



### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Various reflections are suggested by the further advance in rediscount rates made on Saturday of last week by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, effective June 1 of the present week, and followed by the Reserve Bank at Chicago and the Reserve banks in some of the other districts. The advances are more drastic than the previous changes of the same kind. The credit situation itself, and the need of dealing with it in imperative fashion, furnishes at once the explanation and the warrant for summary measures. The object sought being the release of credit facilities (now tied up to nearly the limits of safety according to prudent banking methods) so as to make available banking accommodation in sufficient amounts for the customary special demands later in the year, and preceding advances in discounts not having been as effective as desired, the Reserve officials at this centre concluded to take "the bull by the horns" (in the language of one banker), and mark up rates in a way to leave no doubt as to their determination to accomplish their purpose.

The rediscount rate for commercial paper has been raised a full 1%, bringing it up to the high figure of 7%. In ordinary times an interest charge of 7% would doubtless have prohibitive effect upon business, but these are not ordinary times in any part of the world and the merchant who complains or imagines he has reason to complain of the 7% rate should ponder the fact that in London, where the utmost consideration is always shown for the interests of commerce and trade, the Bank of England for some weeks past has had the same high rate of discount in effect, it having advanced its minimum from 6 to 7% on April 15. There is this further point to be made on behalf of the action of the Federal Reserve Bank that even at 7% the rediscounting rate is lower than the prevailing market rates for mercantile paper, still leaving a profit, therefore, to member banks in seeking rediscounts at the central institution. When the Federal Reserve banking system was organized and everybody was urged to avail of its apparently limitless facilities the idea undoubtedly was that the rates at the Reserve banks should be lower than the market rates, but now that a point has been reached where the Reserve banks must guard against excessive demands—and demands, too, for speculative rather than legitimate trade uses—sound banking opinion is veering to the view that the custom abroad should be followed and rates at the central institutions fixed higher than the rates current in the market. In other words, that borrowing at the Reserve banks should be discouraged by making the operation unprofitable to the member banks.

As bearing on that point there is considerable significance in the explanatory remark appended to the announcement of the increase in rates, over the signature of the Acting Governor J. H. Case, he saying: "The foregoing action has been taken in order that bankers and their customers and the public generally may find in the discount rates of this bank a reflection of existing credit conditions." The remark implies that credit conditions are not fixed by the Reserve banks and it also carries the suggestion that should credit conditions, as reflected by current market quotation, impose still higher rates, the Reserve Bank will follow the market along and move its own rates up further.

In the new rates the preferential charge in favor of rediscounts of paper based on war obligations is continued. For paper based on Liberty Loan bonds and Victory notes the rate now is 6% against the previous rate of 5½%, and for paper secured by U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness the new rate is 5½%. In these two latter particulars some of the other Reserve banks had acted in advance of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, and put the new rates in effect two or three weeks ago.

With war paper thus enjoying a preferential rate, if it be supposed that the member banks or their customers hold any of these obligations *free* it would of course be possible to take the same around to the central institution and get rediscounts upon them and then use the proceeds in the mercantile paper market and render the operation profitable to the extent of the difference between the 6% rate (or the 5½% rate) and the much higher rates that could be obtained in extending accommodation to mercantile borrowers, or buying their paper in the market. On the other hand where such war obligations are already being borrowed upon, the new rates must tend to discourage continuance of the practice by making the operation unprofitable. This follows from the circumstance that even the preferential rate of 6% on Liberty Loan bonds and Victory notes is much higher than rate of interest in the obligations themselves, the Liberty Loan issues bearing only 4¼% interest and the highest rate borne by the Victory notes being 4¾%. This is the reason why the increase in the discount rate on these classes of obligations had the effect of causing a renewed decline the present week in the Victory Loan issues after the sharp advance last week.

In the case of the Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness the 5½% discount rate is the same as the rate in the certificates themselves or at least the rate carried by the latest issue of these certificates, the antecedent issues having been put out at lower interest rates. With the rate of discount the same as the rate in the certificates it is possible of course for member banks to shift the burden of carrying them to the Reserve banks.

While higher discount rates are a step in the right direction in the sense that nothing should be left undone calculated to put a curb on credit expansion, it may well be doubted whether higher rates alone will accomplish the purpose sought. We have no hesitation in saying that it will prove of no avail if the Reserve banks go on multiplying credit facilities by adding to the volume of Reserve notes in circulation. The New York Reserve Bank last week added \$5,581,000 to the total of its Reserve notes in circulation and the aggregate of the notes in this Federal Reserve District now stands at \$854,828,000 as against only \$757,906,000 Jan. 16 and \$824,944,000 Dec. 26 1919 the previous maximum. The 12 Reserve banks combined last week added no less than \$21,819,000 to the Reserve notes in circulation, bringing this grand aggregate up to \$3,107,021,000, a new high record by a large margin.

It is time that these additions to the outstanding volume of paper money should cease. Inflationary tendencies will never be arrested so long as new paper money issues continue to be put out. We may be sure that so long as the Reserve banks continue to manufacture new credit facilities these facilities will be availed of, no matter how high the interest or the discount rates. The action in adding to the Reserve

note issues is inconsistent with the declared policy of all the Reserve banks that borrowing must be curtailed. By putting out new notes the Reserve banks are in effect inviting demands for them. If the Reserve authorities should take a firm stand against further note issues accompanied by a positive pronouncement to that effect, thereby making it plain that borrowing at the central institutions had reached its limit and further borrowing could not be indulged in except as existing loans were liquidated, the step we are positive would be more effective in checking credit inflation than the whole series of advances in discount rates that have been announced. To that extent the Reserve banks *are* responsible for "existing credit conditions" and these conditions will be very quickly modified for the better the moment it appears that no more paper money is to be injected into the circulation and no more loans based upon the same rendered possible.

In the New York Reserve district the speculative use of credit seems to have been effectively curbed. That is evident from the liquidation that has taken place in recent months on the Stock Exchange and the diminished borrowing on Stock Exchange account. It is also evident from a number of other circumstances and especially the diminished borrowing by member banks at this centre. The situation in this district having thus been relieved and corrected why should the facilities of the New York Federal Reserve Bank be now employed in maintaining inflationary conditions in other districts. The New York Reserve Bank's statement for last Saturday showed that the New York institution was then re-discounting \$84,724,896 of paper for the other Reserve banks. Of this amount \$26,195,396 was mercantile paper and might be justified on the ground that needed aid is being given for mercantile requirements outside of this district. But what is to be said in justification for the taking over of \$58,529,500 of war paper on behalf of the other Federal Reserve districts? For a good many months past now liquidation in Liberty Loan issues has been urged as the correct process in checking credit expansion and the great drop in the market values of all classes of Government obligations is ascribed to that cause. The New York Reserve District having liquidated its holdings of war obligations why should it now take over the burdens of this kind that the other Reserve banks have been carrying.

We do not know whether the New York Reserve Bank is acting voluntarily in the matter or on the order of the Federal Reserve Board, but in either case some explanation seems called for. Certainly further issues of Reserve notes, in order to enable the New York Federal Reserve Bank to take over these war obligations of the other Reserve districts, must be strongly condemned. The other Reserve districts should assume their share of the credit deflation which is deemed necessary in the interest of all. And above everything else an immediate stop should be put to further Reserve note issues in all the Reserve districts. No other single step would be so effective in bringing about the credit deflation so much desired.

Bank clearings show a tendency in a number of localities to recede from the extremely high totals recorded in earlier months of the current year, indicating some slowing up in activity in mercantile and industrial lines; but notwithstanding this and a drop in speculative activity and the further fact that

comparison is with a period in 1919 which recorded an important expansion over the preceding month the May 1920 aggregate exhibits a quite appreciable gain over a year ago. This latter, moreover, is true of a vast majority of the individual cities, and in several instances new high records for any month have been established. High prices, of course, continue to be responsible in no small measure for the inflation of the totals reported, but, it is to be said, that the movement toward a lower level of values started by various New York department stores has made further progress here and has spread to other cities. The movement, however, has been largely confined to wearing apparel, though a determined effort is in the making by Governmental agencies to force dealers in food-stuffs to content themselves with a smaller margin of profit.

As already noted, our May compilation of bank clearings records a total heavier than for the month of last year but some 5,000 millions under the high record monthly aggregate set up in January. Of the 178 cities included in our statement on the first page of this issue, only 23 fail to exhibit some increase over a year ago, while 7 cities report heavier figures than in any preceding month of any year. Furthermore, much the greater number of the remaining 148 cities establish new high marks for May and in many cases by considerable percentages. Noteworthy in this regard are Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Louisville, Houston, Nashville, Little Rock and Birmingham, although in most cases the gains are largely due to the operations of the Federal Reserve banks and their branches. Including New York the total of clearings for May 1920 for the 178 cities is \$36,689,664,456 against \$33,196,526,667 in 1919, or an augmentation of 10.5%, this following a gain of 17.4% in the latter year as contrasted with 1918, and 7.4% in 1918 over 1917. Consequently the current total is about 40% greater than three years ago and close to three times that of 1914. An increase of 4.5% is to be noted at New York for the month, while outside of this city the gain is 18.4%. For the five months of 1920 there is an expansion in the aggregate for the whole country of 26.4%, contrasted with last year, while compared with 1918 the gain reaches 48.4%. At New York the excess over 1919 is 24.2%, and the gain over two years ago 49.3%. For the outside cities the increases are 29.5% and 47.3%, respectively. Analyzed by groups the totals for the period since Jan. 1 are all well above those of a year ago, the middle, exclusive of New York, by 25%, New England 24.9%, the Middle West 28.2%, the Pacific Slope 40.4%, the "Other Western" 31.3%, and the South 32.2%.

Operations on the New York Stock Exchange in May were of much smaller volume than in April, considerably less than for the corresponding period a year ago, and below any month since February 1919. Dealings, moreover, were at the expense of values, although towards the close there was some recovery. The sales for the month were 16,642,242 shares against 34,413,553 shares last year and 21,139,092 shares in 1918. For the five months the transactions aggregate 115,843,699 shares against 108,473,721 shares and 61,997,179 shares. Bond sales collectively in May were of greater volume than those of 1919, wholly due, however, to the heavy trading in Liberty loan issues, which reached 298 million dollars, par value, or 102 millions more than in 1919. For the period from Jan. 1 to May 31

the transactions in all classes of bonds were 1,697 million dollars, par value, against 1,362 millions in 1919 and 604 millions in 1918. On the Boston Stock Exchange, too, less activity prevailed, the May sales having been only 490,563 shares against 1,158,915 shares in 1919; the five months' total, however, shows a slight excess, comparison being between 2,940,469 shares and 2,866,306 shares. Chicago, likewise, reported a decreased total for the month—485,632 shares against 696,419 shares a year ago—but for the five months the aggregate is 3,264,037 shares against 2,146,530 shares.

Further expansion is the feature of the compilation of bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada for May. Several cities—Hamilton, Quebec, Halifax, St. John, Windsor, Sherbrooke and Kitchener in fact—report totals exceeding those for any preceding month in their history, and at all remaining points except Medicine Hat increases over 1919 are exhibited. There is, therefore, a gain in the aggregate for the 27 cities furnishing returns of 18.7% as contrasted with last year. For the period since Jan. 1 the 1920 total exceeds that of 1919 by 32.6% with the percentages of gain especially heavy at Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Windsor, Brantford and Kitchener.

The initial cotton condition report of the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture for the Season of 1920-21, announced on Wednesday, and covering the status of the crop on May 25, was the poorest ever issued for that particular date, according to the records of the Department which run back half a century. In that respect the report was in agreement with the views of the situation as revealed by recently issued private reports but in the matter of average condition percentage it was below almost all. Reflecting the adverse weather indicated by the weekly weather and crop bulletins, it was stated in explanation of the report that "Cotton is reported as poor to bad in all cotton States and in almost every county in the cotton belt and the season is from four to six weeks late." Elaborating the foregoing it is intimated that excessive winter and spring rains packed the soil and subsequent lack of moisture or the shortage of normal rainfall over much of the belt caused the rapid drying out of the hard packed surface. Much planting, it is stated, was done in mud, and the cold wet soil caused much rotting of seeds, while low temperature at night and frosts were very detrimental. Weevil infestation moreover is referred to as unusually severe in affected territory. In fact the only encouraging feature found by the Department in its investigations has been the greatly increased use of fertilizer.

The Department makes the average condition of the crop for the whole cotton belt the 25th of May 62.4% of a normal, that figure comparing with 75.6% a year ago, 82.3% in 1918 and 69.5% in 1917 (this latter the lowest on record for May 25 up to the current year), with the average for the ten year period 1911-20 inclusive, 78.7%. This indicated deterioration, as contrasted with last year, is shared in almost universally, but is particularly heavy in Georgia, Alabama and Texas. In fact the only State showing improvement, and that from a very low condition last year, is Oklahoma. Georgia's condition is 55 26 points below last year, and the decline in Alabama is 20 points, Texas 16, North

Carolina 10, Mississippi 8, Arkansas 7, California 5, and Louisiana 2 points. Moreover, the weather bulletin for the week ending June 1, (covering a period seven days later than the monthly report) furnishes little or no evidence of improvement. There is still time, however, for the plant to show marked recuperation. In other words a low condition now does not necessarily mean a poor crop. On the contrary, some of the best yields ever attained in the United States have followed an indifferent or poor start. This was the case in 1914-15, when the high record yield was secured. The crop is, of course, very backward and will therefore require a succession of favorable seasons to bring it up to normal development. A satisfactory feature has been the greater use of fertilizer, the lack of which undoubtedly had more or less to do with the poor results since 1914-15.

During the greater part of the week the events international in scope and interest, as recorded in the European cables, were of considerably less importance than those to which the world has been accustomed for several years. No conferences of first moment were in progress, but much was said in anticipation of the Spa gathering scheduled for June 21 and the elections in Germany to-morrow. Memorial Day—until the world war purely an American holiday—has now come to have a distinct international significance and interest. It was perfectly natural, therefore, that the expressions of respect and sympathy in Europe for the Americans whose boys are resting in Flanders Field or elsewhere, because of the war, should have been general and heartfelt. Just as naturally, those of our people who mourn their dead could not forget the thousands of homes across the sea that were made forever sad by the awful war. It is to be hoped that as the years pass this mutual feeling of sympathy will not only not disappear, but that it will result in a better understanding by the people of one nation of those of another, and thus in a greater degree of co-operation for all that is good and helpful.

Even before Memorial Day, John W. Davis, American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, gave utterance to words calculated to strengthen the international relationships. Speaking at the Portsmouth Conference on International Law, he said that the United States is keenly interested in the codification of regulations which should bring "an end to anarchy in international, no less than in domestic, affairs." Elaborating his statement the Ambassador observed that, "it is of happy augury, therefore, that your conference meets at a time when the world is sickened of the rule of force and is seeking some other guarantee for its security. Truly it is time that the gospel which you preach should find acceptance in the hearts and minds of men."

Premier Millerand of France in a graceful statement to the American people, through the New York "Times," said in part: "In the presence of the tombs which hold the perishable and sacred dust of your children, fallen side by side with ours in the great world war, we can state truly that they have not died in vain. The sacrifice of these precious lives, the tears of those dear to them who remain, the grief of their country, have been the ransom of a better future. We have to unite to repair for those who suffered everywhere across the world the consequences of the universal struggle. We must get back to the normal order in human relations, to

stable peace based on political and economic equilibrium." The Associated Press in its account of the observance of Memorial Day in France said that it "was made virtually a joint Franco-American ceremony by the presence of French military and civil authorities at all services in the nearly 500 groups of graves in France." In fact, it was said that "on many programs French outnumbered Americans, and prominent Frenchmen everywhere took part in the exercises." The further assertion was made that "more space was given reports of the day by Paris newspapers than ever was given to any French national patriotic day except July 14." The "Petit Parisien" observed that "France showed that she places her own children and the sons of the great American Republic fallen on her soil in the same category."

Special Memorial Day exercises were held in the cemetery in Genoa, Italy, "over the graves of American soldiers who died in Italy during the war." The advices stated that "the entire American colony headed by David F. Wilber, American Consul-General, was present." A letter from Robert Underwood Johnson, United States Ambassador to Italy, was read in which he said that "the watchword of the hour seems to me to be 'generosity,' not merely generosity to former foes who show they have learned salutary lessons from the war, but particularly generosity toward former allies. We are asked to forgive our enemies, but we must not forget to forgive our friends, nor admit any obstacle to an understanding between any two nations which united in the greatest manifestation of Christian principles the world has ever seen."

The Spa Conference is being looked forward to in Europe with special interest, particularly as at that gathering the leading Powers hope that the question of Germany's indemnity will be definitely settled and that thus they will come nearer to realizing in part on their war claims against that nation. The position of England, France and Germany on this matter has been discussed at length in the European cablegrams for several weeks and has been as well understood in this country as was possible, in view of the differences of opinion existing between the leaders of those countries themselves. In a cablegram from London a week ago to-day the idea was emphasized that they were even further apart than they had been. Moreover, Italy was said to have "entered a protest against not receiving equal preferential treatment in regard both to indemnification by Germany and repayment of her indebtedness to Great Britain, and Serbia and Rumania are going to follow suit."

Premier Millerand of France, about a week ago, was given an overwhelming vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies on his foreign policy. The Chamber gave him also "the mandate to go to the conference at Spa between the Allies and the Germans and demand application in full of the terms of the Versailles Treaty, and to accept no compromise on the question of a fixed sum of the indemnity to be paid by Germany." In an address before the Chamber, the Premier was quoted as having said that "there had been no agreement between Great Britain, Italy and France with regard to any fixed sum to be paid by Germany." He was reported to have added that "France was going to Spa as a plaintiff, and not as a defendant, and that it would be an iniquitous scandal were those responsible for

the war not to be compelled to pay the total liabilities for the damages caused, as even the bankruptcy of Germany would not release France from her obligations to pay her war victims."

According to a special cablegram from Paris to the New York "Tribune," on Monday, the opinion was entertained in what was said to be well-informed circles there, that "the French and British Governments will give their assent to Italy's request for a further postponement of the conference with the Germans at Spa." The correspondent said further that "although the Italian request undoubtedly will form the ostensible basis of a postponement, it is hinted that the real reason for such a move lies elsewhere." He asserted, furthermore, that "the Allies are finding considerable difficulty in reaching agreements on all outstanding problems. The amount of negotiating still to be done will make it impossible, political leaders believe, to meet the Germans as soon as had been planned." It was reported Thursday morning that the Italian Government had received a note from the Allies stating that the conference could not be postponed beyond June 21, the date fixed some little time ago. The opinion was expressed in a Paris dispatch the same day that the United States is likely to have an unofficial observer at the Spa gathering.

A special correspondent in Berlin of the "Sun and New York Herald" claimed in a cablegram at the beginning of the week that "it is difficult to induce German officials and financiers to discuss any details of the suggested Entente plan for an international loan based on the German reparations debt." He declared that "their point of view is influenced by intense anxiety over the immediate future." He intimated that this state of mind was due not only to the excitement over the coming Reichstag elections, but said that "there is a general anticipation of uprisings either just before or soon after the elections." According to this correspondent, the leading political and financial authorities were still of the opinion that the amount of indemnity named by the Allies was unjustly and unreasonably large, and beyond the ability of Germany to pay. Franz Urbig, director of the Disconto Gesellschaft, in a statement to the "National Zeitung" expressed the opinion confidently that "in the near future American financiers and producers of raw materials will grant us credits, if only for the sake of their own export business, provided we are able to show by intensified work our ability to repay them." A Berlin correspondent of the New York "Times," commenting upon the situation in Germany, declared that the whole country "is in a state of nervous apprehension." He said also "the air is full of rumors of an impending coup." A little later in the week a correspondent at the same centre of the "Sun and New York Herald" claimed to have heard from "a reliable source that 54,000,000,000 marks gold could be regarded as the basis of successful negotiations" at the Spa conference with respect to Germany's total indemnity. The Berlin correspondent of the New York "Tribune" declared that "all the reports of an imminent revolutionary outbreak are regarded in conservative circles as grossly exaggerated." He added, however, that "Social Democrats have been warned anonymously that their names are on the death list and that they should leave the city at once." One high Government official was quoted as follows on the situation: "Germany is sitting on a volcano."

The ground all around us is smoking. Outbreaks can occur at any time from the Right or Left. The chief danger is in the Southern Ruhr Valley, where the Spartacists took refuge. France has prevented our driving them out of that region." That the troops in Berlin would render loyal assistance in the event of trouble appeared to be made clear in a cablegram from that centre in which the correspondent said that "commanders of the garrison of Greater Berlin visited the Minister of Defense and took the oath that they and their corps were ready to protect the Constitution by force against any attempted coup, whether from the Right or Left." Thursday morning the Associated Press correspondent in the German capital indicated that the apprehension over the elections to-morrow was lessening. In fact, he declared that Greater Berlin is not much excited over the campaign. Outwardly Berlin is taking only a listless interest." He said also that "the final count of the votes is not likely to be completed before June 10, in view of the complicated method of allotting the surplusage vote in one district." The Berlin correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" was quoted on Wednesday as saying that "Herr Mueller, the German Premier, and his entire Ministry will resign immediately after the result of the elections of June 6 are known and give President Ebert a free hand to find a new Ministry promptly." Yesterday morning Berlin reported that "the election campaign in the *provinces* continues with much violence."

The Hungarian Peace Treaty was signed at 4.25 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Grand Trianon Palace at Versailles. Hungary was represented by a new peace delegation composed of August Benard, Minister of Labor, and Alfred Detrasche Lazaras, Minister Plenipotentiary. King Alexander of Greece was invited to witness the ceremony. Hugh C. Wallace, American Ambassador to France, represented the United States, and sat at former Premier Millerand's right. According to a dispatch from Budapest, yesterday was to be observed as a day of mourning in Hungary because of the signing of the treaty.

In a dispatch from Vienna yesterday morning it was stated that Chancellor Renner announced to the Finance Commission of the National Assembly on Thursday that "the Entente Powers have proposed that Austria issue a 6% bond series secured by all the existing national assets and sources of income as a means of reconstruction." The plan is said to contemplate also that "part of the bonds shall be given to the countries which already have advanced credits. Further credits will be similarly secured. The bonds are payable in 1925 in the currency of the creditor country." The Chancellor in presenting the plan was reported to have declared that "the greatest caution is necessary before acceptance, as it means virtual surrender of Austria's internal sovereignty." The Pan-Germanist members of the Assembly, according to the dispatch, "denounced the scheme, saying it was too great a price to pay." The press was reported to have been unfavorable to it also, "pointing out that it is foreign credits in return for complete enslavement."

After having been comparatively quiet for some weeks, Gabriele d'Annunzio, the self-appointed

military leader in Italy, whose name came into considerable prominence by reason of his seizure of Fiume, appears to have been on the war-path more or less of late. A Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" stated that "following the seizure of several Yugoslav villages outside of Fiume by d'Annunzio and his troops and his declaration that he would occupy Sussak, adjoining Fiume, the Belgrade Government has notified the Allied Governments that it will resist with armed force any further efforts of the poet-adventurer, and has called upon the Allies to put an end to the escapade of d'Annunzio, on the ground that it constitutes danger of war." A Yugoslav spokesman was quoted as saying that "we have had enough of this man and his doings. If the Italian Government does not calm him and disavow him it may be taken for certain that we will act. Our patience is at an end."

No announcement in Rome recently has created greater interest or caused greater surprise in some circles than "an encyclical document announcing an arrangement whereby Catholic sovereigns will be permitted by the Pope to come to Rome to visit the King of Italy." One correspondent in the Italian capital declared that "this paper is considered one of the most important that has appeared since the fall of the temporal power." He added that "indeed, in the Catholic world it is only surpassed in importance by that issued by Pope Pius X giving Italian Catholics permission to vote in political elections and serve as Deputies in Parliament." Later dispatches from Rome declared that "the Papal encyclical is the object of comment on all hands." It was added that "some of the Senators intend to bring the subject before Parliament with a view to opening the way to complete reconciliation between the Holy See and the Italian State."

