,000.00 6%, 20 year, optional after ten years, interest, payable semi-annually in New York City, on the **FIRST DAY OF JUNE, A. D., 1920**, at eight o'clock P. M., at the Council Chamber in said Town. Certified check for \$2,000.00 on National Bank guarantee.

A. BOE, Town Clerk.

NEW LOANS

\$160,000

Branford, Connecticut
Public Road Improvement Bonds

Office of Town Treasurer,
Morton Block, May 26th, 1920.

Sealed competitive proposals are invited at this office until 11 o'clock A. M., **JUNE 21ST, 1920** (at which time they will be opened) for the purchasing of the whole, or any part of the following described bonds of the Town of Branford, Conn. Denominated—"Public Road Improvement Bonds of the Town of Branford."

Total amount of these bonds for sale will be One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars; the same subdivided into one hundred and sixty bonds of One Thousand Dollars each. They may be registered. Are coupon bonds and will bear interest at the rate of Four Per Cent per annum, payable semi-annually. They will be numbered consecutively beginning with number one, and the principal of said bonds with interest unpaid at time, shall be payable as follows: The first eight bonds five years from the date of issue, viz.: June, 1920, and biennially thereafter; eight bonds shall be payable in their numerical order. These bonds will contain the provision that said town may call the whole or any part thereof at one hundred and one per centum of their par value on any interest date after two years from the date of their issue, according to the order of their maturity.

Both principal and interest shall be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness and shall be non-taxable by the State or any political subdivision thereof.

These bonds are issued by Special Act of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, which convened in January, 1917, approved May 7th, 1917, and entitled "An Act Authorizing the Town of Branford to Improve Highways," and also by vote of a Town Meeting regularly called for that purpose and held prior to July 1st, 1918, viz.: on June 16th, 1917.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. If further information is desired address said Treasurer of Branford.

Bids shall be marked "Proposal for Bonds" and addressed to A. J. Harmount, Town Treasurer, Morton Block, Branford.

A. J. HARMOUNT,
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WABASH COUNTY (P. O. Wabash), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Valentine Freising, County Treasurer, will receive proposals until 5 p. m. July 5 for the following hospital impt. bonds: \$35,000 4 1/2% heating plant, plumbing, electric wiring and elevator installation bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$250. Date Mar. 15, 1920. Due \$1,750 each six months from May 15, 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl. 80,000 5% hospital construction and impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15, 1919. Due \$4,000 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dola), Hardin County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that a bond issue of \$75,000 school bldg. bonds was voted at the April 27 election, it is stated.

WAUKESHA COUNTY (P. O. Waukesha), Wis.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that an issue of \$250,000 5% road bonds was recently disposed of over the counter as follows: \$38,000 bonds to the Waukesha Nat. Bank, Waukesha. 25,000 bonds to the Nat. Exchange Bank, Waukesha. 10,000 bonds to the Farmers State Bank, Waukesha. 10,000 bonds to the Citizens State Bank, Menominee Falls. 10,000 bonds to the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Menominee Falls. 5,000 bonds to the Big Bend State Bank, Big Bend. 10,000 bonds to the Bank of Hartland, Hartland. 7,500 bonds to the Farmers Exchange Bank, Merton. 10,000 bonds to the Bank of Eagle, Eagle. 1,000 bonds to the Brookfield Bank, Brookfield. 2,000 bonds to the Bank of New Butler, New Butler. 5,000 bonds to the Bank of North Lake, North Lake. 5,000 bonds to the Sussex State Bank, Sussex. 5,000 bonds to the State Bank of Wales, Wales. 5,000 bonds to the State Bank of Genesee Depot, Genesee Depot. 4,500 bonds to the State Bank of Genesee Depot. 5,000 bonds to the Pewaukee State Bank, Pewaukee. 10,000 bonds to the Bank of Mukwonago, Mukwonago. 25,000 bonds to the First Nat. Bank of Oconomowoc. 12,000 bonds to the Bank of Oconomowoc, Oconomowoc. Denom. \$500. Int. A. & O.

On May 12 the County State Road and Bridge Committee, the Chairman Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk offered for sale to the highest bidder the above bond issue as \$100,000 1-year and \$100,000 10-year bonds, but the bids that were submitted were found to be unsatisfactory.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a town meeting held May 19 the citizens voted in favor of the issuance of \$100,000 water system bonds, according to reports.

WHEATLAND, Platte County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. June 7 by Edgar North, Town Clerk, for the following 6% bonds.—V. 110, p. 190z. \$20,000 15-30 year (opt.) water bonds. 20,000 10-30 year (opt.) sewerage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Town Treasurer or at the State Bank of Wheatland at option of holder. Certified check or cash for \$500 with bid for each issue, required. The purchaser will be required to furnish any legal opinion he desires in regard to validity of the bonds and to have said bonds printed at his own expense. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WHITEHALL, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. June 1 by Theo. Belanger, President of Board of Trustees, for the following bonds, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 6%: \$36,000 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$500. Due \$1,500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1925 to 1948, incl. 20,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1925 to 1944, incl.

—Date May 1 1920.—Int. semi-ann. Legality approved by Geo. S. Clay, of New York.

WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wichita Falls), Wichita County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$300,000 5% school bonds offered on May 22—V. 110, p. 2109.

WILBAUX COUNTY (P. O. Wilbaux), Mont.—BIDS.—At the offering on April 29 of the \$75,000 6% road bonds—V. 110, p. 1559—W. S. Campman & Co. of Toledo bid par less 10 per cent and Keeler Bros. par less 3 1/2%, it is reported.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—This district registered \$5,000 5% 5-20-year school bonds on May 21 with the State Comptroller.