It will be recalled that at the close of last week announcement was made in London advices of the arrival there of Gregory Krassin, Russian Bolshevik Minister of Trade and Commerce. It was said that his chief mission was to discuss the resumption of trade between Russia and the Allies, particularly Great Britain. A Paris cablegram at the outset this week indicated that his visit was causing considerable uneasiness in political circles there. The report published in the British newspapers that really the chief object of the Minister's visit was to negotiate peace was reported to have upset the French not a little because they were unable to determine whether the Minister "means by that peace with England alone, or, in plain language, that England and the Bolsheviks, between them, may steal a march on France." In a London cablegram the assertion was made that the Russian Minister and his fellow commissaries "have remained men of mystery thus far during their visit." The correspondent said also that "they are secluded in a quiet hotel frequented chiefly by business men from the Provinces, and in accordance with the conditions arranged previous to their coming, they are refusing to see newspapermen, or even representatives of the business world who desire to present plans for trade with Russia."

The London correspondent of the "Sun and New York Herald" declared that "preliminary informal talks with Gregory Krassin, according to authoritative sources, have shown that there is no great promise of real progress in the work of restoring either

commercial or political relations with Russia." At that time, the correspondent said, "Premier Lloyd George had not yet decided whether it was possible for him to grant an interview to M. Krassin, and that representatives of the Supreme Economic Council who have talked with the Bolshevik representative since his arrival in London, took a 'very strong line' regarding the gold which the Moscow envoy proposed to offer as a trade guarantee." The Russian Minister actually had a conference with the British Premier last Monday afternoon. There were present also Andrew Bonar Law, Earl Curzon, Sir Robert Horne and Cecil V. Harmsworth, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. According to the official statement issued after the conference, "a preliminary conference took place in regard to the reopening of trade relations between Russia and Western Europe." The London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said that "it is understood that the British Prime Minister was favorably impressed with M. Krassin's story and the manner in which he presented it." The same correspondent added that "reports of grave differences in the British Cabinet over the Russian question are denied." He said also that "the only differences are in the matter of guarantees, the Foreign Office insisting that the Government take a strong stand with regard to the defense of Persia, Armenia and India." The London correspondent of the "Sun and New York Herald" reported that "as a result of his interview with Lloyd George, Gregory Krassin is opening headquarters in London. His trading office will be under the supervision of the Overseas Trade Department of the British Government." The representative in London of the New York "Tribune" cabled that he understood that "Krassin already has promised to have an immediate investigation started by his Government into the treatment of British prisoners of war in Russia. Lloyd George made it clear to Krassin that an improvement of conditions surrounding those prisoners was a prerequisite to any resumption of trade relations." As late as Thursday no official statement had been made relative to the progress in the negotiations between Minister Krassin and Lloyd George. The Associated Press correspondent in London said, however, that "it is learned that the Bolshevik emissaries are more urgently desirous of renewing trade with America than with Europeans." He added that "this is because of American ability to supply more quickly and in greater volume locomotives, rolling stock, agricultural implements and other materials for which there is pressing need in Russia." The London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" reported Thursday morning that he had learned from "official sources" that "resumption of trade with Soviet Russia, as soon as the necessary mechanism can be arranged, has been decided upon by the British Cabinet." He added that "the British Government will not accept Russian gold in payment, because the ownership of the gold is in question." "Trade for the time being will be by barter only," the correspondent declared. He claimed, furthermore, that the British plan provides for co-operation by all the Allies, neutrals and America in an effort to prevent Russia facing another winter of starvation." The Paris correspondent of "The Evening Post" cabled Thursday that the French resented the negotiations between the British authorities and Minister Krassin, "whatever may be the present merit, real purpose, or future outcome of them."

As opposed to these assertions came the report in a cablegram from London yesterday morning that Premier Lloyd George had declared in the House of Commons on Thursday that "trade negotiations between the Allies and Gregory Krassin have not yet begun." In reply to a question as to the reported opposition of France to the negotiations, the Prime Minister said that "I am not aware that there is great perturbation in France. The mere fact that some French newspapers are trying to foment trouble between two friendly and allied countries, whose friendliness is essential in the interest of the world, is no proof of French perturbation."

That the nationalization of industries in Russia under the Bolshevik Government has not been a financial success was indicated in a dispatch received by a news agency in London a few days ago. The deficit for 1920 on the operation of nationalized industries in Russia was estimated at 23,756,700,000 rubles. The total was said to include "5,650,000,000 rubles spent on official salaries and on organization of the industries; 14,393,000,000 rubles lost to production costs exceeding sale prices, and 1,210,000,000 rubles spent on political measures which were found necessary to keep the workmen quiet." According to the dispatch, "the political measures consisted chiefly in stationing soldiers and gendarmes in the more turbulent factories."

In a cablegram from Paris yesterday morning announcement was made that "new and substantial credits for the relief and reconstruction of Central European countries, including Austria and Hungary, have been arranged by the Governments of Great Britain, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland." It was said that the announcement was made on Thursday by the International Committee for Relief Credits. According to the dispatch, "the credits are mainly in the form of raw materials and food." Although the United States is not officially represented on the committee, it was said to be "co-operating in a large way by providing extensive commodity credits for Central Europe." The further statement was made that "the definite amounts of the credits granted, so far as is known, are Denmark, 12,000,000 kroner; Norway, 17,000,000 kroner; Sweden, 10,000,000 kroner; Great Britain, £10,000,000; Holland, 12,500,000 florins, and Switzerland, 15,000,000 Swiss francs." While arrangements were being made for the new credits, the statement says that the committee distributed large relief supplies. It was set forth that "Austria is now about to receive from the United States 200,000 tons of wheat flour, the shipping for which was supplied and paid for out of the British credits. Austria is also receiving out of the British credits consignments of 3,000 tons of frozen mutton and 4,000 tons of bacon. Switzerland's credits, it is proposed, will provide immediately for Austria 20,000 cases of condensed milk and supplies of cheese and livestock."

The advices from London and Dublin have indicated that the Sinn Feiners are still on the war path in Ireland and that the British authorities are not making substantial progress in re-establishing order. According to a Dublin cablegram, "two Lewis guns, about 30 rifles and several thousand rounds of ammunition were captured by a party of 60 armed but disguised Sinn Feiners in the centre of Dublin, Tues-

day afternoon." According to the dispatch also "there were no casualties." In advices from London the next day it was said that "the audacity with which the Sinn Feiners carried out their raid on King's Inn in Dublin yesterday has amazed the London press, which points out the calmness and thoroughness with which the scheme was carried out." In the course of the debate on the Irish Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons on Wednesday the younger Coalitionists urged the enlarging of the powers of the proposed Parliaments for Ireland so that "they would be able to build up a true sovereign body." During Thursday's discussion of the measure the Government consented to a modification providing that during the period of transition control of the police should be vested in a single Minister instead of a committee, as originally proposed.

British Treasury returns for the week ended May 29 showed an increase in outgo over income, resulting in a deficit for the week of £465,000. Expenses totaled £26,592,000. For the week of May 22 the amount was £15,573,000. The total outflow including repayments of Treasury and Exchequer bills, advances and other items, was £75,679,000, in comparison with £91,719,000 a week ago. Receipts from all sources totaled £75,214,000, which compares with £92,393,000 last week. Of this total, revenues contributed £16,275,000, against £29,191,000 last week. Savings certificates brought in £500,000, against £750,000, while advances yielded £12,250,000, against £4,000,000. Treasury bills to the amount of £45,089,000 were sold, which contrasts with £55,710,000 the week previous. New issues of Treasury bonds were small, totaling £1,100,000, against £1,353,000 last week. Treasury bills outstanding are slightly reduced to £1,062,022,000, as against £1,062,834,000 a week ago, although temporary advances showed an expansion to £221,617,000, as compared with only £210,367,000 the week before. The total floating debt is also higher, at £1,283,639,000, while last week it stood at £1,273,201,000. However, a year ago it was more than £220,300,000 in excess of this amount, or, in round numbers, £1,494,023,000. Next week's return is expected to show a still further expansion in the floating debt, the result of borrowing to provide £50,000,000 for the paying off of war loan dividends. The possibility of resort to a forced loan for the purpose of reducing the floating debt is now being talked of in quarters usually well informed. Exchequer balances now stand at £3,932,000, which compares with £4,397,000 last week.

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 5% in Berlin, Spain, Vienna and Switzerland; 5½% in Belgium and Norway; 6% in Paris, Copenhagen and Petrograd; 7% in London and Sweden, and 4½% in Holland. In London the private bank rate is a shade easier at 6⅝@6¾% for sixty and ninety-day bills, compared with 6¾@6⅞ last week. Money on call in London ranged from 5¼ to 5¾%, with some business done at the latter figure. So far as can be learned, no reports have been received by cable of open market discounts at other centres.

The Bank of England this week announces a gain in gold of £2,003,480, which constitutes the first material increase since the week of April 2. Where

this gold comes from is of course not stated. As against this, however, total reserves fell £339,000, coincident to a rise in note circulation of £2,342,000. Important changes also occurred in the deposit items, public deposits being expanded £4,638,000 and other deposits £26,142,000. Government securities were also heavily augmented, £32,262,000. Loans (other securities) registered a contraction of £1,130,000. As a result of the expansion in deposits, a sharp cut in the proportion of reserve to liabilities is shown, bringing it down to 12.85%, as compared with 16.5% last week and 18.20% a year ago. The lowest percentage thus far this year was on Jan. 8, when it fell to 12.20%, while the highest, 23.49%, was reported in the week ending March 18. The Bank's stock of gold on hand aggregates £114,458,784, which compares with £86,934,800 in 1919 and £63,794,502 a year earlier. Reserves stand at £19,101,000. Last year they stood at £27,190,175 and in 1918 £30,389,482. Circulation is £113,807,000, as against £78,194,625 and £51,855,020 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans total £80,586,000, in comparison with £80,800,772 in 1919 and £101,558,003 the preceding year. Clearings through the London banks amount to £803,737,000, comparing with £649,028,000 a week ago and £500,106,000 last year. The Bank's official discount rate has not been changed from 7%. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England statement:

	1920. June 2.	1919. June 4.	1918. June 5.	1917. June 6.	1916. June 7.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	113,807,000	78,194,625	51,855,020	38,965,745	35,484,090
Public deposits.....	21,141,000	21,441,103	38,663,800	47,998,697	50,300,669
Other deposits.....	127,331,000	127,532,038	131,905,032	120,797,972	82,286,419
Govt. securities.....	67,619,000	58,721,376	56,403,732	45,247,406	42,157,454
Other securities.....	80,586,000	80,800,772	101,558,003	106,749,090	63,601,721
Reserve notes & coin	19,101,000	27,190,175	30,389,482	34,571,820	44,535,181
Coin and bullion.....	114,458,784	86,934,800	63,794,502	55,037,565	61,570,271
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	12.85%	18.20%	17.82%	20.48%	33.58%
Bank rate.....	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France, according to special advices to the "Chronicle," reports a further gain of 274,000 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate 5,587,328,125 francs, comparing with 5,550,044,518 francs at this time last year and with 5,408,744,044 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,978,278,416 francs were held abroad in both 1920 and 1919 and 2,062,108,484 francs in 1918. Silver during the week increased 11,000 francs and Treasury deposits were augmented by 62,823,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted decreased 189,871,000 francs, advances fell off 26,372,000 francs and general deposits were reduced 90,034,000 francs. Note circulation registered the further contraction of 258,157,000 francs, bringing the total outstanding down to 37,656,678,806 francs, a reduction of nearly 600,000,000 francs in the past four weeks. On the corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918 the amounts were 34,370,876,795 francs and 28,012,196,490 francs, respectively. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount outstanding was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918 are as follows:

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		June 3 1920.	June 5 1919.	June 6 1918.
Gold Holdings—	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	274,000	3,609,049,709	3,571,766,101	3,346,635,559
Abroad.....	No change	1,978,278,416	1,978,278,416	2,062,108,484
Total.....Inc.	274,000	5,587,328,125	5,550,044,518	5,408,744,044
Silver.....Inc.	11,000	240,395,495	306,584,804	253,764,709
Bills discounted.....Dec.	189,871,000	1,712,894,298	941,436,083	1,399,156,043
Advances.....Dec.	26,372,000	1,764,140,561	1,262,704,863	949,652,153
Note circulation.....Dec.	258,157,000	37,656,678,806	34,370,876,795	28,012,196,490
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	62,823,000	175,009,872	78,545,952	54,683,778
General deposits.....Dec.	90,034,000	3,549,250,031	3,503,047,643	3,610,876,039

In its statement, issued as of May 21, the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes in marks: A small loss in total coin and bullion, 71,000 marks, and a reduction of 38,000 marks in gold. Bills discounted were contracted 399,098,000 marks, while deposits were cut 58,737,000 marks, advances 102,201,000 marks and investments 16,949,000 marks. There were increases in Treasury certificates of 60,349,000 marks, in notes of other banks 347,000 marks and in securities 512,273,000 marks. Note circulation continues to expand and shows a further addition of 179,961,000 marks. Gold stocks, as reported by the German bank, now stand at 1,091,646,000 marks. In the corresponding week of 1919 they totaled 1,526,480,000 marks and a year earlier 2,345,660,000 marks. Note circulation amounts to 49,127,645,000 marks, in comparison with 27,286,480,000 marks last year and 12,002,680,000 marks in 1918.

Last Saturday's statement of New York associated banks and trust companies showed some important changes. Probably the most striking of these was the expansion in net demand deposits of no less than \$87,996,000 to \$4,272,925,000. This does not include Government deposits, which fell from \$56,249,000 to \$34,009,000. Net time deposits were practically unchanged, \$251,455,000, against \$251,497,000 the week before. The loan item increased \$18,042,000, while surplus showed a gain of \$16,648,450, thereby reflecting a growth in reserve credits at the Federal Bank. Other changes included a decrease of \$2,169,000 in cash in own vaults (members of the Federal Reserve Bank), to \$93,544,000 (not counted as reserve), with an increase in the reserve of member banks in the Federal Reserve Bank of \$28,207,000, to \$571,674,000. Reserves in own vaults of State banks and trust companies declined \$279,000 to \$8,598,000, and reserves of State banks and trust companies in other depositories increased \$204,000 to \$9,836,000. There was an expansion in aggregate reserves of \$28,132,000, which brought up the total to \$590,108,000. The gain in surplus reserves was cut because of the substantial increase in reserve requirements consequent upon additional deposits. The figures given above for surplus are on the basis of legal reserves of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve system, but do not include cash in vault amounting to \$93,544,000, held by these banks on Saturday last. Changes in the Federal Reserve Bank statement were slight and relatively unimportant. The ratio of reserves was reduced from 42.3 to 41.8. Declines were shown in borrowings on Government paper, but borrowings on commercial paper were expanded. Total earning assets for the week were up \$26,214,000 on balance. Federal Reserve notes outstanding increased \$5,582,000. Gold reserves were approximately \$6,000,000 higher than a week ago due to the purchase of gold received on the Pacific Coast.

With the exception of Tuesday, when there was a flurry in the local call money market which carried the quotation up to 10% in the afternoon, comparatively little attention was given this week in the financial district to the local money market as a whole. The demand from Stock Exchange firms was light because of the liquidation of speculative stockholdings in recent weeks and because of the extreme dulness in the speculative transactions his week. Brokers' loans are reported to be much smaller

in the aggregate than for a long time. A good many houses are said to be lenders of money on call. Generally speaking, the prevailing rate outside of the first day of business this week was 6%. Various suggestions and explanations for the sudden and unexpected upturn that day have been offered, but doubtless it was connected with the sharp advance in discount rates announced last Saturday by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and which went into effect on Tuesday (June 1). Loans were pretty generally called and it was understood in the Street that most of the requirements of Stock Exchange firms were met by one powerful financial institution and that its rate was 6%, even in the afternoon when a 10% quotation was established for a time. Most authorities do not look for any material change in call money at this centre until near the middle of month, when they would not be surprised to see a brief flurry as a result of the preparation for the customary interest and dividend disbursements. For the next ten days or so the same observers are predicting a return to about present conditions in the money market, but suggest that another upturn is likely to occur when preparations for the heavy July 1 disbursements are taken in hand. At the moment it looks as though the changes in the general monetary position in this country have been sufficient only to make money temporarily easier, and that still more must be accomplished in the way of liquidation and curtailment before the assertion can be safely made that our money market is again on a more nearly normal and stable basis.

As regards specific rates for money, loans on call this week have covered a range of 6 @ 10%, which compares with 6 @ 7% last week. Monday was a holiday (Memorial Day). On Tuesday the high was advanced to 10%, although renewals were made at 6%, which was the low for the day. Wednesday the maximum did not get above 8%, but this was the ruling rate, with 6% the minimum. Thursday and Friday there was no range, 6% being the only rate quoted, and the high, low and renewal basis on both days. The above figures apply to mixed collateral and all-industrials alike. Aside from the opening flurry which was ascribed to the advancing of Federal Reserve discount rates and the strain incidental to June 1 disbursements, call money was in fair supply with only a light inquiry recorded. In time money the situation is about unchanged. According to brokers no trades of importance were made in any maturities and the market was dull and nominal. 8% is still quoted on regular mixed collateral for all periods from sixty days to six months, and 8½% for all industrial money. Borrowers are evidently holding off on the theory that the market is likely to work towards a lower level in the near future.

Mercantile paper rates have again been advanced and 7¾% is now asked for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, against 7½% a week ago, while names less well known require 8%, against 7½ @ 7¾% the preceding week. This of course is in direct response to the Federal Reserve Bank's increase in discount rates. A fair volume of business was recorded at the higher figures.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances have ruled firm, but still unchanged. Trading was quiet during the greater part of the week, with most of the large local and country banks out of the market for the time

being. Very little expectation is entertained for a real broadening in the market this month. Loans on demand for bankers' acceptances continue to be quoted at 5½%. Quotations in detail are as follows:

	Ninety Days	Spot	Sixty Days	Thirty Days	Deliv. within 30 Days
Eligible bills of member banks	6½ @ 6¼	6½ @ 6¼	6½ @ 6	6½ @ 6	7 bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks	6½ @ 6¼	6½ @ 6¼	6½ @ 6¼	6½ @ 6¼	7 bid
Ineligible bills	7½ @ 6¼	7½ @ 6¼	7½ @ 6¼	7½ @ 6¼	7½ bid

A 7% rate for advances secured by commercial paper was established on June 1 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, this representing an increase of 1% in the rate previously in force. The local Reserve bank likewise increased at the same time its rates of discount for loans on other classes of paper; in the case of advances on paper secured by Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes, the discount rate is increased from 5½ to 6%; for advances secured by bankers' acceptances, a rate of 6% has been fixed against 5% previously, and for advances not exceeding 15 days secured by Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, and for rediscounts so secured not exceeding 90 days, the rate is increased from 5 to 5½%. For paper backed by trade acceptances the rate is raised from 6 to 7%. On agricultural and live stock paper maturing in from 91 days to 6 months the rate has also been increased from 6 to 7%. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has likewise increased the rate on paper secured by Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness from 5 to 5½%, and has made the rate on advances on Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes 6% as compared with 5½% heretofore; on commercial paper, trade acceptances and agricultural and live stock paper the rate is increased from 6 to 7%. The Richmond Federal Reserve Bank increases from 5½ to 6% the rate on advances secured by Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes, while on bankers' acceptances the rate is increased from 5 to 6%. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago announces a rate of 7% on commercial paper (the rate heretofore had been 6%), while for bankers' acceptances the rate is changed from 5½ to 6%; on trade acceptances from 6 to 7%, and on agricultural and live stock paper it is similarly raised from 6 to 7%. The Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank has increased from 6 to 7% the rate for advances based on commercial paper; for bankers' acceptances the rate is increased from 5½ to 6%; on trade acceptances it is raised from 5½ to 6½% and on agricultural and live stock paper it is now 7% as compared with 6% heretofore. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta has been added to the list of Reserve banks which have adopted the progressive system of discount rates. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JUNE 4 1920.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. 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.			
Boston	5½	6	7	—	7	7
New York	5½	6	7	6	7	7
Philadelphia	*5½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Cleveland	*5½	5½	6	5½	5½	6
Richmond	5½	6	6	6	6	6
Atlanta	*5½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Chicago	5½	6	7	6	7	7
St. Louis	*5½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Minneapolis	5½	6	7	6	6½	7
Kansas City	5	5½	6	5½	6	6
Dallas	5	5½	6	5½	6	6
San Francisco	5½	5½	6	5½	6	6

\* 5½% on paper secured by 5¼% certificates; † 5% certificates.  
 Note 1.—Rates shown for Atlanta, St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas are normal rates applying to discounts not in excess of 100% of the face of the bills.  
 † Discounts in excess of the base rate reach 25% excess or fraction thereof.

Notwithstanding the fact that initial dealings were again interrupted by holiday celebrations—this time observance on Monday of Memorial Day—sterling exchange made further substantial progress in the upward movement inaugurated at the end of last week. On Tuesday with the reopening of business, trading was active and demand bills under the stimulus of heavy buying, both local and for foreign account, advanced nearly 5 cents in the pound to 3 92¼. This was followed by another sharp rise on Wednesday to 3 95¼, although subsequently there was a partial reaction on freer offerings on improvement in the freight situation, also speculative selling, and the close was somewhat below this figure. The figure above noted, however, constitutes the highest point touched since the week of April 24, when the quotation went to 3 96¼, and is regarded as additional proof of the growing conviction among bankers generally that Great Britain is making rapid strides in her economic and financial recovery and is in a fair way to regain before very long her former prestige as the world's banker. English banks were again in the market as large buyers of sterling bills. Coupled with this was the fact that cable quotations from London showed a steadily rising tendency, while rumors to the effect that additional importations of gold from Great Britain would soon be announced also exercised a strengthening influence on market levels. No official confirmation of this could be obtained, but it is generally believed that such a movement is really under contemplation.

Announcement that J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co., fiscal agents of the Belgian Government in this country, had completed arrangements for the flotation of a new loan to Belgium, the proceeds to be used for the liquidation of the \$50,000,000 maturing acceptance credit, was well received. Advices received at Washington from Tokio this week state that in addition to the granting of financial aid to merchants and banks in good standing the Japanese Government has decided to redeem matured domestic loans with a view to increasing the supply of available funds. It is also learned through reliable sources that while the Japanese financial crisis is about over, it will be a considerable time before commerce and industry in Japan will be able to readjust itself to the new conditions.

Referring to the day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday was easier; demand bills declined to 3 87 @ 3 87½, cable transfers to 3 87¾ @ 3 88¼ and sixty days to 3 82½ @ 3 83. Monday was a holiday (Memorial Day). Heavy local buying and higher cable quotations from London brought about a sharp rise on Tuesday, when rates bounded up more than 5 cents in the pound; the range was 3 88¼ @ 3 92½ for demand, 3 89 @ 3 93½ for cable transfers and 3 83¾ @ 3 88½ for sixty days. On Wednesday increased firmness developed and demand bills were further advanced to 3 93 @ 3 95¾, cable transfers to 3 93¾ @ 3 96½ and sixty days 3 88½ @ 3 91¼; speculative operations were a feature of the day's business. Increased offerings and a slightly lessened demand led to a recession in rates on Thursday, so that the range was 3 91½ @ 3 93½ for demand, 3 92¼ @ 3 94¼ for cable transfers and 3 87 @ 3 89 for sixty days. On Friday the market ruled quiet and easier, with demand fractionally down, at 3 89½ @ 3 90½, cable transfers 3 90¼ @ 3 91¼ and sixty days 3 85 @ 3 86. Closing quotations were 3 85¾ for sixty days, 3 90 for demand and 3 91 for cable transfers. Commercial

sight bills finished at  $3\ 89\frac{3}{4}$ , sixty days at  $3\ 84\frac{1}{4}$ , ninety days at  $3\ 82\frac{1}{4}$ , documents for payment (sixty days)  $3\ 84$ , and seven-day grain bills at  $3\ 89\frac{1}{4}$ . Rumors of incoming gold shipments continue to circulate in the financial district, but no definite information as to actual amounts or dates is available. A consignment of \$2,000,000 was engaged for export to the Dutch East Indies, also \$70,000 in gold coin for Central America.

In the Continental exchanges, while quotations have in the main ruled strong and even higher—at times—signs of a reactionary trend after the rapid advance of the preceding week have begun to make their appearance, notably in German marks, which after strength in the early dealings lost ground under exceptionally heavy selling pressure and declined to 2.08 for checks, or 105 points off from last week's high level, though there was a partial recovery at the close. Much of the loss is attributed to attempts at profit-taking on the part of those who feel that the advance had been overdone, while commercial offerings were more plentiful, especially during the latter part of the week, and the inquiry for purely legitimate purposes rather less active than a week ago. The market was also adversely affected by rumors of internal trouble in the new Republic and the possibility of a change in the Ministry after the elections to-morrow. French francs showed some degree of irregularity, and quotations ranged slightly below last week's best record, the highest point touched this week being 12.72 for checks on Tuesday. Later on there was a recession to 13.08, on larger offerings and a slackened inquiry. Exchange on Rome was easier in the initial transactions, and the rate did not at any time get above 16.62 for sight bills, against a high point of 16.35 last week. Fluctuations were frequent and at times widespread and the close was weak. No specific cause could be assigned for this tendency, excepting that it is a more or less natural reaction from the antecedent rapid advance. Belgian francs, presumably because of the successful placing of the new Belgian loan, ruled strong practically throughout, establishing a new high of 12.17 on the present upward movement. The close, however, was under this figure. A feature of the week's trading has been the unusual firmness in Austrian currency which in contradistinction to German exchange was firmly held at only a few points below last week's high point. This was said to be due to extensive speculative purchases. It is understood that there has been more doing in Austrian kronen than for quite some time. One report has it that certain well-known Wall Street operators have been accumulating a large line of this class of remittance.

Recent dispatches from the American Legation at Lisbon state that a ministerial decree has suspended the power of the bankers' consortium to fix rates of foreign exchange, which from now on will be "unpegged." Representatives of Great Britain, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland are to meet for a conference in Paris on June 10, to arrange for the establishment of a common plan of action for the protection of foreign creditors of Russia.

The official London check rate on Paris closed at 51.00, against 51.40 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 13.03, against 13.12; cable transfers 13.01, against 13.10; commer-

cial sight at 13.07, against 13.14, and commercial sixty days at 13.14, against 13.23 a week ago. Belgian francs closed at 12.47 for checks and 12.45 for cable transfers, which compares with 12.57 and 12.55 the week before. Reichsmarks finished the week at 2.40 for checks and 2.42 for cable remittances, as against 2.56 and 2.58 on Friday of last week. Austrian kronen closed at 00.76 for checks and 00.78 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 00.67 and 00.68. Final quotations on lire were 17.02 for bankers' sight bills and 17.00 for cable transfers, as contrasted with 16.95 and 16.93 the preceding week. Exchange on the Central European republics was also easier and Czechoslovakia closed at 2.45, against 2.55; Bucharest at 2.40, against 2.57; Poland at 55, against 54, and Finland at 5.10, against 5.14 last week. Greek exchange is quoted at 8.70 for checks and 8.68 for cable transfers, against 8.71 and 8.69.

A slightly firmer tone was noted in the neutral exchanges, although trading continues dull and featureless. It is difficult to ascribe any concrete reason for the improvement, further than that offerings were in somewhat lighter supply. This applies more especially to Scandinavian rates which were materially higher for Copenhagen and Stockholm remittances, while guilders were well maintained and Swiss francs ruled firm, the latter closing at a slight net advance. Spanish pesetas, on the other hand, moved irregularly and finished at last week's low level. Recent advices from Madrid state that the Government authorities are expressing alarm over the depreciation of the value of the peseta and that some action is likely in the near future. The Spanish Minister of Finance, it is learned, is planning to prohibit the exportation of Spanish money, declaring that during the past month more than a billion pesetas had gone out of the country.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam closed at  $36\frac{1}{2}$  (unchanged); cable transfers  $36\frac{5}{8}$  (unchanged). Commercial sight 36 7-16 (unchanged); and commercial sixty days 36 1-16, against 35 11-16 last week. Swiss francs finished the week at 5 47 for bankers' sight bills and 5 45 for cable transfers. This compares with 5 59 and 5 57 the week previous. Copenhagen checks closed at 17.65, and cable transfers 17.25, against 16.60 and 16.70. Checks on Sweden finished at 21.55 and cable transfers 21.60, against 21.55 and 21.65, while checks on Norway closed at 17.60 and cable transfers 17.70, against 18.20 and 18.30 a week earlier. Closing quotations for Spanish pesetas were 16.35 for checks and 16.40 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 16.35 and 16.40, respectively.

With regard to South American quotations, increasing firmness has been noted and the rate for checks on Argentina finished at 42.72 and cable transfers 42.92, against 42.50 and 42.625. Brazil, however, was easier with final rates at 26.00 for checks and 26.125, against 26.125 and 26.25 a week ago. Chilean exchange was easier at  $20\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $20\frac{3}{4}$ , and Peru at 5.00, against 4.98 and 4.99.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong,  $81\frac{1}{2}$ @82, against 84@85; Shanghai, 112@113, against 118@119; Yokohama,  $50\frac{3}{4}$ @ $51\frac{1}{2}$  (unchanged); Manila,  $49\frac{3}{4}$ @50, against  $49\frac{1}{4}$ @ $49\frac{1}{2}$ ; Singapore,  $45\frac{3}{4}$ @ $46\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $45\frac{1}{2}$ @46; Bombay,  $42\frac{3}{4}$ @ $43\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $41\frac{3}{4}$ @42, and Calcutta,  $42\frac{3}{4}$ @ $43\frac{1}{2}$ , against  $41\frac{3}{4}$ @42.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,411,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending June 4. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,697,000, while the shipments have reached \$4,286,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$80,976,000, 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 \$76,565,000, as follows:

Week ending June 4.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$8,697,000	\$4,286,000	Gain \$4,411,000
Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and gold exports.....	13,905,000	94,881,000	Loss 80,976,000
Total.....	\$22,602,000	\$99,167,000	Loss \$76,565,000

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

Banks of	June 3 1920.			June 5 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 114,458,784	£ —	£ 114,458,784	£ 86,934,800	£ —	£ 86,934,800
France a.....	144,361,988	9,600,000	153,961,988	142,870,643	12,280,000	155,150,643
Germany.....	54,682,300	182,200	54,764,500	75,805,550	1,018,550	76,824,100
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	24,827,000	122,932,000	90,652,000	25,856,000	116,508,000
Italy.....	32,190,000	3,006,000	35,196,000	32,750,000	2,944,000	35,694,000
Netherl'ds.....	52,983,000	1,027,000	54,010,000	55,164,000	645,000	55,809,000
Nat. Bel. b.....	10,659,000	1,085,000	11,744,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land.....	21,235,000	3,629,000	24,864,000	17,232,000	2,689,000	19,921,000
Sweden.....	14,499,000	—	14,499,000	16,200,000	—	16,200,000
Denmark.....	12,589,000	164,000	12,753,000	10,374,000	136,000	10,510,000
Norway.....	8,121,000	—	8,121,000	8,188,000	—	8,188,000
Total week.....	704,378,072	58,264,200	762,642,272	692,800,993	60,915,550	753,716,543
Prev. week.....	702,375,532	58,301,850	760,677,382	691,997,414	60,886,300	752,883,714

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

\* No figures reported since October 29 1917.

b Figures for 1918 are those of August 6 1914.

### THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATING CONVENTION.

We do not recall any Presidential campaign in the twenty-four past years, and we can recall very few in the country's entire history, in which the probable selection of candidates by the parties was as doubtful on the very eve of the nominating conventions, as is to-day. Four years ago Mr. Wilson's renomination by the Democratic party was a certainty, while in the week before the Republican convention the only doubt over Justice Hughes's nomination, in the minds of well-informed people, arose from the question whether Mr. Roosevelt might not be able to coerce the convention into giving to himself another nomination..

In 1912, while the Democratic candidacy was a matter of doubt until the actual voting at the convention had begun, no other name was mentioned or the Republican nomination than those of President Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, and even with the Democrats it had long been accepted as practically certain that the choice would rest between the three names of Wilson, Clark and Bryan. Every one knew before the conventions of 1908 had been called to order, that Mr. Taft would be nominated by one of them and Mr. Bryan by the other. President Roosevelt was absolutely sure of being named by his party as his own successor in 1904; President McKinley in 1900. Even as far back as the year of campaign surprises, 1896, while nobody dreamed beforehand of Bryan's nomination by the Democrats—which, indeed, was an action taken under momentary impulse and excitement—there was no doubt whatever that the Republicans would name either Mr. McKinley or Speaker Reed, with the strongest kind of probability that McKinley would be selected.

So far is the present situation from giving any such ground for confident prediction, that at the present moment the more practical and the more experienced a political expert is, the more cautious and non-committal he seems to have become in his forecasts of the convention nominations. There are some obvious explanations of this singular situation. One of them is that no statesman of nation-wide repute, identified closely and personally with the larger political issues of the day, is in line for the nomination, and that no public man is therefore in the position of what used to be called the "logical candidate." President Wilson, if he were actually standing for renomination on the issue of the Paris Treaty and the League of Nations, might have been such a candidate. But Mr. Wilson seems to be out of the race, physically because of his own condition and politically because of the undoubted survival of the feeling against a third-term candidacy.

Senator Johnson would be described by some people as a logical candidate to represent opposition both to the treaty and to the League; but Johnson's attitude is in the first place negative, not constructive, and in the second place it seems hardly to be in accordance with the far less uncompromising attitude of his party. As to the other candidates, it has been difficult in the case of the Republican statesmen to find any single issue of the first importance which is as yet embodied in their personality or record; while all proposed candidates for the other party's nomination appear to be dwarfed or handicapped in their canvass by Mr. Wilson's silence and by the doubt concerning his personal attitude.

This explanation of the perplexity over the nomination outlook is plausible. But it is impossible to ignore another consideration, arising from circumstances largely peculiar to this Presidential year. The State primaries under the present system were conceived by the authors of the plan as certain to indicate or define the voters' real choice for the nominee. It is doubtful if they have accomplished anything of the kind; but what they unquestionably have done is to create a kind of deadlock as between certain primary candidates, and to intensify political bitterness between them in a degree for which precedent would be hard to find, even in the days of excited State conventions.

The machinery of this primary election experiment has in a sense got out of hand; at any rate, its results have been wholly different from what was ever intended by the legislatures which enacted the law for them. Yet the developments of this year have by no means come without warning. The capacity of primary campaigns to create strong antagonisms within a party was proved in 1912, when the Taft-Roosevelt primary controversies actually split the party. Furthermore, even in that year the primaries, though dealing with only two opponents, did not at all settle the convention nomination. So bad an impression had been made by this episode of 1912 that in 1916 the leading candidates of the pre-convention period refused to allow their names to be put up at the State primaries, although one of those candidates had himself been the chief sponsor for the New York "preference primary" law.

The confusing influence of the primaries has this year, towards the last, been felt in a manner different even from that of 1912. So long as the primary campaign was conducted in the interest of two or three public men very well known to the entire

country, it was enough that the candidates should personally "stump" the important States and present their own case to the voters. This was not a very dignified procedure, even then, especially when one of the rival aspirants for one party's "primary preference" was President of the United States; but it was at least a simple program and not open to insinuations of improper influence on the electorate.

But when, as was the case in this year's primary campaigns, the problem was to make people acquainted with a candidate previously little known to the country as a whole, and to persuade them to favor one of such little-known candidates rather than another for the primary nomination, the process was more difficult. Merely the traveling expenses of the candidates became a heavy burden of expense; but when, in addition, one after another of the candidates undertook to conduct a "publicity campaign" on the scale of business or charitable "drives," the necessary outlay rose to very large figures.

The matter of postage alone, for the printed appeals sent broadcast by some of the candidates, meant a cash expenditure which, in view of the immense field necessarily covered, must have run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. But that work also involved employment of expensive bureaus in every State to conduct it. When the primary campaign approached its end, the more aggressive candidates were represented by managers and committees with a scope of responsibility, and apparently with tangible resources, which have never been seen before except in a party's formal campaign to elect its nominated candidates to the Presidency.

We hardly need say that we do not take seriously the description, both by the opposition parties and by rival candidates in one party, of such expenditure in any given case as a "corruption fund." But, on the other hand, we do not believe this use of a pre-nomination fund to be either desirable or, in the larger sense, defensible. Nevertheless, the experience of this year must have shown that, under the circumstances which have existed, it was a wholly inevitable result of the present primary system. It seems to be supposed in some quarters that, if all the State primary elections were fixed by law for the same date, the objectionable tendencies would disappear. This does not appear to us to follow in the least. On the contrary, it may easily be conceived how that arrangement would very greatly increase the temptation for extensive and costly publicity. The plan of primaries at separate dates gives at least the opportunity of limiting the primary campaigning to the personal speeches of the candidates. But if all the State primaries were held at once, the personal canvass would become far more difficult and the inducement for campaigns by paid agents and broadcast appeals by mail would be proportionately greater.

In this primary campaign the proved expenditure of money, running in certain cases up to half a million or a million dollars, has produced an unquestionably bad impression. It may conceivably turn out to have spoiled the chances of the candidates who resorted to it. Nobody knows even yet just what its effect will be on next week's voting of delegates at Chicago. But this, after all, is only another reason for the general impression that the question of both parties' nominations is more doubtful, on the eve of the conventions, than it has been in very many years. Whether this curious situation will result in choice of the candidate who already has the largest

number of instructed delegates, or in a compromise on one of the leading candidates after prolonged deadlock, or in the sudden appearance of a successful "dark horse candidate" after days of ineffective voting, it will be possible to conjecture only after next week's convention has begun its work.

#### GOVERNMENTS AND THE HUMANE— STARVING EUROPE.

A new-born babe wrapped in an old newspaper for want of cloth or clothing—can the imagination conceive of desolation of which this is a concrete incident? Children in bread lines standing for hours barefoot in the snow; whole families crowded together in abandoned railway cars; formerly well-to-do middle class citizens, crazed by despair and suffering they can neither endure themselves nor relieve in others, drowning themselves in the Danube; furniture and clothing sold to the last remnant to buy bread and fuel; women stealthily chopping down trees in the night-time, and mothers pressing skeleton babes to desert breasts; a slow sinking into moral degradation until theft gleams out as a virtue; such is the fearful picture that comes from Budapest, bereft of its outlying rich agricultural provinces by the redistribution of lands into new States by the will of powerful governments, and with its population doubled as a result of the war.

Unless a direct survey could be made by the one who reads this story, it is impossible to estimate the extent or degree of suffering that lies above this stratum of extreme misery. But it is not necessary. It is enough, we may believe, if it could be seen at close hand, to "break the heart of the world." A narrator declares Central Europe to be an "open wound." And though there is a form of super-State partially functioning it is powerless to afford relief. What then of "the humane," in the presence of this terrible condition? When government fails, then, if ever civilization must fall back upon the primitive urge to succor and help that lies in human nature so close alongside that other instinct to seize and slay. And in that moment of time as the "heart of the world" responds to this infinite call of distress shall the soul of civilization triumph over its mechanism.

Victor Hugo in "Les Miserables" drew two immortal characters. Each in different ways, but for a good, broke the law, and transcended it. Jean Valjean, stealing a loaf from a baker's window for starving children, was sent to prison where he spent, by successive sentences for attempting to escape, half a lifetime, emerging with hate for all mankind hot in his heart. He begs alms at the Bishop's door, is fed at the Bishop's table, treated as a man—and in the night steals the good man's silver candlesticks. Apprehended, taken before the worthy dignitary of the church, he is set free because the Bishop avers he gave the silver pieces to him. And a soul is saved. The law's repression failed to redeem the criminal, the repression of the church failed to destroy the manhood in the Bishop. The natural brotherhood of love and respect was born when "the humane" became greater than government.

Now we shall encounter no accusation of a betrayal of the dignity and righteousness of liberal governments when we say that there comes a time when man must rise superior to government. For it is only another way of saying governments can rise no higher than their source in the people. While

governments declare and make war they do not (unless tyrannical and viciously autocratic) consciously beget war. And they cannot make peace unless the people live peace. And so it is that though mandates and super-governments *May* not be the bounden duty of Constitutional governments humanity still lives and "the humane" still calls to a world weary and worn with conflict. And this call transcends all debate political, all conditions economic, all agencies artificial and governmental.

We do not know how these starving millions in Europe are to be fed. But we do know that wars for democracy fail, that a League of Nations sinks into impotency, that idealism of united States dwelling together in harmony is the airy fabric of a dream, unless they are fed—this one season more, that they may feed themselves. We have thought, so potential is its power, that credit popularized might find a way—that great independent committees of the people representing those who loan and those who borrow might do the work. But whether this be practical or possible, it still remains true that the call is to that "heart of humanity" which must endure if any governments are to continue. Man, mankind, men in communities, must rise superior to law and constituted governments. And there is no time to lose. Here is a spiritual uprising worthy the highest in centuries of progress.

A thought comes into the mind. We cannot resolve away the difficulties that would attend its application. But the principle of service, the plea of its sacrifice, remains. If the President as head of the Red Cross were to proclaim a day on which there should be observed universally by the American people *one day of fasting for those who hunger*, millions might be fed and clothed. There are great difficulties in converting this saving into food and transporting it, but are they therefore insurmountable? How, over the waters so lately infested with death, would the sails of this argosy of life glow and gleam with help and hope. If we have faults and failures political, if we have costs and crimes economic, if we have queries and quarrels governmental, we would still show we have the sublime character of charity for all.

Too much, it would appear, we are engrossed in the mechanism of Government. And yet the man is not submerged, merely, in the citizen, for his own problems of life and death are heavy about him. Rather it is, that the humane, as charged, does become in a measure apathetic. Does it seem that the governmental machinery of a newly democratized world, new States hewed and shaped by arbitrary political power, backed by triumphant force, creaks and groans in heartless manner as it begins to move, that it is cold though correct, that it is selfish though salutary? What then is left but the human heart that though it seem careless still is capable of divine sacrifice and infinite love? Who on such a day of fasting that others have food, in all the land, would let one morsel pass his lips?

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#### THE STRESS THAT LEADS TO PANIC—NEVER-ENDING INCREASES IN WAGES.

War came suddenly, as we say, "out of a clear sky." Peace, with its attendant prosperity, cannot come that way—after years of struggle, destruction, waste. An armistice means the cessation of hostilities, the beginning of peace, but it is not peace either in fact or by agreement. Once peace is determined upon,

once harmonious national relations are established, the real peace of life must be lived, not merely declared. The so-called "human relations" cannot be quickly resumed upon the former basis. Time alone "makes all things even." When an arm is thrown out of joint at the shoulder a sudden wrench may put it back in place, but when the whole body is shattered by a nervous shock, it requires years of nursing and recuperation to restore its vitality and vigor. The whole economic system of the world was disrupted by war. In peace and by peace if may be restored, but only by the direction of energy into productive channels, the renewal of trade relations under natural law, and courageous effort to remove the restrictions and constrictions placed upon "business" by the imperative urgencies of conflict.

A financial writer has said that no economist would now venture to say when the greatest tension in our period of stress will be reached. The very statement indicates that we have not reached that point, and also a belief that it *will come*. It is important then that business men consider constantly the "signs of the times." We do not doubt they are doing this. Nor, we believe, are the people unmindful of the strain that is upon everything in the business world. Perhaps, by reason of the very circumstances of the case, nothing specific may be said by way of direction. Yet it is demanded that this strain and stress does not induce panic. This, always, to use the hated word, is psychological. It is the sudden access and control of fear. Men hasten to anticipate an evil, an effect, and by that very means bring it about. It is always easier to tear down than to build up. War toppled down commerce and credit—only slow years of industry and saving can build them up..

We *seem* at this time to have reached the apex of high prices. They have gone beyond the ability of the people to buy. Goods do not "move"—and department stores introduce sudden and violent reductions. Money rates at Federal Reserve banks have been increased, and may be made higher. Liberty bonds have suffered a steady decline, and may go lower. Railroad bonds by some of the most stable companies have been floated at a 7% rate, the initial cost to the companies being higher than this. Strikes and threats of strikes continue, freight congestion and inertia is serious—the roads have not been able to untangle themselves in a few months from their many difficulties arising from various causes. The influence, disconcerting and depressing, of a political election, is upon us. And the volume of deposits in the banks, together with the volume of reserve notes, shows little diminution—in fact keeps rising. These matters are all "disquieting."

It is evident, though Congress has been in practically continuous session for over a year, that laws have done very little to restore and stabilize conditions. One great step was turning the railroads back to private ownership, a necessary step before the roads could function again in their own right. And we may assume that there are features of relief in the act of restoration—but these factors in our commercial and industrial life must have time to work out their own salvation, and since they are still amenable to a Commission should receive *encouragement according to need*. As to a reduction in prices, or of "inflation" in any of its forms, or adjustment and reduction of taxes, or measurably, of relief from the bureaucracy of wartime, by Government itself, little

has been done—principally as to prices and inflation, because little *could* be done. And *this* ought to show at once to those who are clamoring for Government interference, control, or ownership, the futility of this plea. The *processes* of recovery from war are slow; it cannot be otherwise.

What *may* reasonably be expected in "times like these" is that there will be breaks of the tension here and there that will be both sudden and violent. But if it is correct to say that readjustment and resumption must be slow, then it follows by reason of this fact, that to put it strongly, there cannot come a time when the "bottom will drop out of everything all at once!" Unless—and this is to be guarded against—the people become scared, lose their poise and confidence and plunge headlong into a period of liquidation regardless of costs. For instance, let us take the precarious condition of credit as an example. It is a vast and overtopping question. It has many aspects and ramifications. While Liberty bonds, to cite one phase, must stand as an index, or so it seems to us, of general values, there cannot be any real danger to these securities to those who own them *as long as they hold them*. Whether anything can be done to stabilize their market values may well be doubted. But selling in haste to liquidate against possibly lower market prices is mere financial folly and panic in those who *can* hold them. And such is the transforming power and elasticity of credit, there are few save the poor, few save owners of single fifty and one hundred dollar bonds, who can not make shift to hold them. In the same way, whatever restrictions banks may place on loans for speculation, there will always be *some* credit at the banks while business *continues to function* and deposits are maintained though on a lowering ratio. The general bond market, likewise, though it shows vagaries that are anomalous, as for instance bonds of small municipalities selling at rates in excess of State, Government, industrial and railroad bonds of the safest character (at lower interest returns we mean) there is a field of flotations open and free, cognizant only of what business is willing to pay. And the kernel of all these truths is that the process is going on, and the swing downward must sooner or later be followed by a swing upward—while in the meantime the earning power of the bond is unaffected. It means that the courage of enterprise should not flinch at sudden changes in the environment of commerce and credit.

Peace will come, if it ever does come, by the push and pull of the settling process. What most contributes to the acute stress, to a possible coming climax, when despair and fear may induce panic is the refusal to accept conditions and readjustments as they come. Undoubtedly the war brought changes—that, it is true, might have come sooner or later by a natural progress—and some of them may not otherwise ever have come. But fighting against them all the time increases, does not diminish, stress. A simple illustration is at hand. The war taught hundreds of thousands of men to shave themselves who will never go back to the barber's chair. The "safety razor" came into greater vogue than ever. Now this must diminish the returns of the barber shop. Yet a union through a strike forces an advance in wages and an increase in the cost of a shave and the price of a haircut, all to bring to barbers as high, or higher, wage than before the war on a *diminished business*. This is not readjustment to a

patent condition, it is an aggravation of the trouble. And the same law holds good in all pressure to diminish hours and reduce output. No such process can go on indefinitely without reaching a point where it breaks down by its own excess. Then the tension snaps—there is paralysis of industry, idleness, want, apathy in merchandising, a more and more violent contraction of credit—until in the midst of the stress there is a rush to cover, to liquidate, and if people do not return to their senses, a panic.