WINNETT, Fergus County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Lewistown offering par and int. was awarded the \$35,000 6% 15-20-year (opt.) water bonds, dated Dec. 1 1919, offered on May 3—V. 110, p. 1559. There were no other bidders.

WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 14 by Vern M. Skelly, City Auditor, for \$60,000 6% water works bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Sinking

Fund Trustees. Due yearly on May 15 as follows: \$2,000 1921 to 1924, incl.; \$3,000 1925 to 1941, incl.; and \$1,000 1942. Certified check for \$2,000 payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WORCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Worcester), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On May 21 a temporary loan of \$150,000, issued in anticipation of taxes, dated May 25 and maturing Oct. 26 1920 was awarded to the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on a 6.45% discount basis, plus a premium of \$3.50.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Pompeys Pillar), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—On June 5 \$1,600 6% building bonds will be offered for sale.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Broadview), Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 6% coupon school building bonds offered on May 17—V. 110, p. 1903—were not sold. The bonds will be sold at a private sale as soon as a satisfactory bid is received.

YAVAPAI COUNTY (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 8 by 751 "for" to 77 "against" \$1,500,000 highway bonds were voted.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BELEVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Council in April passed a by-law to issue \$100,000 school-erection bonds, it is stated.

BRUNKILD C. S. D., Man.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will on June 1, be asked to pass on a by-law to issue \$35,000 7% 20-installment debentures, according to reports.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Newspapers report that it is proposed to issue \$200,000 debentures for the construction of a hospital.

GILBERT PLAINS, Man.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$22,000 5 1/2% 30-year installment debentures, offered on May 18.—V. 110, p. 1903.

LAWRENCE, R. M. (P. O. Freedale), Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received until June 22 by D. H. Payne, Municipality Secretary-Treasurer, for \$50,000 6% 20-year debentures.

LENNOXVILLE, Que.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At an election held May 5, it is stated, the ratepayers approved a by-law to issue \$75,000 water-system debentures.

MANITOBA (Province of)—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that \$500,000 5 1/2% 3-year Farm Loan debentures have been sold at par to Wood, Gundy & Co. at par.

MILFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—The Town Treasurer will receive tenders until June 7, according to reports for \$36,000 20-installment sewer, \$22,000 10-installment electric light, and \$700 20-installment water works 6 1/2% debentures.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The issuance of \$200,000 debentures has been authorized by the council, according to reports.

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of)—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that a bill providing for \$8,000,000 debentures for highways has been passed.

SARNIA, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—James Wood, Municipality Treasurer, is receiving tenders until 5 p. m. June 4 for \$100,000 5 1/2% 20 year debentures. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1920 to 1939, incl., payable at the Treasurer's office. Debentures to be delivered and paid for, at the Bank of Montreal in Sarnia. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

SMITHS FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 fire-hall and engine, \$4,555 64 local improvement, and \$5,574 water-main 6% 20-year installment debentures, offered on May 17 (V. 110, p. 2109), were not sold, as the bids received were too low for consideration.

TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP (P. O. Trafalgar), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 31 by S. H. Albertson, Township Clerk, for \$79,663 67 6% 20-year highway debentures.

VERMILION, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Up until 6 p. m. June 14, H. P. Long, Town Secretary-Treasurer, will receive proposals for \$20,000 6 1/2% fire hall and fire protection, and \$6,000 7% electric light and power extension debentures, repayable in 20 equal annual installments of principal and interest.

WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—It is reported that a by-law to issue \$150,000 hydro-electric-system-extension debentures was passed at an election held April 26.

WINNIPEG, Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An election is to be held June 11, it is reported, to vote on the question of issuing \$1,500,000 school, \$279,000 hospital and \$300,000 bridge bonds.

YORK COUNTY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$18,000 5 1/2% 20-installment public school debentures has been awarded, according to reports to A. Jarvis & Co., of Toronto, at 93.19.

NEW LOANS

\$270,000

Lower Merion Township Montgomery County, Penn. HIGHWAY BONDS OF 1920

Bids are invited for \$270,000 five (5) per cent Serial coupon bonds of Lower Merion Township, interest June 1st and December 1st, free of all Pennsylvania taxes except succession or inheritance taxes; \$30,000 Series "A," maturing December 1st, 1921; \$40,000 each of Series B to G, inclusive, maturing December 1st, 1922 to 1927. Privilege of registration as to principal by Merion Title & Trust Company of Ardmore, Pa. Legality approved by Messrs. Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. Settlement to be made July 1st. Sealed bids to be addressed to Chairman Finance Committee, Office of Township Commissioners, Ardmore, Pa., marked "Bid for Highway Bonds," and accompanied by a certified check for \$5,000 to order of Township of Lower Merion. Bids will be opened Tuesday, June 22, 1920, at 8:00 P. M.

G. C. ANDERSON, Secretary.

NEW LOANS

\$75,000.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. REFUNDING BONDS

The undersigned will receive sealed bids until 3 P. M., JUNE 9TH, 1920, for the above bonds, dated July 1, 1920, denomination \$1,000, principal and interest (J. and J. 1) payable in New York in gold, registerable as to principal. Interest rate, not exceeding 6%, to be bid on, maturing annually July 1, \$2,000 1921 to 1935, \$3,000 1936 to 1950, all inclusive. Certification of signatures and seal by U. S. Mortgage & Trust Company, New York. Purchasers will be furnished approving legal opinion of Chester B. Masslich, Esq. Bids are requested on blank forms to be furnished by the undersigned or said trust company and must enclose cash or certified check for \$1,500. Delivery in New York about July 1, 1920. Right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN M. WILSON, City Clerk.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Real Value (estimated)	\$60,000,000
Assessed Valuation	17,602,373
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