We can only touch upon these matters. But the people cannot accept one side of a proposition in reconstruction and not the other. The people cannot be *willing* to receive a cut of twenty to thirty per cent in prices and stand idly behind "labor's" demand for constant increase. The people cannot voluntarily accept an increase of 50% in freight rates to restore the roads to normal—and offer no protest to paying it all out to labor that offers and gives no increase in service. As long as "business" remains in the grip of class rule there can be no return to normal. It makes a difference, but it is only a part of the difference, that "labor" is one or another per cent of the cost of production. The stress and strain are undiminished, and these must sometime reach a crux, must sometime attack some fundamentally weakened part of the structure when the whole in consequence will give way. We can stand certain violent natural changes here and there, we cannot stand the constant pulling and demolishing force exerted upon the whole in its most vulnerable parts.

We said, and repeat, there can be no specific admonitions given to business men. They "know their business." And they are the ones who really make the economic readjustments. But so far as public opinion is concerned, it cannot stand willing to receive and not help and give. Economy, saving and thrift, are well in their way—and are a general pressure on all things. And while it may be difficult, if not impossible, to discriminate, to *save* in costs must compel a saving in all the elements of costs, wages included. "The public" can do much, *has* done much, to lower the high cost of living. But it cannot condone the eternal war of classes without inviting disaster. It cannot make a goat of the merchant, or a packhorse of the manufacturer. It can adjust itself to prices—it can influence reduction in price; it can conform to conditions though changes be radical; but it cannot pour all its savings into wage unions without condoning a strain that will snap sometime and bring down the house.

#### SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES—THE NORTH DAKOTA CASE.

The Supreme Court decision, handed down on June 1, declining to reverse the highest Court of North Dakota as to the constitutionality of some remarkably "advanced" statutes of that State, attracted very little notice among the many engrossing topics of the present, yet it is quite significant in at least one aspect.

These statutes started North Dakota's bold venture into State socialism, and Governor Frazier of that State is one of the prime movers, according to report, in a "committee of forty-eight," which has issued a call for a convention to meet in Chicago on July 10, to start the new Non-Partisan Party, a title which suggests the Gompers manifesto. The whole State scheme is as wildly opposed to natural laws as was the scheme of the man who put a big bellows, to be

moved by hand, in the stern of his small boat, so that he could always have a breeze on his sail, or as the attempt (continually made, in the figurative sense) to lift one's self over a fence by tugging at one's own boot-straps. The State is to throttle monopoly and produce general happiness by engaging in many sorts of business, including that of banking. This is as wild as the scheme of one experimenter whom Lemuel Gulliver found in the Academy of Lagado, who "had been eight years upon a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, which were to be put in phials hermetically sealed, and let out to warm the air in raw inclement winters."

Governor Frazier seems as confident as was that experimenter, for he declared, about a month ago, that "we controlled the North Dakota Legislature in 1919" (a correct statement), and have put the plan into working. We have found, he said, that with a small State-owned flour mill at Drake, "we can pay the farmer 12 cents more a bushel for wheat than the market price and sell flour at 50 cents a barrel cheaper and mill feeds \$8 50 cheaper than other mills." And so on; but even if this is literally true it does not necessarily prove more than that cheapness can always be had, like other things, by paying the price for it, and this was already known.

What concerns us now, however, is that this decision is an answer to the complaint of some persons against what they choose to call "usurpation" by courts. They accuse judges of "nullifying" the acts of the sovereign people as expressed in the enactments by their legislative agents, and some of them demand that a legislative body shall be the sole and final judge of its own powers, or that, if a statute is repassed by the legislative body, unchanged, after being declared invalid because of constitutional defects, the second passing shall be non-reviewable. The Executive power is made a co-ordinate part of the legislative, to the extent of being able to halt and send back a measure which, for any reason, the Executive does not "approve;" he thus compels a second thought, and then a larger vote can override his objection. To liken a judicial review to a veto is to declare a false analogy. That the judge on the bench does not "approve" a particular statute lies within his individual right, as within the right of every other man; but his mere approval or disapproval is no more than any other man's, if he is true to his duty and his official oath. He may deem the statute before him against the constitution of human nature, or the constitution of the universe, or against common sense or justice, or certain to produce undesirable results; that is within his opinion, but unless it clearly conflicts with the constitution he has no power over it, and it is probably within bounds to say that there is no instance in which any court of proper jurisdiction has assumed to pronounce a statute invalid because it was a bad statute. To attempt this would indeed be (what judges are falsely accused of doing) to exercise a veto power. The judges, in some sense, resemble a mirror, which shows the beholder his "looks," but leaves any action to him.

The highest Court of North Dakota finds these socialist attempts within the legislative powers under the State constitution; the Supreme Court of the United States finds the same; this is all of it. The people are "sovereign," so far as sovereignty on this earth can go. They may attempt whatever they please, and they must take the consequences, as they

are now taking the consequences of folly in respect to the vital subject of transportation. Again and again the Supreme Court (and doubtless courts of lesser powers also) has in effect given notice that if the people legislate unwisely they need not count upon the judiciary to screen them from the consequences. In a constitution, State or Federal, the sovereign people draw for themselves certain lines along which they declare they will move; then they make certain movements, and then the high courts discover (and report) whether these movements agree with or conflict with the prior declaration; if they conflict with it, they are void ab initio, like offspring that never had in it a germ of separate life.

This is the whole of the matter. The sovereign people have a reserved and indefeasible right to be just as foolish as the notion takes them. The point and value of the decision in the North Dakota matter is that it supplies a conclusive evidence that the talk of usurpation by the judiciary is utter nonsense.

#### PRICE FIXING OF NECESSARIES—FURTHER LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.

Congressman Fuller of Massachusetts has introduced a bill for still another regulative board, a Common Commodities Commission, "whose duties shall be to establish and regulate the maximum price which shall be paid for the common necessities of life." This Commission is to submit monthly to the President "a list of articles which it has designated" as such common necessities, and when he has approved this list "it shall be considered as the official list of articles on which said Commission shall fix the maximum prices for which they shall be sold." The President is to establish governing rules and regulations for the Commission, and he is authorized "to take all necessary steps to see that the recommendations of the Commission are carried out." No penalty appears to be provided, but that is an omission easily remedied at any time.

Aside from the permanent and immovable objections to causing or allowing Government to go outside of the business which it alone can perform and for which alone it is instituted, (objections which are exemplified by every such departure made) there are two other distinct objections to this particular proposition. The first of those is that it is unnecessary, having long been covered in the Lever law which is not yet repealed. Section 25 of that law provides for an inquiry into costs and prices by the Federal Trade Commission, a body that is always looking for something to do and so self-confidently ready as to recall Pope's mention of some who "rush in where angels fear to tread." When this body has "completed its inquiry respecting any commodity in any locality" it shall, if the President so decides, "fix and publish maximum prices for both producers of and dealers in any such commodity," and prices so fixed "shall be observed by all producers and dealers" until further action by the Commission. The penalty is not lacking, for whoever shall knowingly "ask, demand, or receive" a higher price than that fixed is subject to \$5,000 fine or two years' imprisonment, or both, and "each independent transaction shall constitute a separate offense."

No statute could be more sweeping and more drastic than this in terms, unless the penalty prescribed were made death at the hands of the public executioner, possibly by some more terrible mode

than according to laws which retain the extreme penalty. We have in the news of the day an account of severe fines imposed upon one corporation for alleged profiteering, and the head of probably the most prominent manufacturing concern in textile industries now stands indicted for that offense, which consists in taking a rate of profit higher than some official authority considers fair. At least this part of the Lever law has been left without attempt at enforcement, perhaps being expected to serve as warning. How far it has so served; who are the profiteers, outside of our clamorously belligerent citizen-alien, the members of labor unions, and whether the large number of accusations and fines in the "flying-squadron" pursuit of profiteers have been of any public benefit or have had any helpful effect upon the cost of living—these are matters of dispute and doubt which must be left such, inasmuch as nobody can either prove one proposition concerning them or disprove the opposite.

But if any more general and more minute price-fixing is needed as to necessities, the machinery for it already exists. The second objection to Mr. Fuller's relief plan is that it does not go far enough. The unanswerable question was lately put as to what good a shipper could get from a low rate if he could not possibly get his goods moved for lack of cars. There is an old story of a pioneer of the gold-mining days of the Pacific Coast who told how he could once have bought the site of San Francisco for one pair of boots, and when asked why in the name of sense he did not make the purchase, replied "because I didn't have the boots." What does the lowest conceivable rate on freight help if the freight cannot be moved? How will maximum prices of necessities help us, however low they are, unless the articles can be had? The section quoted from the Lever law is aimed at dealers, but if the dealer has not the goods? Let him get them, replies the reformer. Maximum prices are to be fixed for producers as well, but what if the producer will not produce? The Lever law fixes no penalty for not producing; therefore the Fuller proposition should take the remaining and positively essential step of ensuring the production. Enact that every person who is able to produce necessities if he chose, or who ought to be able to produce them, shall be subject to the penalty of misdemeanor if he does not do that, and each independent failure shall be a separate offense. Does anybody call this sarcasm? If so, of what matter are prices to anybody, if the things are not provided? There is a recognition of the immovable fact that production falls within the Gompers doctrine by being within the voluntary decision of each person, for the Lever law carefully refrained from trying to coerce the farmer, and there is now another bill in Congress for declaring liberty anew for him, by leaving him to "combine" as he likes.

#### THE PASSING OF PROVINCIAL FINANCE.

"God bless me and my wife; my son John and his wife; we four and no more" has ceased to be an adequate pattern of prayer for any business, big or little, in America.

Every form of manufacture or of trade is coming to be recognized as having world relations which cannot be ignored. It is by no means merely a question of labor, or raw materials, or a possible market, or even of foreign competition, it has become a question of its accord with a national policy upon

which the prosperity of the whole country depends. To this not only does the particular business contribute, but if it should be found to differ with it or to antagonize it, it must itself sooner or later fail.

When, therefore, a man like Hartley Withers, whose words by reason of his position as editor of "The Economist" of London must command respect, gathers in a volume\* the series of articles he has been writing upon the various leading financial questions the war has raised, we may well stop to consider what he has to say. We can only note a few of the many subjects dealt with in his book.

He calls attention to recent German explanation of England's commercial supremacy. This, it is said, is due to "the influence of history, a mighty empire, a cosmopolitan stock exchange, intimate business connections throughout the world, cheap money, a free gold market, steady exchanges, an almost unlimited market for capital and an excellent credit system." Over against these are set, even by the German observer, the qualities which less successful nations also display, antipathy to foreigners, inertia, conservatism, petty annoyances and narrow-mindedness, disregard of agreed terms, bureaucratic restrictions, and the like. When to these are added the handicap of remoter position, the difficulty of disturbing existing connections, the necessity of taking big risks and securing enormous turn-over, coupled with a narrow margin of profit, it is easy to see that despite the disturbance created by the war the successful entrance of new men into the various lines of foreign business will not be without difficulty, and the need of both careful investigation and great readiness to learn imperative.

The author recognizes that the new situation resulting from the war inevitably produces a host of novel suggestions for meeting them. Too many of these are justly characterized as "dim glimpses into the obvious." Schemes, for example, like that for creating novel forms of international currency for the sake of improving the arrangements under which international payments may be made are ill timed. Improvements could doubtless be made, but when the serious problems of reconstruction are still to be faced and solved it is inadvisable to complicate them by intruding questions which will require most careful attention.

Doubtless there is always danger in unrestricted monopoly, and the growth and concentration of private banking may develop difficulties. But modern business is emphasizing the great advantages of a big turnover and small profits in each transaction and the experience of the great insurance companies and other organizations meeting general wants show the enormous advantage of providing cheap facilities to the largest possible number of customers. "Fears, therefore, of natural restriction of banking facilities, through monopoly, are not by any means a certain consequence even of the establishment of monopoly in private enterprise." The nationalization of large business and industries, as in the case of telegraph and telephone companies in England, has resulted in a loss, and in others, as the London water supply, now in Government hands, the facilities have not improved.

As to the employment of foreign capital and the admitting of foreign industries he advocates a liberal policy. He says foreign capital has been a leading

\*"War-Time Financial Problems," by Hartley Withers; London, John Murray. New York, E. P. Dutton & Co.

element in the business growth of the past hundred years. Now that so much private capital has been turned over to the Government there will probably be a scarcity available for industrial investment. He has immediate reference to England, and adds that, while outside capital could be had and its help would be obvious, some public men don't see this and would devise means for keeping it entirely out. But any foreigner, even an enemy who would set up a factory in England would be doing the very thing most desired, he would set the wheels of industry going, relieve the labor market and help on the state of transition.

Any attempt to apply discrimination against a German, for example, would be extremely difficult to carry out. It would involve all kinds of complications and would tend to perpetuate ancient antagonisms. He quotes a member of a committee of the House of Commons, who urged that "the important thing is to get the industries established in this country, and that the question of their ownership is of secondary consequence." Our prime duty is to hasten the day when barbarisms shall be buried and humanity shall be able to go about its business unimpeded by stupid complications and restrictions.

His chief concern is with the evil wrought by paper currency. To this he frequently returns. He opens his book with these merry lines from Pope:

"Blest paper credit last and best supply,  
That lends corruption lighter wings to fly.  
Gold imp'd by thee, can compass hardest things,  
Can pocket states, can fetch or carry kings."

When he comes to his chapter on the currency, to enforce the comparative unimportance of other influences, he quotes the great passage from Maccaulay upon the evils of a disordered currency. It is worth reproducing:

"It may well be doubted whether all the misery which has been inflicted on the English nation in a quarter of a century by bad kings, bad ministers, bad Parliaments and bad judges was equal to the misery created in a single year by bad crowns and bad shillings. . . . While the honor and independence of the State were sold to a foreign power, while chartered rights were invaded, while fundamental laws were violated, hundreds of thousands of quiet, honest and industrious families labored and traded, at their meals and lay down to rest in comfort and security. Whether Whigs or Tories, Protestants or Jesuits were uppermost, the grazier drove his beasts to market, the grocer weighed out his currants, the draper measured out his cloth, the hum of buyers and sellers was as loud as ever in the towns, the harvest time was celebrated as joyously as ever in the hamlets, the cream overflowed the pails of Cheshire, the apple juice foamed in the presses of Herefordshire, the piles of crockery glowed in the furnaces of Trent, and the barrows of coal rolled fast along the timber railways of the Tyne. But when the great instrument of exchange became thoroughly deranged all trade, all industry, were smitten as with a palsy. . . . Nothing could be purchased without a dispute. Over every counter there was wrangling from morning to night. The workman and his employer had a quarrel as regularly as the Saturday came round. On a fair-day or a market-day the clamors, the reproaches, the taunts, the curses, were incessant, and it was well if no booth was overturned, and no head broken. . . . The price of the necessaries of life, of shoes, of ale, of oatmeal, rose fast. The laborer found that the bit of meta-

which when he received it was called a shilling, would hardly, when he wanted to purchase a pot of beer or a loaf of rye bread, go as far as a sixpence."

The evil to-day is not in the coins, nor in a choice between two pieces of paper, but that there are too many of the latter. The leading European nations at the opening of the war fell back on the old medieval days of depreciating the currency, and continued it throughout the war in spite of the obvious unrest, suspicion and bitterness it produced, laying the foundation of the attack on our present economic system. Germany immediately relieved the Reichsbank from any obligation of meeting its notes in gold and frankly went on a paper basis. Other countries quickly followed in various ways and with many schemes of increasing credits and currency.

England, the most conservative and the strongest financially, while resorting heavily to taxation, made up the balance by borrowing saved money and inflation. The net cost of the war to her was £5,500,000,000. If to this is added the £860,000,000 for her ordinary expenses for the period of the war, one-third of the total, that is £2,120,000,000, was raised by taxation.

In addition to this she issued credits of every kind. These created fresh deposits in the banks on which it issued currency notes, which it used for war expenditure and added £200,000,000 of paper of various kinds to the legal tender currency. The immediate effect was greatly to increase the price of all goods, nearly doubling the actual cost of the war. She sold foreign securities to the approximate amount of £1,000,000,000, and is still a great creditor nation, but she is now obliged to make every effort to get back to the normal status before the war.

She is already so far successful as to be meeting her current expenses, to begin the reduction of her outstanding debt, and to be able to report just now that her floating debt is £200,000,000 less than it was a year ago. She cared so well for her own people that London merchants had a 3½% acceptance rate throughout the war when the Government was paying 5%.

#### CANADIAN LOAN COMPANIES HAVING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING OUTSIDE FUNDS.

Ottawa, Canada, June 4 1920.

Canadian loan companies as a rule draw a very large part of their lending money from British sources. It is not difficult to comprehend, therefore, the peculiar situation in which these companies have been placed through heavy local demands for loans, on the one hand, and what amounts to a practical embargo through exchange on further money supplies from their old country investors. At the same time, there arose a strong incentive to starve the Canadian borrower and to make uncommonly large profits by transferring capital to any British securities paying even the most modest returns. The latter consideration, however, according to the public testimony of loan company managers, was not allowed to operate to any considerable extent. Loans have been freely renewed at old rates in all parts of Canada, and especially where the provincial governments have abolished the iniquitous "protection" of the moratoria.

Since the tendency of the money flow has been eastward rather than westward, there now faces the loaning companies a very real problem of a future source of supply. Interest rates in England have

jumped from the old 2½% Consol to the present-day 6½% British Government bond, or a London County 5¾% bond offered at 95. At the same time the Canadian Government is borrowing at around 5½ to 5¾%. Taking the almost parallel interest rates with the further fact that Canadian dollars are at a 15% premium over the pound sterling, the outlook for new lending money from the British Isles seems most remote.

Warnings have been repeatedly issued by the official association of loan and mortgage companies in the Dominion against the frightening of United States capital by unsound legislation and demagogic political tricks. Says the loan association's latest bulletin: "The Farmer's Government of Ontario has brought to an end the moratorium in that Province. If the citizens of British Columbia and Manitoba followed the example, their Provinces would very soon occupy a decidedly better position from a credit standpoint. Alberta has materially improved its position by legislation just enacted and the farmer Premier there has made up his mind that the lender has rights as well as the borrower. There are signs of a growing improvement in public opinion respecting investments. It will not be surprising if the shortage of funds available for mortgage loans persists for some years."

**IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION IN 1919.**

Since the abandonment of the publication of the "Immigration Service Bulletin" last August little or nothing of an authentic nature has been readily available as to the real trend of the alien movement so far as it concerned the United States, although from partial data made public it was conjectured that the net flow into the United States in the calendar year 1919 had been practically nominal, and under that of all years in over half a century, excepting only 1908, when there was actually a net outward movement as the outcome of marked depression here. This we are now in a position to substantiate by compilations furnished to us this week by the Commissioner-General of Immigration.

The result is not out of line with what was to be expected under conditions that have prevailed. Passing any reference to reasons that, whether through the necessities of the situation or Governmental interference or otherwise might have acted to discourage or prevent emigration from various countries in Europe, we have merely to mention action taken by our own authorities as a decided hindering influence. It is a known fact that since the war no alien can enter the United States except under passport issued by our representative at port of embarkation after the applicant therefor has appeared in person and stood examination, or having a passport from the home authorities has had it vised by the American official before embarking, and, to make the regulations more stringent, steamship companies are subject to punishment if they permit any to come here who are excluded by our laws. If this were not enough, the American Legion is on record as demanding that a ban be put upon immigration. Whether wise or not the restrictive measures have resulted in a serious shortage of ordinary labor in this country at this time and the forcing of wage compensation therefor way above the bounds of reason. Witness, in fact, the demand made last week that the Railroad Labor Board fix the minimum wage for common labor for a 48-hour week on the railroads at \$2,500

per year, or \$1 per hour. It is not uninteresting to note that but for the movement over the Canadian and Mexican borders in 1919 there would have been for the year a net outflow of aliens in excess of that of 1908.

The actual number of aliens who entered the United States through the various seaboard ports and points of crossing on the Canadian and Mexican borders was in excess of all years since 1914, only excepting 1916, reaching 397,162 (of which 247,358 immigrants and 149,804 non-immigrants) this comparing with but 225,416 the previous year, 211,885 two years ago, 848,231 in 1914 and 1,616,903 in 1913—the latter having been the high record of arrivals. On the other hand, the alien outflow was much the heaviest in five years, totaling 392,526 against 183,945 in 1918 and 131,183 in 1917. Consequently, the net gain in foreign-born population for the year was but the insignificant number of 4,636 against 41,471 a year earlier, 80,702 the year preceding, 263,887 in 1916 and more than a million (1,017,957) in 1913. The details of the movement for five years are as follows:

Alien Arrivals—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Immigrant .....	247,358	115,916	152,959	355,767	258,678
Non-immigrant .....	149,804	109,500	58,926	72,904	68,963
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>397,162</b>	<b>225,416</b>	<b>211,885</b>	<b>428,671</b>	<b>327,641</b>
Alien Departures—					
Emigrant .....	261,718	80,612	67,652	69,725	160,641
Non-emigrant .....	130,808	103,333	63,531	95,059	123,995
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>392,526</b>	<b>183,945</b>	<b>131,183</b>	<b>164,784</b>	<b>284,636</b>
Net gain in population .....	4,636	41,471	80,702	263,887	43,005

Arrivals via Canadian border points, it is to be explained, were largely in excess of the departures via the same routes and the same is true of the movement over the Mexican border. The bulk of the alien movement was, of course, as in former years, through the port of New York, and the outflow, principally to southern Europe, was appreciably the greater.

Compilations at hand from Washington enable us to show also the various nationalities that figure in the immigration and emigration movement. It would seem that in the late year the net arrivals of English were 23,732, against 7,035 in 1918; of Irish 9,069 against 3,661; of Scotch 17,040 against 4,858; French 17,259 against 5,312; Hebrews, 6,956 against 2,436, and Africans, 7,898, against 7,564. Of Scandinavians, however, the net inflow showed diminution, standing at 2,145 against 3,889. On the other hand, several European nationalities show departures appreciably greater than the arrivals. Of Italians, for instance, that is true to the extent of 64,661, Greeks 25,139, and Poles 4,640.

Turning to the statement covering the occupations of those who came to these shores or departed therefrom in 1919, we observe that in most skilled lines except miners the influx was the greater, and the same may be said of the unskilled classed as farm laborers and domestic servants. But of ordinary laborers, for which there is now a somewhat urgent demand, the efflux was upwards of 150,000 more than the inflow, and it has been persistently maintained that the drastic prohibition amendment is largely responsible for this outcome.

**MUNICIPAL FAIRNESS TOWARDS PUBLIC UTILITIES**

A four line item in the Investment News Department of the "Chronicle" last week announced the fact that the Newport News & Hampton Railway, Gas & Electric Company had been granted an increase in passenger fares from 5c. to 7c. and in the rate of gas from \$1.00 to \$1.10. We have gone to some trouble to investigate the circumstances surrounding this increase and find behind it an interesting and quite unusual story of response by municipal authorities to a

policy of square dealing on the part of the management petitioning for the rate increases. The incident is one which gives courage to those who have been through the slough of despond in the last few years in trying to finance and operate public utility corporations.

In the background of this situation we find a management that gave good service but like all others finally found its net earnings decreasing under an extraordinarily rapid increase in wages and materials. This situation it placed before the Common Councils of three cities served by its facilities and without concealment of any kind submitted the figures bearing upon such costs and earnings, as well as statements of the capital outlays on the property to the local authorities and asked for relief. No suggestion as to the way in which the relief should be granted was made by the company. This was left to the users of its facilities and those who represented them in the local government. The latter were so fairminded and so forward-looking in their policies that they entered no protest to the general principle of increase, but were for a while divided as to the particular service that should bear the greater part of the new load of expenses.

One very important relation which the Common Councils of Newport News and Hampton appreciated was that rates should be based on the value of capital invested in the property and that earnings should bear a direct relation to the present high cost of new capital.

We mention this incident as one showing the growing appreciation by those in authority of the burdens of capital and to suggest that where there have been no financial excesses and service has been good, the public which depends on utilities will stand up for fair treatment. It is an impressive lesson in the way of encouraging municipalities to treat capital fairly in order that industries and utilities which would help to build up a community may be attracted by the local policy of fair dealing.

## 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 June 1.

### 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 June 4.

### DEPOSIT OF GOLD IN ARGENTINA TO RELEASE FUNDS IN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

A press dispatch from Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 1, said:

An additional 3,000,000 pesos in gold have been deposited in the Government vaults here, releasing an equivalent amount from the deposits of the Argentine Embassy at Washington with the Federal Reserve Bank.

In printing the above the New York "Evening Post" of June 2 had the following to say:

Last week it was announced that the Argentine Government had released \$4,500,000 in gold which was being held for Argentina by the New York Federal Reserve Bank. In all \$79,000,000 gold has been thus "ear marked" during the war and held in the United States, the Argentine Conversion Bureau issuing circulating notes in Argentina against it. At the present time the notes are being gradually retired and the gold security released. The gold thus becomes available to pay Argentine debts in the United States. To-day's rate of exchange on Argentina was 104.30 Argentine cents to the American dollar. In as much as the rate of exchange is 103.63, the rate is in favor of the United States.

### INCREASE IN RATE OF INTEREST IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Supplementing the information which we gave in these columns last week, page 2241, on banking conditions in Czechoslovakia, Vladimir Smetana, Czechoslovakia Consul and Commercial Attache of this city, advises us under date of June 3 that the rate of interest charged by the banking office of the Czechoslovakia Ministry of Finances in Prague was raised by 1% on May 12th, in order to put a check on expansion of credits. The current rates are now: 6% for rediscount of bills and 7% for loans on col-

laterals. If the collateral consists of Czechoslovakia Government Bonds, 6½%.

### PORTUGAL PROHIBITS GOLD PAYMENTS.

According to a Lisbon cablegram May 29, a decree was issued on that date prohibiting payments in gold by any public department without the consent of the Minister of Finance.

### DECLINE IN VALUE OF PESETA IN SPAIN.

Regarding the concern which the decline in the value of the peseta has occasioned in Spain, a Madrid cablegram to the daily papers says:

Both the Espana Economicay Financiera and La Libertad call attention to the weakening position of the peseta, the value of which is falling rapidly. La Libertad says that continuation of this condition threatens to place Spain in a situation similar to those nations which suffered most by the war.

The dissipation of millions without plan in the budget, where there is a perfect orgy of expense for an increase of the military and civil personnel, says the paper, and the alarming growth of the Treasury account with the banks, with the accompanying export of gold, tend to make matters worse.

### JAPANESE FINANCIAL DISTURBANCES.

The receipt of a cablegram by the Department of Commerce at Washington on June 2 from the American Commercial Attache at Tokio announcing that apparently the crisis in the financial difficulties of Japan is about over, was made known at Washington on that day. It was stated however, in the message from Japan that "it will be a considerable time before commerce and industry in Japan can adjust itself to the new order of prices." The following is the announcement made by the Department of Commerce:

Commercial Attache James F. Abbott has cabled from Tokio that except for Mogi's Seventy-fourth Bank of Japan, which was forced to suspend on May 24 for a period of three weeks because of runs resulting from reported losses by silk speculators, the banks in Japan are not considered to be in a precarious condition.

The markets however, were thoroughly demoralized and prices were rapidly falling. Six hundred piculs of menthol were dumped on the market, the price asked being 20 yen a case, which shows a serious shrinkage from the price of 41 yen per case in February. On May 27 the price of rice in Tokio was 38.19 yen per koku as compared with prices ranging around 60 yen the first of the year. In Osaka cotton yarns were being quoted at 375 yen, which reflects a similar shrinkage in value. The supply of silk in Yokohama is reported as 54,518 bales.

These unsettled conditions have produced serious congestion at the ports, there being at Yokohama custom house 420,000 tons of freight uncalled for. The indications are that the crisis of the panic is about over, but it will be a considerable time before commerce and industry in Japan can adjust itself to the new order of prices, and consequently there are prospects of hard times ahead."

While the Japanese Silk Exchange at Yokohama, which had closed on May 24 following the suspension of the Seventy-fourth Bank of Yokohama, was reported last week to have reopened on May 27, associated Press advices from Tokio dated May 28, and received here May 31 states that an attempt was made on the 27th to reopen the Silk Exchange, but with the supply increasing and with foreign demand virtually at a standstill prices declined sharply and business was again suspended. It was added that the raw silk dealers had decided to reduce production and that the habatai dealers had asked for government aid. The suspension of two small banks and heavy withdrawals by depositors from other banks in the provinces having dealings with raw silk interests were announced in the same despatches. Under date of May 26 the Associated Press had the following to say in part (these advices appeared in the daily papers May 29):

In view of the panicky conditions in Yokohama banking circles yesterday the Cabinet took up for especial consideration to-day the general economic and financial condition of the country. It decided to prevent any aggravation of the situation, adopting measures to ease the money market through modifying the loan restrictions of the Bank of Japan and doing everything possible to encourage exports.

The Hochi Shimbun says that, in addition to financial assistance to merchants and banks of good credit, the Government has decided to redeem matured domestic loans with the view of amplifying funds in the market, thus utilizing the surplus deposited with the Ministry of Finance for advances to industrial, commercial and agricultural enterprises.

We also print the following information to the daily papers from Honolulu, (Hawaiian Territory) June 2:

As a protest against high taxation, twenty-one of the forty-one rice wholesalers in the Kubabawa section and in Tokio have closed their doors and signed an agreement never to reopen them, says a Tokio cable to the Nippon Jiji, Japanese language newspaper here.

Recent developments in the financial depression which Japan is experiencing include the discharge of 9,000 employees on the Manchurian railway and the closing of the Hiroshima Bank and the Hiroshima Savings Bank, the cable said.

### OFFERING OF \$50,000,000 BELGIAN GOVERNMENT BONDS BY NEW YORK BANKERS.

Following the announcement on May 31 by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, fiscal agents of the Belgian Government, that arrangements

had been completed for a new loan to Belgium, subscription books were opened on June 2 for an issue of \$50,000,000 Belgian Government 25-year external gold loan 7½% sinking fund bonds. It was stated yesterday that the issue had been oversubscribed, but that the subscription books would remain open until 10 a. m. to-day (Saturday) to permit out-of-town subscriptions to arrive. The proceeds of the loan will be used to liquidate the \$50,000,000 acceptance credit which was granted a year ago and which matures on June 30. The bonds were offered at 97¼% and interest. They are dated June 1 1920, and will be payable in gold at the rate of 115% of the principal sum on or before June 1 1945. An official announcement says:

By the terms of the loan contract, Belgium agrees to pay to the Sinking Fund Trustees in New York not less than \$2,300,000 in United States gold coin on or before March 10 1921, and the same amount each year thereafter until 1945. These annual payments will be applied to the redemption by lot of not less than \$2,000,000 of the bonds at 115 and accrued interest. Through the operation of this sinking fund the entire issue will be retired by maturity at 115%. The Belgian Government has also covenanted that if the issues in the future by public subscription any loan with a lien on any specific revenue or asset of the Kingdom, this present loan shall be secured ratably with it.

The yield on the bonds at the purchase price of 97¼ and accrued interest ranges from 24.89% on bonds called June 1 1921 to 7.95% on bonds called June 1 1945.

It is pointed out that the 3% Perpetual Bonds of Belgium sold in Brussels during the years 1901-1907 at prices which yielded not more than 3.15%. In the years 1908-1912 they sold to yield not more than 4%, and at the present time are selling in Brussels to yield approximately 4.90%.

Interest on the new bonds will be payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, principal, premium, and interest being payable in United States gold coin at the office of either J. P. Morgan & Co. or the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, without deduction for any Belgian taxes, present or future. The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500.

The following table shows the yield which the bonds will return at the purchase price of 97¼% according to the year in which they are drawn for the Sinking Fund:

Yr. Called.	Yield	Yr. Called.	Yield	Yr. Called.	Yield	Yr. Called.	Yield
1921	24.89%	1927	9.60%	1933	8.51%	1939	8.13%
1922	15.82	1928	9.30	1934	8.42	1940	8.09
1923	12.89	1929	9.07	1935	8.35	1941	8.06
1924	11.44	1930	8.88	1936	8.28	1942	8.03
1925	10.58	1931	8.73	1937	8.22	1943	8.00
1926	10.01	1932	8.61	1938	8.17	1944	7.97
						1945	7.95

From information presented in the circular announcing the offering we take the following:

*Peace Treaty in Relation to Debt of Belgium.*

The peace treaty indicates the purpose through reparation payments to restore Belgium to her pre-war financial, industrial and economic position. Under its provisions the Belgian Government is to be relieved of practically its entire war debt incurred prior to the armistice. The peace treaty provides that Germany shall reimburse the Belgian Government for all sums borrowed from allied and associated Governments up to Nov. 11 1918, through the issuance of a special issue of bearer gold bonds. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George advised the Belgian Government that they would recommend to their respective parliamentary bodies the acceptance of these German bearer gold bonds in satisfaction all advances made to the Belgian Government up to Nov. 11 1918.

In addition, the Belgian Government is to receive the first 2,500,000,000 frs. (at par exchange \$482,000,000) of payments to be applied to part toward liquidation of advances made by the Allied Governments to Belgium since the armistice.

*Debt of the Belgian Government March 1 1920.*

Interest Bearing Debt,	Francs,	Equiv. in Dols.
Internal .....	*14,701,262,826	\$2,837,000,000
External .....	2,043,290,750	394,000,000
Total interest bearing debt .....	16,744,553,576	\$3,231,000,000

*Offsets to the Debt.*

German reparation, to be paid under provisions of the Peace Treaty, including:		
Amount of the inter-provincial loans forced by Germans and assumed by Belgium .....	2,347,800,000	\$453,000,000
Prior payment of reparation, to an amount of .....	a2,500,000,000	482,000,000
German Treasury bonds in redemption of marks in circulation in Belgium at the time of the armistice, under agreement between the two Governments ..	x1,375,000,000	265,000,000
Pre-war income-producing investments in railways, &c .....	3,000,000,000	579,000,000
Total offsets against int.-bearing debt ..	9,222,800,000	\$1,779,000,000

\*Includes 1920 premium loan 2,500,000,000 francs—subscriptions closed March 13.

aPortion of reparation to Belgium, total not yet determined.

xExclusive of 600,000,000 marks treasury bonds payable at current rates of exchange, 1922-1941.

In addition to the above debt, there is non-interest bearing debt amounting to 5,500,000,000 frs., representing advances made to the Belgian Government by the National Bank of Belgium for withdrawal of mark circulation. Against this non-interest bearing debt the Belgian Government holds German Treasury bonds equivalent in francs to the amount of such debt.

The Belgian Government does not include in its debt the advances made by France, England and the United States before the armistice, amounting to \$941,000,000 at par of exchange, because under the peace treaty and Allied agreements the Belgian Government is to be relieved of this debt.

*Pre-War Debt and Finance.*

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

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

The statement and figures furnished in the circular while not guaranteed, it is stated, are taken from sources believed to be accurate.

The banking houses identified with the offering are: J. P. Morgan & Co., Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, First National Bank, New York, The National City Co., New York, National Bank of Commerce in New York, Bankers Trust Co., The Chase National Bank, The Liberty National Bank, Central Union Trust Co. of New York, Lee, Higginson & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Wm. A. Read & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

The arrival of Emil Franque, Director of the Societe Generale, and Florimond Hankar, Director of the National Bank of Belgium in this country on May 9, to arrange for the maturing Belgian credit was referred to in our issue of May 15, page 2024.

**COMM. POGLIANI ON ITALY'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.**

Some interesting facts concerning Italian finance and general economic conditions were presented by Commendatore Pogliani, President of the Banca Italiana di Sconto at a luncheon tendered him on May 27 by Alvin W. Krech, President of the Equitable Trust Company of this city. Comm. Pogliani took occasion to state that "contrary to the many highly colored and often ill-founded reports which have spread throughout the United States relative to the internal political situation in Italy, I can assure you that the situation there is not worse than elsewhere," "Labor unrest these days," he observed, "is universal."

On this point he also had the following to say:

Italy, up to this time, has been decidedly reluctant to take drastic measures. This is essentially due to the highly democratic spirit of a country well known for its liberal institutions and feelings. Toward the labor classes, concessions and conciliations have now reached the extreme limit, and the recent failure of the general strike in Turin, may be considered as a tendency that is destined to end, finally, the laborers' continuous and unjustified demands. Besides, the labor classes, themselves, have begun to realize the danger of professional agitators getting the upper-hand, so that riots and divisions in the labor party itself, are indicative of the return of common sense among the workmen.

Comm. Pogliani in noting that the epidemic of sporadic strike movements combined with the so-called "wave of idleness" "has not prevented Italy from resuming work with renewed energy and surmounting the manifold obstacles with which she has been confronted," said:

During the first four months of 1919, the exports from Italy showed an increase over the corresponding months of 1918, amounting to more than one billion lire; the second four months of last year showed an increase of more than one and one-half billion lire, and during the third four months of last year, the increase in exports over the corresponding period in 1918, reached the amazing total of more than two and one-quarter billion lire. This radical betterment is due to the reduction in imports and to the large increase in exports, principally of raw silk, cotton textiles and woolen goods. In 1919 the excess of imports over exports reduced itself by nearly two and one-half billions of lire, compared with 1918.

Again, the merchant marine of Italy, which was reduced by the war to a little more than one million tons, is undergoing a rapid development, and will reach, at the end of the first six months of this year, about two and one-quarter million tons. This is being accomplished by shipbuilding in Italian yards and purchases abroad.

Furthermore, the general confidence at home in a recovery of the financial pre-war situation, manifested itself some few weeks ago, by the magnificent success of our last internal loan. Subscriptions to this loan amounted to twenty-one billion lire, of which nearly nineteen billions were subscribed in Italy, and the remainder by important Italian settlers abroad, particularly in Brazil, the Argentine, and the United States. The success of this loan is emphasized all the more by the fact that at the same time France launched her internal loan under much more favorable terms, and still totaled subscriptions only to the amount of sixteen billions.

Of the twenty-one billions subscribed to the Italian loan more than one-third was subscribed in cash.

Another thing. Between July 1914, and October 1919, nearly forty billions of public securities were purchased by investors in Italy. Enormous sums were invested in private concerns, without the slightest difficulty. The capital thus raised was important, not only because of the amount, but also because of the time and circumstances in which the investment took place. It coincided with a restless period and with the enforcement of the severest fiscal measures on record.

Regarding taxes, my country is sincerely and willingly answering the call. After heavy taxes on war profits, by which the State has resumed possession of a good portion, perhaps a greater portion of the profits arising

out of military contracts, a new tax on capital and a supplementary tax on income revenue are actually coming out. It is expected that these taxes will bring in over twenty billions of lire in annual payments, spread over a term of twenty years. Besides, a policy of economy in public service is strongly advocated, especially in the way of military expenditures. Not less than three hundred Generals and other officers of high rank have recently been placed in retirement, which you will agree is hardly reconcilable with the imperialistic aims attributed to us.

The Italian budget, as of March 31, 1920, appears, roughly speaking, as follows, against a total indebtedness of about 93 billion lire.

All debts previous to August 1914.....	13½ billions
Internal Loans, 1st, 2nd, 3, 4, 5, and 6-34.....	34 "
Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds 5 and 3 years.....	12 "
Treasury Bonds issued abroad and Credits issued by the U. S. . . .	20 "
State Paper Circulation and Bank Notes issued for account of the Government.....	12 "

Of these 93 billions, 20 billions will be largely covered by the new taxes, so that the total amount of the internal debts can be already considered as actually consolidated. There remains, therefore, only the foreign war debt, against which may be applied the war indemnities, not to speak of the increased resources which may be expected from the accrued wealth of Italy, through the acquisition of her redeemed provinces.

An improvement in the exchange is highly desirable for the welfare of business relations between our two countries. The present prohibitive price for dollars is a serious handicap to such an end, and you are certainly aware of the first rank taken by the United States in the matter of imports to Italy, in 1919 7½ billions of lire, over three times more than that of England. Unless you mean to consider the Italian market as a temporary field for your operations and to abandon it to others, you are obliged to enter into a financial agreement for providing Italy with raw materials. In this respect, the foreign trade policy followed by Germany in pre-war days, gives most valuable hints, of which England seems to have already taken advantage. Meanwhile, the low lire exchange gives you many high-yield investment opportunities which compare favorably with investment in any other European country of equal economic and political standing. The stock market in Italy, while showing a sound improvement based on intrinsic values, has not been subject to the highly speculative rallies which have occurred in the stock markets of London, New York and Paris.

The most important factors for the solution of our exchange problems are as you know, the foreign visitors and the emigration question. With regard to the first, the number of tourists is increasing daily, and, at the present time, the canonization of Jeanne d'Arc is bringing thousands and thousands of pilgrims to Rome. Also the emigration movement, which dropped from 900,000 in 1913 to about 20,000 in 1918, is growing rapidly; Italian laborers being in large demand abroad, especially in South America and France, for agricultural and mining works.

Comm. Pogliani stressed the need of Italy for American support—support especially in the way of raw materials. "The skillful and relatively cheap labor we have," he said, "to transform these raw materials into machinery and other finished products." "It" he continued "You will exchange your wealth for our labor and join your efforts with ours, Italy will then be in a position to go ahead rapidly." In part he also said:

In the mining field, for instance, we have plenty of zinc, lead and silver in Sardinia. At the same time we are working hard in the new districts, Trieste and Trento, which have been brought to us by peace.

Although Italy has been deprived by nature of coal fields, still compensation has been given by enormous forms of water power embodied in the Alps and Appennine Mountains, which run through the entire country and which on both sides are prolific of a tremendous volume of water power. This hydro-electric energy is constantly being harnessed, so that there is now in the course of construction in the high altitudes near Turin in the Valle d'Aosta in Northern Italy, large furnaces for smelting superior quality ore, which is found in these sections; also in Milan, Venice, Bologna and in Central Italy which is rich in water power, the system of mountain basins is such that some plants are in course of construction and others already finished.

Italy has always been one of the most important silk markets of the world, and has always been a keen competitor of Lyons, Zurich and Crefeld. While the silk business of the United States in 1919 was making great strides in the far East, Italy has had to supply to a greater extent than ever before, France and Switzerland. England and the United States also remain excellent markets for Italian silk manufactures. Italy's total foreign trade in silk in the year 1919 amounted to more than one billion six hundred million lire, of which three hundred million lire represented imports and one billion three hundred million lire represented exports, thus leaving a balance in favor of Italy, of about one billion lire.

As a purchaser of American raw cotton, Italy has always occupied an important position; so that it is hoped that some arrangements can be made in the United States, to finance by means of long term credits, the growing volume of cotton transactions between the two countries. It will be a good thing, both for the United States and for Italy, when the methods for financing American cotton shipments to Italy, through London, will be supplemented by adequate, direct, financial arrangements, solely between the two countries involved, by means of long term dollar acceptance credits. Of course, during these days, the high cost of raw cotton and the unfavorable exchange situation imposed upon the cotton mills in Italy a greater financial burden than ever. The Italian mills, however, are very well able to face this situation, because of the flourishing and thoroughly sound condition of the cotton textile industry in the Kingdom. As the Italian mills were already more than sufficiently large for the pre-war demand, they have not had to face the necessity of enlarging their plants, which leaves the industry now in a particularly strong financial state. During the year 1919 the exports of cotton goods tripled, as compared with those of 1918—the round figures being exports to the value of 450 million lire in 1918, as against 1 billion 500 million lire in 1919.

The important wool industry has shown gradual improvement, particularly for the last half of 1919. Like the cotton manufacturers, the wool shippers have been immensely successful—foreign countries having placed much business for military cloth during the war; and now that the world production of cloths is very much below normal, the prospects for the wool industry in Italy remain exceedingly encouraging.

Italian hemp is noted the world over. As an example of its quality, the British Admiralty, during the war, took over a considerable part of Italy's hemp production. Nevertheless, the advent of peace has not curtailed this business. During the latter half of 1919 the demand has been greater than ever before, particularly for the finer grades of flax; so that the industry in Italy and in other foreign countries has been put to greater efforts to produce for spinners enough to replace the shortage brought about by the utter breakdown of the Russian flax industry.

In conclusion he said:

In a general way, the war has not brought the United States and Italy sufficiently together. The fraternity of armies which ought to have been followed by mutual assistance in peace work, did scarcely take place, and, therefore, there still remains a great task for the two countries.

You may be assured that for commercial and industrial enterprises, the United States is preferred to any other country, convinced as we are in Italy, that political aims do not enter into your views; but we must know each other better. Personal relationships and visits to the spot are levers of unquestionable efficacy and give one a sounder appreciation of the aspirations, needs and mentality of a foreign country. That is why you are cordially invited to come to Italy, where I shall be most happy to show you that aside from the unequalled inheritance of glorious antiquities, the present Italian generation has built up modern works in the business field, which can compete most favorably with the enterprises of all the industrial countries in Europe.

#### J. P. MORGAN OFFERS LONDON RESIDENCE FOR USE OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON.

An offer of J. P. Morgan to make a gift to the nation of his London residence for the use of the American Ambassador in London was made known to Congress by President Wilson on May 25 in the following message:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit for your consideration a report from the Secretary of State, announcing that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York City, offers to the Government of the United States, as a gift to the nation for the use by the Ambassador of the United States in London as an official residence, the house property situated in that city known as Nos. 13 and 14 Prince's Gate, Hyde Park.

The attention of the Congress is invited to Mr. Morgan's statement that the house is now vacant and that consequently he would be glad to learn as soon as possible whether the Government of the United States will be disposed to accept his offer.

WOODROW WILSON.

(Inclosure: Report of the Secretary of State.)

The White House, May 25 1920.

Mr. Morgan's offer was originally made a year ago—on May 24 1919; on April 17 of the present year he again wrote the State Department at Washington informing it that the house is at present vacant, and inquiring its attitude toward the proposal. President Wilson's communication of the 25th inst. calling attention to the offer was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Both letters of Mr. Morgan were transmitted to the Senate by the President along with the communication from Secretary of State Colby, and all of these we annex herewith:

Department of State,  
Washington, May 21 1920.

The President:

About a year ago Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan offered to the United States as a permanent gift the house known as Nos. 13 and 14 Prince's Gate, Hyde Park, London, as a residence for our Ambassador to Great Britain.

The house was for many years the residence of Mr. Morgan's grandfather, and later of his father.

Mr. Morgan has recently expressed a desire to learn the intention of the Government as to the acceptance of his offer. The acceptance of the gift would of course require action by Congress.

I may add that the house, though not sufficiently large to serve both as offices of the Embassy and as a residence for the Ambassador, is convenient to the present offices of the Embassy and would afford a very suitable residence for the Ambassador. It is a freehold, with a frontage of more than 50 feet facing Hyde Park, and the title carries an undivided interest in a very considerable garden at the rear of the premises.

Mr. Morgan has received from the department an expression of its appreciation of his generous offer, and I respectfully submit the advisability of transmitting the offer to the Congress for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

BAINBRIDGE COLBY.

New York, April 17 1920.

The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Sir: On May 24 1919 I had the honor of offering to the United States Government my father's house in London now my property, Nos. 13 and 14 Prince's Gate, Hyde Park, as a residence for the American Ambassador. For your convenience I inclose copy of the latter in which this offer was made. From that time to this I have heard nothing official in regard to the acceptance or refusal of this offer by the United States Government.

The house is at present standing empty, and I am desirous of disposing of it should the United States Government not wish to accept the gift, my reason being that at the present time there is a very great lack of housing accommodation in London and I do not like to have a very available house unoccupied.

May I ask you, therefore, to be kind enough to take what steps are necessary to let me have a decision on this matter as soon as possible?

Yours, very truly,

J. P. MORGAN.

New York, May 24 1919.

The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Sir: For many years it has been evident to me that it is desirable that the United States should own residences for its Ambassadors in the principal capitals of Europe.

As a first step in this direction, I now offer to the Government the house in London, Nos. 13 and 14 Prince's Gate, Hyde Park, for many years the residence of my grandfather and my father. The house is freehold property, with a frontage of something more than 50 feet facing Hyde Park, and there is an undivided interest in a very considerable garden at the back.

This house, though not of a size to accommodate the offices of the embassy as well as the Ambassador's family, would, I think, be a very suitable residence for the Ambassador, and is in a part of London sufficiently near the embassy offices to be convenient for this use.

Should this gift be accepted by the Government of the United States, the transfer of the property could take place at once, but actual occupancy of the house could not be obtained before January 1 1920, as the house has been let until then for certain war-relief purposes.

I am, sir, yours, faithfully.

J. P. MORGAN.

As to the reception accorded the offer in London, the New York "Times" in a copyright cablegram from London May 26 said:

American diplomatic circles here heard with a good deal of gratification today of J. P. Morgan's offer of his London mansion as the American Embassy.

The need of an official home for the American Ambassador has been felt by American residents in London for a long period. Diplomatic representatives of other nations have possessed stately embassies which, like the French, German and Russian, have become landmarks of London, as the British Embassy is of Washington. There is no doubt here that the prestige of the United States would be greatly increased if her Ambassador could have a similar official home.

Mr. Morgan's offer, moreover, it was pointed out today by an American particularly qualified to discuss it, was of especial value because it would bring up for settlement the principle that Congress should undertake the responsibility of keeping up the embassy. That would relieve the American Ambassador of a heavy burden and make the choice of a fitting representation of the United States very much easier.

The Morgan mansion is considered to be quite suitable for the American Embassy, but The New York "Times" correspondent understands that, even if it is decided not to accept it, it would be very easy at the present time for America to acquire a fitting home for her Ambassador. A great many of the first London houses are now in the market and their owners would be glad to sell to the American Government.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF CONDITION OF CANADIAN BANKS.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks, under the last two monthly statements, with the return for June 30 1914:

Table with 3 columns: Date (April 30 1920, Mar. 31 1920, June 30 1914) and 3 rows of currency values for Assets and Liabilities. Includes categories like Gold and subsidiary coin, Dominion notes, Depos. with Minister of Finance, etc.

Total, not including capital or reserve fund. 2,811,434,053 2,789,254,659 1,330,488,683

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the total given.

BILL FOR COINAGE OF 50-CENT PIECES TO COMMEMORATE LANDING OF PILGRIMS APPROVED.

The bill authorizing the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims became a law with its approval by President Wilson on May 12. We give herewith the text of the bill, of which mention was made in these columns May 1, page 1804:

An Act To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Sec. 2. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material and for the transportation distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: Provided, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Approved, May 12 1920. RESOLUTION APPROVED FOR PARTICIAPTION IN COMMEMORATION OF PILGRIMS' LANDING. On May 13 President Wilson approved a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$400,000 for the participa-

tion of the United States in the observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. The resolution makes provision for the creation of a commission to be known as the United States Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, to be composed of eleven members which will direct the expenditures authorized under the resolution. The issuance of a special series of postage stamps commemorative of the anniversary is also authorized. The following is the text of the resolution as signed by the President:

[H. J. Res. 302.] Joint Resolution Authorizing an appropriation for the participation of the United States in the observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown and Plymouth, Mass.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of eleven commissioners as follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States; four Senators by the President of the Senate; and four Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Sec. 2. (a) That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$400,000, to be expended by the commission in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

(b) One hundred thousand dollars of such appropriation may be expended under the direction of the commission and in cooperation with the Provincetown Tercentenary Commission the town of Provincetown, Massachusetts, and such other agencies, public or private, as the commission may determine, for the purpose of completing and improving the approaches to and the grounds of the Pilgrim Monument at Provincetown, Massachusetts; of erecting suitably inscribed tablets or markers in the towns of Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, and Eastham, and for other work in connection therewith, in accordance with plans adopted by the Provincetown Tercentenary Commission.

(c) Three hundred thousand dollars of such appropriation may be expended under the direction of the commission and in cooperation with the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, the town of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and such other agencies, public or private, as the commission may determine, for the purpose of restoring and improving Plymouth Rock and the shore line of the locality adjacent thereto, of protecting and improving the burial grounds upon Coles Hill and Burial Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts; of erecting tablets or markers at appropriate places in the Old Colony, and for other work in connection therewith, in accordance with plans adopted by the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission.

Sec. 3. That no expenditure shall be made or authorized by the commission until the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has, as determined by the commission, expended or contracted to expend the sum of \$300,000 for the same purposes for which the commission may under the provisions of this resolution make expenditures. The United States shall not be held liable for any cost, expense, obligation, or indebtedness on account of the maintenance or upkeep of any property in respect to which any expenditure is made by the commission under the provisions of this resolution, nor for any obligation or indebtedness incurred by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Provincetown Tercentenary Commission, the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, or any other agency or officer, employee, or agent thereof, for any purpose for which the commission may under the provisions of this resolution make expenditures. All expenditures of the commission shall be allowed and paid upon the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the chairman of the commission, but no expenditure shall be made or authorized by the commission except with the approval of a majority of the commissioners.

Sec. 4. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to issue a special series of postage stamps, in such denominations and of such design as he may determine, commemorative of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown and Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Sec. 5. That the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this resolution shall expire Dec. 31, 1921. Approved May 13, 1920.

LAW FOR COINAGE OF 50 CENT TO COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARIES OF MAINE AND ALABAMA.

Bills authorizing the coinage of 50 cent pieces to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Maine and Alabama as States have been signed by President Wilson. As indicated in these columns May 1, page 1804. the coinage of 100,000 pieces of silver is authorized in each case. The following are the text of the bills:

[H. R. 12460.] AN ACT to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Maine into the Union.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, as soon as practicable, and in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Maine into the Union as a State, there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of one hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Sec. 2. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for any other purpose, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: Provided, That the Government shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage. Approved, May 10, 1920.

[H. R. 12824.] AN ACT to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Alabama into the Union.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as soon as practicable, and in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Alabama into the Union as a State, there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of one hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

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Approved, May 10, 1920.

### SENATOR OWEN ON EUROPEAN FINANCE AND AMERICAN EXPORTS.

Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, on the floor of the Senate on May 20, declared that under proper conditions English, French, Italian, German and other securities of Europe could be sold in the United States at a fair rate of interest, and thereby enable our exporters to finance further American exports. Senator Owen further declared that unless such credits are extended by means of the sale of European securities to the American public our export trade must be cut off to the extent of about \$4,000,000,000 per annum, that amount being about the present rate of our excess imports. He asserted that Europe is not bankrupt and he paid a high tribute to the moral and financial integrity as well as to the industry of the British, French, Italian and other Governments which have been seeking to place bonds in this country. Senator Owen declared that the Government of the United States is not expected as a Government to tax the people of this country in order to make such loans, and that no intelligent American ever thought of doing so. He further said that the extension of such credit is a matter of enlightened self-interest.

In reply to a question by Senator Poindexter as to whether he was referring to Government credits, Senator Owen stated that he was not—that he was referring to private credits through the investing public of the United States. Senator Owen stated that he did not believe the Government of the United States ought, as a government, to extend credits. The Senator in his remarks on the subject said there was "much misunderstanding about the loans to Europe, partly due to appeals to charity, such as that made by Mr. Davison." The effect of such appeals, he said, "is to break down European credit precisely as an attempt is now being made to break down American credit for the benefit of those who have credits for sale in the United States and in Europe." We quote as follows what he had to say as reported in the "Congressional Record":

I want to say just one word with regard to the question of finance in Europe, and I shall detain the Senate only two or three minutes.

Suffering humanity in Europe needs the surplus of American production with which to put the working millions of Europe back to work.

To extend such credits should not be regarded merely as an act of humanity or charity but as a matter of enlightened self-interest.

The productive power of Europe remains and the people of Europe can repay every dollar with fair interest which may be loaned to pay for material for productive purposes.

The Government of the United States is not expected as a government to tax the people of the United States in order to make these loans, and no intelligent American ever thought of doing so. The American people will not be taxed on European loans. These loans merely represent commodities sold at war prices to be repaid with interest.

But under proper conditions English, French, Italian, German, Austrian, and other securities of Europe could be sold to the investing public of the United States at a fair rate of interest, and thereby enable our exporters to finance further American exports. Unless these credits are extended by means of the sale of European securities to the investing American public our export trade must be cut off to the extent of about \$4,000,000,000 per annum, which is about the present rate of our excess exports.

I say Europe is not bankrupt. When France sells to her own citizens her own bonds the wealth of France is neither added to or taken from. France is reacting now and will steadily grow better.

I favor opening the doors for the sale to the American investing public of British, French, Italian, German, and Austrian securities in order to offset the balance of trade due to our present excess exports. As an economic fact America is obliged to extend these credits or cut off the foreign trade until Europe reacts from the dislocations of war.

Many people think that the loans to Europe are a tax on the American people. These loans will be paid back with interest and will not be a tax on the American people.

There is much misunderstanding about the loans to Europe, partly due to appeals to charity, such as that made by Mr. Davison. The effect of such appeals is to break down European credit precisely as an attempt now being made to break down American credit for the benefit of those who have credits for sale in the United States and in Europe.

The United States Government should provide a mechanism by which to safeguard and market European securities in order to provide the credits and enable Europe to buy American commodities until Europe is in good unning condition again.

Mr. President, Europe lent billions of dollars to the United States after the great war for reconstruction purposes and for building American railways, and we paid it all back with interest and discounts and commissions,

and with large merchants' profits besides. Europe can and will do the same thing. They are intelligent, industrious, good people, and under democratic government will show the same great development in productive power which America has shown. Mr. Edward A. Filene, of Boston, is entitled to great credit for his efforts to bring order out of chaos through the American Chamber of Commerce and the International Chamber of Commerce along these lines. These efforts, however, are merely persuasive; it will require the co-operation of government to bring the needs of the people of Europe in concrete form before the American investing public. The United States Government is better qualified than any other power in the United States to protect the investors in the United States who might buy foreign securities. Great Britain does this, and the United States ought to protect its own investors, which it can do without any cost.

Mr. Filene's efforts were not sufficiently appreciated by the administration of the Treasury Department and did not result in any concrete matter of bringing European securities properly safeguarded before the American investing public. The representatives of European business men returned to Europe disappointed. They were the finest body of business men in the world, representing Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, and so forth. What is needed is a concrete method authorized by law and worked out in detail to bring European securities before the American investing public, which can absorb all that is necessary of these securities to supply the needs of Europe and, what is equally important, keep alive our export trade, which has been ruined under the stupidity of American mismanagement.

The total banking power of the world was fifteen billions in 1890 (Mulhall; see the report of Comptroller of the Currency for 1919, p. 16) while the American banking power of 1920 alone amounts to forty-eight billions.

The American people have the power. The American people have the good will. The American people need such a plan and merely require the mechanism. The Washington "Post" in an editorial this morning thinks the United States could not absorb three-quarters of a billion per annum, and speaks as if to offer such securities was an underhanded scheme to take advantage of somebody. Any bonds offered this country from Europe would have to be good bonds. If the German bonds underwritten by France, Great Britain, and Italy, were offered this country, they would be good securities, and it would be to our great advantage to have the investing public of America buy them and thereby furnish the credits with which to finance our own exports. We need not consider the humane aspect. It is a common-sense, cold-blooded business proposition, absolutely for our own interests, regardless of the interest of Europe.

We must remember, however, that the interests of the world are bound together, and, as far as I am concerned, I want it distinctly understood that, while I was in favor of using every energy of defeating German soldiers on the battle field under their military leadership which threatened the liberties of mankind, now that the evil is removed and military dynasties are ended I say, "In the name of God, let us have peace," and let us regard the German people as poor human beings, like ourselves, the children of the Great Father, entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our own welfare requires us to deal with them in a spirit of humanity.

What reason have we to question the honor or the will or the ability to pay of the British people? They are the greatest manufacturers and merchants and sailors in the world. They will pay every dollar; they always have done so; they always will do so.

If the men of Belgium were willing to die rather than break faith, who shall question their willingness to pay whatever they borrow? They, too, are great manufacturers and merchants.

When the French people were willing to die to the last man and last woman on the battle field rather than submit to wrong who shall question their honor in repaying what they may borrow from us? They are the most ingenious, the most industrious, the most thrifty people in the world. They will pay every dollar they owe.

And what about Italy? Where will you find a nation with a higher record of integrity? The Italians are a wonderfully brave, resourceful, and upright people; they pay their debts; they know how to pay them, for they are industrious, thrifty. They have genius as merchants, as manufacturers, and in agriculture as well; there are no better people in the world than the Italians, and no nation in the world ever made such a record for courage and virility as those who established the Roman Empire and taught the world the art of government. For 10 consecutive years before the war 3½% Italian Government bonds were sold at 10% above par. No one has a right to question the ability of the Italian people to meet their obligations, nearly all of which are held by the Italians themselves.

Senator Poindexter, in expressing himself in agreement with Senator Owen on the inadvisability of the extension of Government credits, added:

I know that from some influential sources the proposition has been put forth quite recently that the Government should furnish commercial credits for the purpose of supplying Europe, and also the proposition has been made that the Government should guarantee German loans. Acts of that kind in time of war, and for war purposes, might possibly be justified constitutionally as a part of the war powers of the nation, but I did not assume that the Senator from Oklahoma would hold that any such authority as that existed as a proper governmental function in time of peace.

Senator Owen in his rejoinder said:

It could only be done, I assume, by Act of Congress, and I think everyone would be opposed to that, because that is not a proper use of the powers; but to have the Government of the United States provide a mechanism through which the securities of Europe might be offered to investors in the United States would be an advisable thing, because unless we do have those European securities digested in the United States it will be impossible to keep up our exports as we have been doing heretofore.

### EX-GOVERNOR STOKES OF NEW JERSEY AGREES WITH SENATOR OWEN.

In the course of his remarks before the Senate on May 18 on the raising of the discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks, Senator Owen submitted a letter from E. C. Stokes, President of the Mechanics National Bank of Trenton, N. J., and former Governor of New Jersey, in which the latter expressed himself in agreement with the views of the Senator. This letter appears in the "Congressional Record" and we give it as follows:

The Mechanics' National Bank of Trenton,  
Trenton, N. J., May 15 1920.

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

My Dear Senator Owen: I am delighted to know that somebody in the United States Senate has the intelligence and the courage and the patriotism

to resent the action of the Federal Reserve Board in raising rediscount rates—an example that causes or at least furnishes an excuse for artificially high rates throughout the country.

I was opposed to the Federal Reserve system when the bill for its inauguration was pending, just because I feared such action on the part of those in charge of the system as has now come to pass. You and Secretary Glass favored it because you thought it would prevent the present condition, namely, exorbitant rates for credit when the country is in what might be termed a credit famine. Your purpose was most commendable, but the Federal Reserve Board is functioning in a way that thwarts the good object you had in mind when you urged the legislation.

The Federal Reserve Board is proceeding upon an entirely wrong theory. High wages and the high cost of material make necessary more credit than in normal times if industry and business are to be carried on. The manufacturer cannot to-day finance his pay rolls and his materials and carry his manufactured product—if he is compelled to because of poor transportation service—on the same line of credit that he did before the war.

If because wages are high and materials are high the Federal Reserve system cannot aid the banks of the country in furnishing the necessary credit to carry on enterprise and promote prosperity, then the Federal Reserve system has failed and ought to be changed or modified. The present methods of the Federal Reserve Board are based on an entirely erroneous theory.

Increased credit is not the cause of high prices. Increased credit is the result of high prices and is necessary because prices are high. What the country needs to-day is more credit, not less credit. If the industries and business of the land could be assured of more and cheaper credit, production would be encouraged, and with an increase of production prices would fall. With assurance of the proper amount of credit at reasonable rates, intensive production would follow and prices would be cheaper, even without a reduction in wages. This production, however, will never be undertaken by the manufacturer or even by the farmer if he thinks his loans are going to be called or curtailed and he himself forced into bankruptcy because of inability to carry his enterprise to completion.

The members of the Federal Reserve Board and some of the members of the Federal Reserve Bank utterly fail to grasp this economic law and the importance of its encouragement in this hour of strain.

Your diagnosis of the chief cause of the fall in the price of Liberty bonds is absolutely accurate. There are 22,000,000 of such bondholders in the country. These bonds were bought as matter of patriotism by many who could ill afford it, and when they are compelled to sell to pay a doctor's bill or provide for the proverbial rainy day the loss they suffer creates a feeling of bitterness against the Government and the holders feel they have been deceived. Indeed, good faith on the part of the Government demands that every legitimate Government agency should be employed to keep these bonds at par and save the patriotic holders from loss.

The action of the Federal Reserve Board in raising the discount rates on loans secured by bonds to 5½%—more than the interest return on the bonds—not only caused a liquidation of the bonds on the bargain counter, but it created consternation and fear throughout the country and halted confidence and enterprise. The action, it seems to me, was most unjust and certainly not needed from a financial point of view, when some Federal Reserve banks last year earned 110%. They certainly have no right to cry "profiteer" against their fellow countrymen. Their action gave the excuse for the raising of money rates all over the country.

Quick and prompt transportation of food supplies and raw materials is absolutely necessary if prices are to be kept normal. Indeed, inadequate transportation, if it does not cause a panic in food does cause high prices. The same is true in the case of raw materials for the manufacturers.

The railroads need money to buy their equipment. To-day security issues of roads like the Pennsylvania and New York Central, well secured by bonds of equipment, are upon the market at from 7 to 7½%. This means that the money costs them, when they have paid their bank and brokerage commissions, from 8 to 10%. With an allowed earning capacity of 5½% under the new railroad law, our transportation systems cannot continue to pay such exorbitant interest rates to finance their equipment and improvements. It is bound to break down and the country suffer from the consequent trade paralysis.

Every increase of discount rates on the part of the Federal Reserve Board makes for dearer credit. The high interest rates for call money in New York is artificial and unjustifiable. There is no more reason why New York bankers should demand rates over 6% than Philadelphia or Boston or Pittsburgh. Indeed, some of the bankers in that city refuse to accept over 6%. Such rates are tantamount to conspiracy against values and prosperity. They tend to very materially reduce the market value of legitimate securities held by life and fire insurance companies, savings banks, trust companies and national banks, and by millions of patriotic and innocent investors throughout the land.

There is scarcely a family in America that is not directly or indirectly, through life insurance and through banks, interested in a higher value of securities. Those securities to-day are abnormally and artificially below their true worth. Every time there is a rise in the market money rates are put up and the appreciation of these securities, affecting the savings of millions of Americans, is checked and, indeed, reduced.

No man or set of men in this country has any more right to be permitted to engage in financial methods that cause a loss to the millions of securities holders than he has to burn down a barn. Both mean destruction of the earnings and savings wealth of the country. This is a question of simple, common honesty; and when the common honesty is involved, no man has a right, even if the law does not prohibit it, to resort to economic measures that violate it.

More and cheaper credit in this hour would be a godsend to the American people. The Federal Reserve ought to set an example to this desirable end. Just one example by way of illustration:

In the cities of this land many people are practically homeless. Some of them have their goods in storage and are living with their relatives because they cannot get homes. The Government has urged the banks to finance home building. The banks should do this. Indeed, they are willing to do it, and do it at a rate not over 6%.

The other day Congress passed a law permitting the Federal Reserve Board—an additional and dangerous power—to raise the discount rates in proportion to the line of accommodation of the member banks of the Federal Reserve system. That means that they can make discount rates 7 or 8 or 9 or 10% or any per cent they see fit. The usury law does not apply under this act to this philanthropic Governmental institution. Individuals cannot indulge in usury but the Government can—a beautiful example for the Government to set to its people.

Under this law, if the banks have loaned to the limit of their credit to home builders and are compelled to borrow of the Federal Reserve banks, because they are straining their credit to build homes and do it at 6%, the Federal Reserve Board or the Federal Reserve banks, can make the rediscount rates against them 7 or 8 or 9%, so that the banks are compelled, either to lose money on the transaction or in their fear of the application of this law, refuse to extend credit to home builders and thus check this much needed enterprise, the remedy of a serious condition.

I realize that the Federal Reserve Board has the power, but, Senator, you can not drive the American people into desperation without resentments. The man who wants to build a home in this hour and the man who wants to furnish employment and pay wages, is entitled to have credit if his resources warrant it, and the attempt of the Federal Reserve Board to curtail credit under these conditions strikes a blow at the prosperity and welfare of the land.

Last January, in one of the largest cities of this country, a business man was called in and congratulated upon his statement, and told that he would be very welcome to come in to borrow, and that they would give him a line of \$75,000. The other day he went and asked for \$25,000, and was refused, not because he was not worth the money, but because the banker said there was a credit famine in the country. He reminded the banker of his promise and conversation, but the banker simply shook his head and said, "We are going through a panic."

My comment on that is that that banker does not understand his obligations to his fellow men. Unfortunately some bankers forget that business and industry ought to be provided with credit when credit is needed, and they seem to hold to the theory that business and industry ought to borrow when credit is plentiful. This view of the credit function, which I fear is taken by too many bankers, is not banking at all. It is simply high-class pawn-broking. When a man needs credit, legitimate credit should be forthcoming, and it is the duty of the banker to provide it for him.

In 1907, during the panic of that year, our little bank at Trenton—then a third of the size it is to-day—borrowed six hundred thousand, paid 6% for it, and loaned it to our customers to save them from trouble. We did not make a man pay a dollar during that entire period of trial. It was an hour when our customers, merchants, manufacturers, and business men needed help, and the real banker will see that people get help when they need it.

Of course we made no money on the transaction. In fact, we lost because the cost of handling the operation and the transfer of funds was entirely at the bank's expense, but we were rewarded in the thought that we had helped the community and saved the borrowers from suffering liquidation and perhaps bankruptcy.

I have no patience with the maudlin cry that there is not credit enough in the country to finance its progress and development. If that were true, there would be no progress or development. Progress necessarily demands more credit, and there is always credit enough in any civilized nation to carry on its legitimate business enterprises of any character whatever, provided that credit is made liquid and available. It is not being made liquid and available by present methods of the Federal Reserve banks in pushing up their discount rates and encouraging high money rates in New York and throughout the land.

A United States Senator who will get up in the Senate and in a vigorous patriotic speech explain this situation to the people of America and demand a change in the interest of common welfare will make himself deservedly a friend of the people.

More might be said, but this letter is long enough. I thank you for your courage and for your clear insight in this day of artificial financial difficulties. The country is all right; the rank and file of the people are all right. They are ready to go ahead if the financial system of our country will not stand in the way and block their efforts.

I take the liberty of inclosing you a recent article of mine.

Very sincerely, yours,

E. C. STOKES.

#### HOUSE PASSES BILL AUTHORIZING COMBINATIONS OF FARMERS AND PLANTERS.

A bill permitting farmers, planters, ranchmen, dairymen or fruitgrowers to combine for the collective marketing and sale of their own products notwithstanding the anti-trust laws, was passed by the House of Representatives on May 31 by a vote of 234 to 58. On June 3 a favorable report on the bill was ordered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The measure, it is stated, was drafted by Chariman Volstead of the House Judiciary Committee as a substitute for the Capper-Hersman bill and similar measures to legalize collective bargaining by agricultural producers. The bill provides, among other things, that the combinations shall not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of 8% per annum. It also provides that no member shall have more than one vote regardless of the stock he may own therein. Control of the combinations organized under the bill would be placed in the Secretary of Agriculture, who may, after hearing, order the combinations to stop practices which are held to restrain trade or to lessen competition. The bill as passed by the House empowered the Secretary to sue in the Federal Court for enforcement of his orders should the combinations refuse to comply with them. The Senate Committee, however, struck out house provisions authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to institute proceedings against such associations if, in his opinion, they restrain trade or lessen competition and gave the Federal Trade Commission that power.

#### CLEARING HOUSE OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Stock Clearing Corporation, has issued the following notice under date of June 2:

The Clearing House of the New York Stock Exchange went out of existence April 22, 1920, and The Stock Clearing Corporation Night Clearing Branch took over all contracts of the old institution. Kindly change your account to read Stock Clearing Corporation Night Clearing Branch.

#### FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD SEES LITTLE RELIEF IN PRICE REDUCTIONS.

In its analysis of business conditions during May the Federal Reserve Board finds that in spite of recent retail

price reductions there is little relief from the high prices which have been prevailing. The statement given out by the Board on May 30, in which it observes that the changes cannot "be looked upon as indicating a modification of underlying conditions," says:

Changes in prices, as well as in both business and credit conditions, occurring during the month of May have borne witness to the presence of disturbing factors, whose importance and persistence are, however, as yet uncertain. Local reductions in retail prices have occurred at a considerable number of points and have at least suggested the advent of a serious modification of the price level throughout the country. More careful analysis has shown that there has been no material alteration in the underlying conditions affecting the situation, there being no decided increase in the volume of production sufficient to create a more normal relationship with consumption, no substantial change in the volume of credit extended, and no greater disposition to economize and invest than heretofore. The changes that have taken place cannot, therefore, be looked upon as indicating a modification of underlying conditions. They may, however, afford a basis for changes in business relationships that may broaden into more far-reaching alteration of the essential price structure.

In its further comments, in which it refers to the labor shortage and demands for higher wages, the Board says:

The continuance of labor difficulties and unrest, particularly in connection with the railroads, when added to the difficult situation produced by car shortage and lack of equipment, has caused considerable interruption to business operations, and the whole outlook has been such as to bring about a severe curtailment in the volume of stock and securities transactions and to compel very material lessening in the market value of Liberty Bonds and of other securities of the first grade.

The labor situation during the month has been one of the outstanding elements of doubt and difficulty. In addition to the intense shortage of labor on farms and at other points of primary production, sporadic strikes in many lines of manufacturing, notably textiles, have continued to indicate unrest. Wages have apparently fallen behind the advance in prices and cost of living. The movement of labor from the farms to the cities is continuing.

Various demands for higher wages have been taken under advisement for the purpose of bringing about compromise adjustments between employers and employees. General complaint of low efficiency or small output unit of labor continues to be prevalent. The difficulty of getting skilled labor in some of the more highly developed lines of manufacture is very considerable.

The financial occurrences of the month have been of first importance. In addition to a heavy decline both in volume and value of securities in the financial centres, there has been a general tendency to revision of interest rates. This has applied both to call and time funds and to rates for commercial paper. No material change in rediscount rates at Federal Reserve Banks has occurred, but an effort to limit credit to essential necessities has been general. It has been sought to promote this control of credit through conferences among bankers and discussions of the financial situation at meetings of bankers and financial authorities generally.

On May 18, an important conference between the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Advisory Council and Class A Directors of Reserve banks occurred in Washington, as the outcome of which agreement was reached to make a more careful scrutiny of applications for bank credit, with a view to granting those only which may be found to be necessary.

It was further agreed that caution must be exercised and commitments must be made only with discretion. In District No. 1 (Boston) there is noted a trend toward greater discrimination and economy in buying, with pressure for lower prices, but there is also noted very great difficulty in the way of actual deflation.

In District No. 2 (New York) price reductions are noted in retail stores, a considerable accumulation of goods awaiting shipment resulting from strikes, a growth in the cost of doing business, great reduction in securities prices, but nevertheless a continued high demand for goods and activity in trade.

In District No. 3 (Philadelphia) the congestion of freight and accompanying conditions have combined with a quieter state of things in the markets and a larger relative public demand for medium and lower-priced goods, to alter in some respects the general drift of development of preceding months.

In district No. 4 (Cleveland) an orderly movement back toward a more solid and substantial footing is noted, although not all business men are agreed on the outlook. Business conditions, however, are said to be fundamentally sound.

In district No. 5 (Richmond) unrest and uncertainty in commercial fields have continued, and agitation against high prices has led to some curtailment in purchasing. Collections are good, on the whole, and the most serious cloud on the present situation is the traffic outlook.

In district No. 6 (Atlanta) the peak of high prices has been reached in most lines and the tendency is downward, while there is some indication of reduction in stocks of goods. Unrest still prevails on account of high prices.

In district No. 7 (Chicago) decided readjustment in economic conditions is anticipated, one factor in which is the growth of indications of general reductions of prices. The transportation and associated difficulties noted elsewhere in the country, appear to be especially acute in the Chicago district, while the labor situation shows small improvement.

In district No. 8 (St. Louis) the volume of business is enormous, the total in both manufacturing and distribution showing broad gains over the corresponding period last year. The peak of the upward movement is, however, believed to be reached. Productive conditions have been unfavorable agriculturally.

In district No. 9 (Minneapolis) crop conditions are promising. The demand for credit is very strong and the business outlook is satisfactory, although there is a disposition to be cautious.

In district No. 10 (Kansas City) there was during April the first "real recession from the high tide of activity" of the past year or more. There has been a curtailed movement of livestock and grain, resulting from bad transportation conditions accompanied by severe financial hardships upon producers and shippers. Retail trade has slowed down but the general situation is regarded as one of encouragement, although more or less unsettled conditions are expected to prevail during readjustment.

In district No. 11 (Dallas) there has been a slowing up of agricultural, business and financial operations which, however, has had some beneficial effect. Prices have continued upward but the falling off in demand has affected largely the higher priced articles. There is recognition of a healthy spirit of caution among bank borrowers and users of capital.

In district No. 12 (San Francisco) the prospects for good crops are better than at any time this year, although the season is late. Car shortage has hurt lumbering; building has been less active; and retail trade has fallen off slightly as compared with a month ago.

#### F. H. CURTISS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON SAYS PUBLIC IS APPLYING BRAKES.

Reviewing the business conditions of the past month, and the price reductions which have been a noticeable feature of the past few weeks, Frederic H. Curtiss, Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston states that the evidence is unmistakable that "however most commodity prices may hesitate before it can be said that they have positively receded, their upward trend has been halted." The success of sales at reduced prices Mr. Curtiss notes, indicates that the disposition of the people to forego purchases at price levels generally prevailing during the past six months has been increasing . . . and reflects a distinct reversal of the conditions of eight and six months ago when it seemed as if the higher the marks on the price tags the more eager was the public to part with its money. In short, the people are themselves applying the brakes." We give herewith the comments of Mr. Curtiss in full:

##### The Situation.

In February we enumerated some of the influences working for deflation contraction, and readjustment from the extreme war and post war conditions, which were then just beginning to be noticeable and were in our opinion already operating in the direction of falling commodity prices; in March the evidences of this process were admittedly not so clearly apparent, though nothing had occurred to indicate that any reaction had set in; in April while the situation seemed outwardly to be much the same as in the preceding month, the trend toward greater discrimination and economy in retail buying and consequent increasing caution on the part of merchants, was distinctly more noticeable and the policy of the banks toward loans more clearly defined; now, in the latter part of May, the shifting economic currents which have been operating so long beneath the surface have begun to visibly break through. Pressure on manufacturers, particularly of shoes and cloth for lower cost goods, is being noticeably felt; large department stores and shops specializing in wearing apparel are liquidating inventories by means of appreciable price reductions, cancellation of orders in certain cases and hesitancy in making commitments for another season's goods at the prices demanded by jobbers and wholesalers; and with the logical result that middlemen, confronted on the one hand by this pronounced attitude on the part of the retailer and on the other by difficulties in procuring bank accommodation with which to carry their surplus stocks, are beginning to show symptoms of a willingness to unload at lower terms than manufacturers' prices.

This policy may be attributed partly to the backwardness of the season and to the fact that merchants have been accumulating merchandise delayed in transit and have seen orders, given months ago as a precautionary measure in excess of actual trade needs, gradually filled until they have found themselves overstocked with unseasonable goods. Moreover the reported success of sales at reduced prices in certain lines indicates no doubt a continued purchasing power so far as a certain amount of ready money, undiminished as yet by reduced earnings, is concerned. But it also indicates that the disposition of the people to forego purchases at price levels generally prevailing during the past six months has been increasing bringing about a marked recession of buying activity which it has been necessary to stimulate anew by tempting concessions. This certainly reflects a distinct reversal of the conditions of eight and six months ago, when it seemed as if the higher marks on the price tags the more eager was the public to part with its money. In short, the people themselves are applying the brakes.

While, therefore, it is contended in some quarters that liquidation of stocks at this time, when the public is usually spending voluntarily for spring and summer needs, is due to causes other than a definite and permanent downward turn in prices, and while there would be no use in counsels of self-deception on this point, the evidence is nevertheless unmistakable that, however most commodity prices may hesitate before it can be said that they have positively receded, their upward trend has been halted. This is especially true of woolen and silk wearing apparel, both outer garments and underwear, hosiery, women's waists, men's furnishings, and boots and shoes, reductions in which, though not radical, and in some cases not yet affecting the ultimate consumer, some dealers state they are convinced will be permanent, for the simple reason that they do not believe the public will absorb merchandise at prices higher than present quotations. One cannot, however, be dogmatic on this point in the face of skepticism and perhaps cynicism in certain quarters with respect to it,—born of the conviction that the goal of readjustment in accordance with sound economic principles can be reached only by travelling over the road of increased production rather than of decreased consumption, together with the difficulty of resisting the normal tendency to pass manufacturing costs on to the consumer; and this fact of itself is likely to act as a shock absorber.

Indeed, one must admit that even when production costs, including the wages of labor, have reached their zenith, and speculative profits have been eliminated from selling prices to the consumer, permanent deflation has still great difficulties to overcome:—increased transportation costs, necessary for the replacement of enormously depreciated and inadequate railway equipment, seem inevitable; the acute labor shortage can be met only by new immigration which is gradually increasing, but consists as yet at this point almost entirely of unskilled men and women from Mediterranean countries and cannot for some time be expected to have a perceptible effect on industry; and it is still a fact that, from the viewpoint of the world's needs, production though undoubtedly increasing to a most encouraging extent in the countries of Western Europe and probably also in this country, has as yet nowhere nearly caught up with consumption demands, or is seriously likely to do so in the immediate future, even should the latter appreciably decrease.

Such conditions as these have never been the forerunner of long continued industrial depression, a fact that some of those who are so freely predicting such a catastrophe are apt to overlook. On the other hand, we cannot disguise the presence in the situation of influences of social unrest and of commodity price and money inflation, equally without precedent in history, and these may well admonish the business world to sobering thought. An enormous quantity of the world's savings for generations in the form of stored-up capital has been destroyed and cannot for a long time to come be replaced; how can we therefore be justified in viewing complacently the competition of transportation and government to secure at rising interest rates possession of whatever funds remain available?

**M. MORGENTHAU, JR., URGES UPON FEDERAL RESERVE NECESSITY OF LOANS FOR HOUSING.**

The urgency of including housing among the "basic necessities of life" is the subject of a letter which has been addressed to Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board by M. Morgenthau, Jr., well known in New York realty circles. Mr. Morgenthau points out the critical condition of the housing situation and states that "there seems to be an entirely unjustified prejudice among the Federal Reserve Banks against loans to those engaged in the building industry and collateral lines which prejudice," he says "should immediately be removed and builders supplied with the necessary credit to encourage them to go ahead with the construction of more homes." Mr. Morgenthau's letter, which we give herewith is prompted by Governor Harding's statement of two weeks ago at the Washington Conference relative to the insistence of the Reserve Board that "all banks use a discriminating judgment in making loans."

May 31, 1920.

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

My Dear Gov. Harding:

Under dates of May 24 and May 25, there appeared in The New York "Times" and other papers, declarations from you, which I believe should not be passed by unnoticed by those vitally interested in the housing situation in various parts of the U. S. and particularly here in New York City. In your statement dated May 24, you are quoted as saying: "The Board is insisting that all banks use 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. In the exercise of this discrimination, it is necessary to have the restraining influence of a rate." It certainly is strange that you do not include among the "basic necessities of life," housing.

Unless something is done and done quickly to encourage a revival of the building industry, in so far as it pertains to housing, we will soon face a situation beside which the present hue and cry against the high cost of living will be insignificant. Under these circumstances it seems evident that it is the patriotic duty of the Federal Reserve Board to make a study of this situation and to assist in preventing just such a crisis. There seems to be an entirely unjustified prejudice, among the Federal Reserve Banks, against loans to those engaged in the building industry and collateral lines. This prejudice should immediately be removed and builders be supplied with the necessary credit to encourage them to go ahead with the construction of more homes.

I realize fully that the Federal Reserve Banks cannot undertake to finance the construction of homes with permanent mortgages. Their funds must be kept liquid while it is the function of the savings banks, insurance companies and other institutions which have funds for permanent investment, to take care of these permanent loans.

On the other hand, there is absolutely no reason why the Federal Reserve Banks should not be encouraged to make the temporary loans which these builders require during construction and which will afterwards be refinanced with permanent loans by these savings banks and other institutions. They should also lend liberally to builders who are constructing homes on contract and who require temporary credit to carrying out these operations.

In your declaration published in The New York "Times" you are quoted as follows: "The Board was not prepared to define what were essential and non-essential loans. It is the view of the Board that while the 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 by the member banks themselves."

May I not urge upon you the importance of a ringing statement to the banking fraternity calling attention to the critical condition of the housing situation and the imperative need for additional construction together with a statement that you did not intentionally omit housing from your list of basic necessities of life. It may also be advisable for you to state clearly that housing construction is dependent on bank credits and that you consider loans to those engaged in the industry which is supplying this necessity, "essential loans" and worthy of every encouragement at this time.

I would not address you in this matter if it were not of the greatest importance. It is the opinion of those best informed regarding the housing situation here in New York City, that in spite of all the possible measures that may be undertaken, we are probably going to find it impossible to avoid a crisis this coming winter. The demand is constantly increasing with practically no increase in supply. I sincerely trust that you and the other officials of the Federal Reserve Board will do whatever you can to help correct this situation now before it is too late.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

M. MORGENTHAU, JR.

**METROPOLITAN LIFE NOT TO ALTER LENDING POLICY FOR BUILDING PROJECTS.**

The building trades have been assured by Walter Stabler, Comptroller of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, that so far as his company is concerned there would be no change in its lending policy resulting from curtailments by the banks of Mercantile Credits. The Dow Service Daily Building Reports on May 24 announced Mr. Stabler as having authorized a statement to this effect, and quoted him as saying:

I told the Mayor that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company had \$20,000,000 to lend on new small dwelling construction and new low-priced apartments. We have already made commitments to the extent of \$12,000,000 for these two classes of construction which is to proceed to immediate activity, and we are prepared to lend the remainder of the \$20,000,000 at once. None of this money will go into replacement loans, alteration of old buildings, nor into commercial construction, however.

I am a pessimist in the present situation only to the extent that the great and growing need for housing is being subordinated to commercial construction, much of it, I am afraid, being of a speculative nature, whereas the national need of the hour is for homes.

The Dow Service also said:

Other financial authorities said that they did not contemplate general shrinkage of credits on necessary building projects. The decision of lenders approached for building loans during the immediate future would rest, they said, very largely upon whether the projects were speculative in character or not.

There was a wild scramble last week on the part of building material and equipment companies toward their various banking shrines to learn the attitude of the financial powers with relation to the immediate future of the building construction industry.

The strongest evidence that they were given a clean bill of credit in the present situation developed in the fact that the building material and equipment market along the entire Atlantic seaboard and as far west as the Ohio River remained strong, both on price and demand.

**INCREASE IN DISCOUNT RATES BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.**

Higher discount rates were put in force by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York this week, Acting Governor J. H. Case in announcing the new rates on Saturday last (May 29) stating that the action had been taken "in order that bankers, their customers and the public generally may find in the discount rates of this bank a reflection of existing credit conditions." The highest rate fixed in the newly adopted schedule is 7%, and this rate has been made to apply to advances secured by all classes of eligible commercial paper, including trade acceptances maturing within 90 days; and agricultural and live stock paper having a maturity of over 90 days and not exceeding 6 months. On all these several classes of paper the rate is increased from 6%. The rate for paper secured by Liberty bonds and Victory notes has been increased by the New York Federal Reserve Bank from 5½ to 6%, while for bankers acceptances the rate is raised from 5 to 6%. In our table of Federal Reserve rates in the front part of to-day's issue of the "Chronicle" (in the article on "The Financial Situation") we indicate the higher rates which have likewise been adopted this week by the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston, Richmond, Chicago and Minneapolis. Below we give the new schedule of rates announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

Circular No. 284, May 29 1920.

RATES OF DISCOUNT.

To all Member Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

You are advised that this bank has established the following rates of discount effective at the opening of business on Tuesday, June 1 1920, and until further notice, and superseding all existing rates:

Commercial Paper.

For advances not exceeding 15 days secured by all classes of eligible commercial paper, excepting bankers acceptances, and for rediscounts of such paper, 7%.

Liberty Loan Bonds and Victory Notes.

For advances not exceeding 15 days on Liberty loan bonds, Victory notes and customers notes secured by either of the foregoing, and for rediscounts of customers notes, so secured, for periods not exceeding 90 days, 6%.

Bankers Acceptances.

For advances not exceeding 15 days secured by bankers acceptances, and for rediscounts of same not exceeding 90 days, 6%.

U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness.

For advances not exceeding 15 days secured by U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, and for rediscounts of customers notes so secured not exceeding 90 days, 5½%.

The foregoing action has been taken in order that bankers, their customers and the public generally may find in the discount rates of this bank a reflection of existing credit conditions.

Very truly yours,

J. H. CASE, Acting Governor.

Among the comments which the new rates have occasioned we quote the following from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 1:

Bankers regard the action of the Federal Reserve Bank in revising its schedule of discount rates upward as an effort to bring about more speedy liquidation in the commodity markets, and at the same time curb any further excessive borrowing. Some say that the step was over due as the question of discount rates was the leading topic under consideration at the recent Reserve conference in Washington and higher rates were regarded as a foregone conclusion.

On the whole, notwithstanding the significance of a 7% central bank rate, bankers appear to take the action of the Federal Reserve Bank with considerable calmness. This may be accepted as a good sign as there is little apprehension over the results. In fact, the step is regarded as bringing nearer the improved conditions in credit which all bankers have been looking for.

A Barton Hepburn, discussing the advance in discount rates, said: "This action must not be regarded as directed against the banks. It is for the purpose of enabling the banks to accumulate sufficient funds to meet the crop demands later on in the year."

"It is the business people and commercial interests that are sought to be controlled by the higher discount rates. The people of the country have by no means realized as yet the necessity for economy, liquidation of loans, and curtailment in the use of credits. We will never be able to bring about the desired deflation until the present general extravagance is reduced. The fact that the American people today are consuming sugar at the rate of 93 pounds per capita per annum against only 18 pounds per capita in 1850 and a little over 30 pounds per capita in Europe at the present time is only one instance of the heedless manner in which we are spending and consuming."

Another banker said: "I am in thorough accord with the action of the Federal Reserve in raising its rates of discount. It is quite time to have borrowers and the public generally realize the credit situation. Some may

not agree with me, but it is necessary to 'take the bull by the horns' and call a halt in too free borrowing. In the long run, it will prove salutary in all directions, and decidedly helpful to the more stable industries."

The head of a leading bank says: "The Federal Reserve people know exactly what they are about. They took into council the ablest men in the country before coming to decision to raise the discount rates. The action is a wise one, and it exactly reflects the real credit situation. The decision is sound, every way you take it, and is bound to create, or go a long step toward creating, a more sane use of credit. I fully agree with the course taken."

An incidental effect of raising the commercial paper discount rate at the Federal Reserve Bank to 7% is to put the New York banks in somewhat of a quandary as to what their course is in regard to the usury law. Although it is claimed corporations cannot plead the usury law and thus could be charged any rate above 6% on their paper it would be manifestly unfair to do so while individuals and firms are confined to a 6% rate. As the banks now have to pay 7% on their paper at the Federal Reserve Bank this will naturally penalize them and cause them to extend accommodations to customers direct only in exceptional cases at 6%. This does not apply to collateral loans.

### KANSAS MEMBER BANKS HAVE LOWER DISCOUNT RATES.

[From the Wall Street Journal of June 2.]

As a result of the advances in the discount rates of the New York and Chicago Federal Reserve banks, the leading member banks of the Kansas City Federal Reserve district will enjoy relatively lower average rates on their aggregate discounts under the progressive system.

As the Federal Reserve Bank here is using the progressive system, the advances in the New York rates were not followed here. The normal discount rates, therefore, continue at 6% on commercial and agricultural paper, 5% on member banks' 15-day notes secured by Treasury certificates and 5½% on rediscounts secured by Liberty and Victory bonds.

While the progressive rate means an increase of ½ of 1% on every expansion of 25% over the basic line of credit, it excludes from the credit structure loans of member banks secured by Government war paper owned by them April 1 and permits the discount of loans on other war paper, including that borrowed, at the normal rates. However, loans of the latter class are included in the basis credit structure.

As the total of \$127,000,000 of loans held by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City includes \$40,000,000 secured by war paper, and as more than 6% is charged only on excess commercial and agricultural discounts over the basic line, calculations show that the leading banks here will not now average 7% on the cost of their non-war paper borrowings. And the maximum on their war paper borrowings is 5½%.

It is known that the progressive rate has meant as high a discount charge for a Tenth District country bank as 15%. But when such instances are figured into the general charges, the average rates on discounts under the progressive system at present will not average so high as the new charges at New York and Chicago.

### PAUL M. WARBURG APPROVES HIGHER DISCOUNT RATES.

Paul M. Warburg, whose intended departure this week for Europe was noted by us last week in our department devoted to "Items About Banks, Trust Companies, &c.," before his departure on Tuesday expressed his approval of the higher discount rates established by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Mr. Warburg was quoted as saying:

I believe increasing the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York is well advised. It was an anomaly that the Federal Reserve Bank rate should have been lower than the actual rate for commercial paper established by the market and lower, as a matter of fact, than the ruling open market rate for bankers' acceptances.

The increase does nothing but readjust the Federal Reserve Bank rates to already existing conditions. The sentimental influence of this increase will be more important than the actual effects.

Our raw materials must go forward to Europe, both for our own sake and the sake of Europe. Somehow or other, whether we like it or not, a large portion of the exports must be carried on credit at this time.

This is essential business, and we cannot do essential and non-essential business at the same time, without getting into an overstrained banking condition. Unessential business cannot be curbed, as we have seen, by gentle admonitions. The seriousness of the situation has got to be driven into the minds of the people, if we want to bring to a halt this unbridled spirit of indiscriminate expansion and extravagance.

The country is not going to slow down in order to accumulate that reserve power which we need in order to meet liberally and boldly the larger requirements still ahead of us and which from self-respect and self-interest we cannot afford to ignore.

### RICHMOND FEDERAL RESERVE BANK KEEPS DISCOUNT RATE AT 6%.

A statement to the effect that the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond would adhere to a discount rate of 6% for the present, notwithstanding the higher rate of 7% established by the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Chicago, was credited to George J. Seay, Governor of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, by the Baltimore "Sun," which in its issue of June 1 reported him as making this announcement over the telephone from his Richmond home. In further quoting Mr. Seay it said:

We were governed to a great extent by the fact that 6% is the maximum rate of interest under the law, not only in Maryland but in Virginia and North Carolina as well," he said. "We would be reluctant to raise it.

"This bank sent out all changes Saturday. The only change in this district was in raising the rate on Government securities from 5½ to 6%."

*Denies Six Per Cent. Limit.*

What action the bank might take in the future Mr. Seay would not forecast. He pointed out however, that the fact that the legal rate in a State is only 6% would not necessarily prevent the Reserve Bank from advancing its discount rate beyond that in the effort to deflate credits.

Local members of the Reserve system frankly say they expect to see the advance put into effect here. It was thought the recent advance to 6%

would check expansion of credits and tend to bring about a liquidation of those outstanding. This result has not followed and credit conditions today are almost as acute as when the last raise was made and when the policy was general.

Exactly how the banks in Baltimore and Maryland will fare if a 7% rate is fixed by the Richmond Bank is causing most concern. The legal rate in Maryland is 6%. This is rigid and the banks which may violate the law are liable to action for usury.

But if the banks can only discount commercial paper at the Reserve bank at 7% it seems virtually impossible for them to lend money at 6%. This will be a losing game, in which few, if any, will care to participate. All now contend that even with a 6% discount rate they are losing money, as this makes no provision for expenses of running the banks.

#### Clearing House Would Act.

If the Richmond Reserve Bank rate is raised to 7% the first step to be taken, according to some leading local bankers, will be to call a meeting of the executive committee of the clearing house and perhaps a general meeting of all members to see how the situation can be handled and the lending ability of the banks be maintained. For the banks in the counties which are members of the Federal Reserve system a meeting of the administrative council of the Maryland Bankers' Association may be called to the same end.

While the Federal Reserve Board is not controlled by the legal interest rate in any locality in fixing its own rates of discount, the banks in States which have a legal rate of interest in force must abide by the State law, regardless of what the Reserve Board may do.

In New York the interest rate is a matter of contract between the borrower and lender above a specified sum. In this way the rate for call money there frequently advances to 25, 50 and even 100%.

### RICHARD H. WILLIAMS ELECTED CLASS B DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced on June 1 that as a result of the special election, Richard H. Williams has been elected a Class B Director, to fill the unexpired term, ending Dec. 31 1920, of Col. William Boyce Thompson, who resigned last December. The opening of the polls for the election of Col. Thompson's successor was referred to in the "Chronicle" of May 1, page 1806. In announcing Mr. Williams' election the Federal Reserve Bank says:

The total number of votes cast was 110 all of which were for Mr. Williams. Only the banks and trust companies in this Federal Reserve District having a capital and surplus not exceeding \$1,999,000 and not below \$201,000, composing Group 2, voted at the election.

This election brings to the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York a man of wide experience and of the temperament and ability to enable him to pass upon the important questions presenting themselves for solution in the central banking institution of this district.

Richard H. Williams is the senior partner of the firm of Williams & Peters, coal merchants, at No. 1 Broadway, New York City. He was born in New York City in 1854 and entered Columbia College with the class of 1875. At the end of his first year he resigned to enter business, and before he was twenty-one established a coal business of his own, which was the forerunner of the present firm of Williams & Peters. Since 1885 it has handled the coal business of the Erie Railroad, which includes the Pennsylvania Coal Company. Latterly the firm has dealt almost exclusively in anthracite.

Mr. Williams is a director of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, a director and member of the executive committee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, a director and member of the finance committee of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and is director of a number of other corporations. He was also a director of the National Park Bank and of the Fulton Trust Company or New York City, but as the Federal Act requires that "no director of class B shall be an officer, director or employee of any bank" Mr. Williams resigned from these two institutions before becoming a director of the Federal Reserve Bank.

### UNIFORMITY OF INSCRIPTION IN CASE OF LIBERTY BOND HOLDERS OWNING REGISTERED BONDS.

The desirability of a uniformity being maintained in the inscription of registered Liberty bonds and Victory notes owned by the same holder is the subject of a circular issued as follows by the Federal Reserve Board of New York on May 26.

#### LIBERTY AND VICTORY LOANS.

Uniformity in Inscription of Registered Bonds and Notes Owned by the Same Registered Holder. To Facilitate the Payment of Semi-Annual Interest in One Check to Each Bond or Note Holder for Each Loan. To all Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks, Bankers, Investment Dealers and Stock Exchange Firms in the Second Federal Reserve District:

With reference to the submission of requests for the issue of registered bonds and notes of the United States, attention is directed to the suggestion of the Treasury Department that in cases where a person or registered owner owning bonds in a particular loan requests the registration of other bonds of that loan in his name, the same form of inscription be requested as that in which the bonds already owned were issued.

#### Desirability of Identical Name.

If First Liberty Loan 3½% were registered at the time of original issue in the name of "Jos. L. Smith," who later purchased other bonds of the same loan and had them inscribed in the name of "Dr. Joseph L. Smith," and still later requested other bonds of that loan inscribed in the name of "Joseph L. Smith, M.D.," the Treasury Department would necessarily maintain three separate accounts, one in each designation, notwithstanding the fact that the post office addresses were identical in each case. As the semi-annual dividends became due three interest checks would be drawn, payable respectively in the designation in which the bonds were inscribed. There would then be three separate accounts on the books of the Department, all for one individual. A similar result would occur in the case of inscriptions in the following manner: "Franklin Manufacturing Company, Henry White, Treasurer, Cleveland, Ohio," "H. White, Treasurer, Franklin Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio," and "Treasurer, Franklin Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio." In each case the registered owner would receive three checks and the possibility of misplacing or losing one or more

of the checks would be much greater than if only a single check were issued covering the entire account.

It is equally desirable that if bonds stand in the name of "Edward Jones" or in the name of "William Jones," requests for registration of additional bonds should be submitted in the same manner and not in the form of "Edw." or "Wm."

*Interest Payment in One Check.*

Registered owners would no doubt prefer to receive their semi-annual interest in one check covering all bonds owned by them in that particular loan, and the Treasury Department would prefer to maintain only a single account with a particular holder in one loan, but if variations occur in the form of inscription as in the examples mentioned, separate accounts must be maintained and separate interest checks issued.

*Information From Customers.*

It is suggested that in submitting requests for the issue of registered bonds or notes, you make inquiry of the customer as to whether or not he holds other registered bonds or notes of the same issue, and if so, his attention should be directed to the desirability of having the new bonds or notes issued in exactly the same form of registration as were his other holdings in that loan.

Your co-operation in this matter will considerably assist the Treasury Department and will relieve your customer of the inconvenience of handling several checks which actually represent the same account.

Yours very truly,

J. H. CASE, Acting Governor.

*Postscript.*—Since going to press with the foregoing circular it is recommended by the Treasury Department that all assignments of such registered bonds be made in conformity with inscriptions appearing on other registered bonds held by the assignee. After bonds have been assigned, however, new bonds will be issued in accordance with such assignment regardless of any amended form of inscription appearing in accompanying request for transfer.

**BANKS IN N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT ASKED TO CONSERVE SUPPLY OF NEW MONEY.**

The difficulties attendant to the production of new currency, growing out of the pressure on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, prompts the issuance of a circular by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York asking the banks in this district to endeavor to conserve the supply of new money. The following is the Reserve Bank's circular:

**NEW CURRENCY.**

To each Member Bank in the Second Federal Reserve District:

As you are no doubt aware, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been working for some time under heavy pressure in producing permanent Liberty bonds. At the same time it has been called upon to keep up the printing of the increased amounts of Federal Reserve notes and other paper currency now required.

In view of the difficulties surrounding the production of new currency, which we believe are merely temporary, the authorities at Washington have urged us to keep at a minimum the demand for new bills. Consequently since the first of the year it has been necessary to make notes in circulation serve longer than theretofore, and to include in our currency shipments a substantial proportion of notes that have been used, but nevertheless have been fit for circulation. We invite your help and that of your customers in conserving the supply of new paper money, and are confident that they will readily understand the reason why fresh notes are not now available in the customary volume. This will insure the maintenance of our reserve supply of unissued paper currency, which of course is unimpaired.

The situation will naturally and gradually improve and we believe that within a reasonable time we shall be able to supply our member banks upon their request with substantial amounts of new currency as heretofore.

Very truly yours,

J. H. CASE, Acting Governor.

**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 28 1920:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 4—			
The State Bank of Bowling Green, Ohio	\$50,000	-----	\$440,687
District No. 6—			
North Georgia Trust & Banking Co., Winder, Ga.	200,000	20,000	1,234,257
District No. 7—			
Peoples State Bank, Corwith, Iowa	40,000	9,000	229,946
The Pinconning State Bank, Pinconning, Mich.	30,000	6,000	652,503
District No. 9—			
Edgar State Bank, Edgar, Mont.	30,000	1,500	189,047
Bank of Commerce, Kalispell, Mont.	100,000	17,000	694,266
First State Bank, Richey, Mont.	25,000	5,000	146,958
District No. 11—			
Falfurrias State Bank, Falfurrias, Texas.	25,000	20,000	280,433
The Farmers State Bank, Ganado, Texas	35,000	-----	154,605
District No. 12—			
The Mission Bank, San Francisco, Cal.	200,000	100,000	2,902,031

**ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.**

At 4 o'clock to-day Congress will adjourn its present session. The Senate on June 3 adopted by a vote of 44 to 24 the resolution to that effect passed two days before in the House. The text of the House resolution was as follows:

*Resolved*, by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House be authorized to close the present session by adjourning their respective Houses on the 5th day of June, 1920, at 4 o'clock.

Congress will reconvene the first Monday in December. Reports had been current that President Wilson might, if Congress adjourned, call for an extra session. These reports however, proved to be without foundation, for the

Democratic floor leader, [Senator] Underwood, announced on June 3 that "the President will not call it (Congress) back in extraordinary session unless a grave emergency should arise."

Seeking to pave the way for a recess or adjournment by June 5, the Senate on May 18, on motion of Senator Lodge, Republican leader, adopted an order having the approval of Senator Underwood providing that the Senate should meet thereafter each day an hour earlier.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE TO REPEAL WAR-TIME LAWS.**

A measure having for its purpose repeal of all war-time emergency legislation, except the Lever Food and Fuel Control Law and the Trading With the Enemy Act, was passed by the House of Representatives on June 3. The resolution provides that any Acts of Congress or proclamations of the President containing provisions contingent upon the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency, or of the existence of a state of war, shall become null and void when the resolution takes effect.

Representative Volstead in reporting the bill to the House on June 2 from the Judiciary Committee said:

It is apparent that though actual hostilities have ceased in the war with Germany and her allies, no peace treaty or other official action terminating the existing state of war can be secured for several months yet. There is no probability that hostilities will be resumed, and as there exists a number of statutes designed to aid in carrying on actual war, that confer extraordinary powers, many of them not only unnecessary but a burden and a menace, it is believed that this resolution should be passed.

Three Acts are excepted—the Food Control Act, the amendment to it passed last fall and the Trading With the Enemy Act. During the war all of the nation's energies were directed to the production of war materials and war supplies; as a consequence only a small part of the articles needed in times of peace were produced. This and other causes, such as the enormous demands for such products from starved and exhausted Europe, raised prices and encouraged profiteering.

The Food Control Act contains provisions against profiteering that are very much more drastic and effective than any law Congress can pass under its peace power, and as the condition it seeks to meet is the direct, and, no doubt, temporary result of the war, it is believed that Congress is justified in retaining it in force.

The Trading With the Enemy Act should remain on the statute books until a peace can be secured through appropriate official action. It furnishes the only authority for the regulations under which commerce is now carried on with Germany and her allies.

The text of the repeal bill follows:

*Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:* 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, or of the existence of a state of war, 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.

Excepting, however, from the operation and effect of this resolution the following Acts and proclamations, to wit: The Act entitled, 'An Act to provide further for the national security and defense by encouraging the production, conserving the supply and controlling the distribution of food products and fuel,' approved Aug. 10, 1917, the amendment thereto, entitled, 'The Food Control and District of Columbia Rents Act,' approved Oct. 22, 1919, and the Act known as the 'Trading with the Enemy Act,' approved Oct. 16, 1917; also the proclamation issued under the authority conferred by the Acts herein excepted from the effect and operation of this resolution.'

**SOLDIER BONUS BILL PASSED BY HOUSE.**

The House passed on May 29 by a vote of 289 to 92 the Soldier Bonus Bill. Under the procedure whereby the bill was put through a two-thirds vote was necessary to effect its adoption instead of the customary majority. As a preliminary to securing action on the bill by the House the Rules Committee by a vote of 5 to 4 on May 27 ordered a favorable report on a resolution suspending the House rules for six days beginning Saturday May 29 with a view to calling up the bill during that time. In the House on the 29th the first vote was taken on a point of order made by Representative Garrett that the rule was not in order; he declared that "a rule which operates to prevent a motion to recommit, as this rule does, is not a privileged rule. It must," he contended, "take its place on the calendar and cannot be presented from the floor as a privileged rule." The Chair overruled the point of order, and an appeal was made by Representative Garrettsen from the decision of the Chair followed by a motion by Representative Mondell to lay the appeal on the table. This was put to a vote and the appeal was laid on the table by a vote of 192 to 189. The next question on which a vote was taken was that of agreeing to the resolution, and on this the House recorded itself in favor of its adoption by a vote of 220 yeas to 165 nays. The final vote was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, this as stated above resulting in 289 affirmative votes to 92 in

opposition, thus effecting both the suspension of the rules and the passage of the bill. Between the roll calls the debate was spirited. The Democrats, aided by a minority of Republicans, attacked the "gag rule" of the majority advocates of the suspension program. They declared a vote against it was a vote against the bill itself, and gradually they wore down the opposition, the final vote recording forty Republicans and fifty-two Democrats in opposition. Of the 289 votes whereby the bill was passed 174 were cast by Republicans, 112 by Democrats and 3 by independents. In our issue of May 22, page 2143, we referred at length to the soldier bonus bill, a favorable report on which had been ordered by the Ways and Means Committee of the House on May 20. On May 22 the Republicans of the House Rules Committee ordered a favorable report on a special rule giving the bill legislative right of way; the Democratic members of the Committee were reported on that date as opposed to the rules' proposal to deny opportunity to amend the bill on the floor. On May 26 when session was still being delayed Chairman Campbell of the Rules Committee declared in a speech before the House that the legislation was being blocked by 49 anti-bonus Republicans, aiding the "solid Democratic opposition." Several Democrats, challenging his statement, asserted that their opposition was not to the legislation but to the Republican plan to force action on it.

During the debate on the bill in the House on the 29th Representative Mann (Republican) who attacked the suspension program said:

What will you answer when men say to you that a Republican majority in the House passes a revenue bill raising a billion and a quarter of dollars without a chance to amend it? No party in the history of the country has ever passed a revenue bill under suspension of the rules.

No party in the history of the country has ever proposed to pass a revenue bill without the right to amend it—a bill that takes a billion and a quarter of dollars out of the pockets of the people. You cannot defend it by saying that it was to pay a bonus to the soldiers, because that is separate and apart from the principle—the vital principle of legislative liberty—that the representatives of the people shall have the right to consider and amend propositions to put taxes upon them.

The measure as it passed the House provides that veterans of the world war who served overseas shall receive \$1.25 a day for the period of their service, and all who served on this side \$1 a day, payments to be made in instalments, beginning July 1 1921 and being limited in the maximum to \$625 for overseas veterans and \$500 for those who served on this side. The taxes imposed under the bill are:

One-fifth of one per cent on all stock and grain exchange transactions.  
One-half per cent. on all real estate transfers.  
Increased tobacco taxes.  
Increased surtaxes as follows: 1% on incomes between \$5,000 and \$10,000, 2% between \$10,000 and \$26,000 and 3% on incomes over \$26,000.

The bill as passed by the House was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, but it is not expected that the bill will reach the Senate in the session which will be brought to a close to-day.

#### PLATFORM OF VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS INDORSED BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

The principles enunciated in the platform adopted at the Virginia Democratic Convention have received the indorsement of President Wilson in a letter addressed to Senator Glass, who is said to have assisted in the drafting of the State platform. The latter was made public on May 28, along with the letters which passed between the President and Senator Glass in the transmittal of the document. The President in his letter takes occasion to say that "the sentiments expressed in this notable document are in full accord with my own views, especially the statement which set forth the attitude of the party on the League of Nations and the pressing problems of peace, finance and reconstruction." The Virginia Democratic Party placed itself on record as favoring "a League of Nations as the surest, if not the only practicable means of maintaining the permanent peace of the world and terminating the insufferable burden of great military and naval establishments." It also advocates "prompt ratification of the treaty without reservations which would impair its essential integrity." The failure of the Republican Congress "to respond to the often repeated demand of the President and the Secretaries of the Treasury to revise the existing tax laws," is condemned in the platform. On the subject of a merchant marine, it declares that "it should be the policy of the Democratic Party to build up and maintain a great and efficient merchant marine under the American flag adequate at all times to meet the requirements of our ocean-borne commerce and to serve as a military and naval auxiliary in times of war or national emergency." Such merchant marine, in its

opinion "should be privately owned and operated." While acknowledging that "the Federal Government should treat with the utmost generosity every disabled soldier of the World War . . . and for the dependents of the brave men who died in line of duty the Government's tenderest concern and richest bounty should be their reward," the "efforts to fasten further oppressive burdens upon the tax payers of the country by enormous bond issues or consumption and retroactive tax levies to give an indiscriminate bonus to enlisted men" is deplored. The platform commends the Administration for establishing the Federal Reserve system, the Farm Loan system, "just tariff legislation," the income tax, and a Department of Labor. We give herewith the letter of Senator Glass transmitting the platform to the President.

United States Senate, May 27, 1920.

My Dear Mr. President:

I am glad to comply with your request for an authentic copy of the platform recently adopted by the Democrats of Virginia at their State Convention at Roanoke. I may add that there was not a note of dissent from these declarations by any one of the nearly two thousand members.

With renewed expressions of cordial regard, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

CARTER GLASS.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, The White House.

President Wilson's reply was as follows:

The White House, May 28, 1920.

My Dear Senator Glass:

Thank you for sending me the copy of the platform recently adopted by the Democrats of Virginia. Aside from the purely personal references, which, of course, I deeply appreciate, let me say to you, my dear Sir, that the sentiments expressed in this notable document are in full accord with my own views, especially the statements which set forth the attitude of the party on the League of Nations and the pressing problems of peace, finance and reconstruction. These are the clear-cut, unequivocal principles of patriotic men who know how to serve their country and mankind.

Surely this platform recites a record of achievement in which all Americans have a just cause for pride and congratulation. Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Hon. Carter Glass, United States Senate.

#### TRADING IN WHEAT FUTURES TO BE RESUMED JULY 15.

Although Government control of wheat terminated June 1 the grain exchanges did not resume trading in options on that date. At a conference of representatives of eight exchanges on June 3 at Chicago it was decided that trading in wheat futures should begin on July 15, with December as the delivery. This action will be put before the advisory committee recently appointed to consider the question. "By trading in December wheat at the start," said the press dispatches from Chicago on June 3, "there is little possibility of manipulation, as the trade will feel the effect of the movement of both spring and winter wheat and it is expected that the railroads will be in shape to handle the grain in large volume so that hedging business will be large and the market function properly."

Commenting on the failure to resume trading in wheat futures on June 1, the N. Y. "Times" on the following day said:

The reason for delay in reestablishing an open market for future deliveries lies in the fact that with the removal of the Government control of prices grain and flour men fear a runaway market and one which could easily be cornered. May options are about all that is left of the old crop, and it was said yesterday that it would be a simple matter for a big grain operator to come into the market and corner it. After July the new crop will commence to reach the markets, and then there will be less danger of runaway prices. Grain men say that with the coming in of the new crop hedge selling will be possible and the market will have a much more stable aspect.

#### SECRETARY MEREDITH RULES THAT FEDERAL WHEAT STANDARDS BE CONTINUED.

In a decision on a request for a general lowering of present standards for hard red spring and durum wheats, Secretary of Agriculture Meredith on June 2 announced that the existing Federal wheat standards would not be changed. The Secretary's opinion covered hearings held to inquire into dissatisfaction in the central Northwest with existing grades for hard red spring and durum wheats.

Requests for lowering the present standards, the Secretary announced, would tend to decrease the return to farmers; while advocates of the change argued that the producer would receive more money for his wheat. The Federal standards, established in 1917 and revised in 1918, have been operative only under fixed prices and war conditions, the Secretary stated, adding that opportunity for fair tests of their merits or defects has not been afforded under normal marketing conditions. "It is believed that any injustice to producers of wheat that may have resulted from fixed prices during the war will be eliminated when normal competitive marketing conditions again prevail," the opinion stated. The announcement of the decision in part follows:

The request made by the Central Northwest delegation for a general lowering of the present standards for hard, red, spring wheat and durum wheat, was made apparently on the theory that, under the standards they proposed the producer would receive more money for his wheat. The arguments made in support of this theory were not convincing and were not supported by evidence. On the other hand, the testimony seemed to prove that, under free and open competitive marketing conditions, the lowering of the present standards would tend to reduce the return to the farmer. The Department's studies of grain marketing support the latter view.

**JUDGE GARY BEFORE AMERICAN IRON & STEEL INSTITUTE ON DANGERS TO "SHIP OF STATE,"**

The danger to "The Ship of State" lurking in the propaganda now being carried on and which he said "tend to create a feeling of unrest, dissatisfaction and antagonism" were dealt with in his address as President of the American Iron & Steel Institute delivered by Judge Elbert H. Gary at the annual meeting of the Institute held at the Hotel Commodore, this city on May 28. In part Judge Gary said:

The great majority of immigrants have come with pure motives. They have been welcomed by their predecessors and eagerly and gladly have become a part of the mass of loyal and deserving citizens. We have approximately one hundred and ten millions of inhabitants, and, as a whole, they rank high in the world's throngs of human beings.

However, we need not close our eyes and ears to the utterances of learned men in editorials, lectures, public addresses and private speech, to the effect that even our Government itself is threatened at the present time; that for some months there has been and still is being carried on propaganda, instigated and controlled by vicious men, mostly foreigners, which tends to create a feeling of unrest, dissatisfaction and antagonisms. Appeal is made to the cupidity, the selfishness and the baser instincts of men. Promises not possible of fulfillment are made; sometimes threats and intimidations are indulged in.

The present so-called labor strikes, involving riot and injury to property and person, are instigated as a part of the campaign to disturb and demoralize the social and economic conditions of the country. In other lands very serious results have been accomplished by the same means which have been employed here.

Is the disease of unjustified unrest and revolt now discernible progressive? Will large numbers of our population be influenced? Is the Ship of State in danger? Is she headed for the rocks? Is there a possibility of increasing storms to a degree which would drive her to destruction?

The answers depend upon the conduct and efforts of the sailors themselves, and they include all classes of people. The word "class" is not used in an invidious sense. There are no classes in the United States such as have existed in other countries. Formerly, in certain parts of the world, classes were actually formed and sustained by the rich or powerful, who were supposed to belong to the "upper class." They became distinct and commanding. They secured and continued to hold additional privileges and benefits to which they were not justly entitled, and which made them proud and overbearing. They were doomed to eventual failure and final destruction, except so far as they might be deserving on the merits. In America those who now seek to establish classes and to secure discriminating favors for themselves are not prominent because of wealth; they are composed of a comparatively small minority of the population who have adopted the word "labor," which signifies honorable activity, with the concealed design of forming a "class" which they hope will finally attract a majority of the people, and thus enable them to obtain one legislative act after another until the Constitution shall be undermined and the whole structure destroyed.

These men have already secured certain legislation which is wrongfully discriminating. Some of them know what the final consequence of their designs must be; that all would be lost in the ruins; but immediate personal gain is to them sufficient justification.

The safe, efficacious and natural remedy for the perils which have been hinted at are to be found only in unity of purpose and effort on the part of the whole crew on board our Ship of State, which includes everyone who is blessed with the privileges of citizenship in the United States; an undivided loyalty to the principles of our Constitution and all the laws which are passed in conformity to it. This will eliminate from the social structure the vicious elements. Sad to say, there is not at present, nor has been in the past, perfect harmony of action between the masses of the people.

Agitators who are trying to create trouble between employes and their employers as a rule are insincere and selfish. Generally, they, themselves, have performed no hard labor, nor had experience which qualifies them to lead or instruct. They strive for personal popularity and gain. Their business is better, their compensation increased, when others are in trouble. Assuming to be sympathetic and superior in intelligence, they mislead and often misrepresent. They promise reforms, but their methods lead to trouble and loss to others. In this list are included a few writers, lecturers public speakers and self-appointed labor leaders, so called.

The great masses of employes, if left to decide for themselves, are loyal to the country, to the public interest and to their employers; and to the extent of this loyalty they will be rewarded up to the full measure of their deserts. This they will have the right to demand; and it will be readily and cheerfully accorded. They also should, and they will, continuously exercise a disposition to conciliate and cooperate. As applied to all groups faithful performance, and this only, will insure highest pecuniary results and most liberal treatment.

We sometimes hear a man claim that the world, or the nation or the public owes him a living. This is foolish and preposterous. There is due every citizen of this country no more and no less than the same opportunity to procure a living that is accorded any other. This is the full measure of fairness and justice. The state cannot furnish to the individual natural ability or disposition. The honest man who reads, studies, thinks, works, economizes, saves, persists and uses his best judgment will succeed in this country. If he is neglectful, indolent, profligate and dishonest, he will fail. A large majority of the men of the United States who have become prominent in statesmanship, finance, professional or business life, started from an humble beginning; and, by their own endeavor, have advanced. Ordinarily the men who complain because of their poverty or position in life have only themselves to blame.

Every individual should under all circumstances receive from all others honest and fair consideration. There should not be, there must not be, any discrimination against or in favor of any particular group of persons if this country is to retain the position among the nations to which it is justly entitled.

The general public, whether it is represented by governmental heads, by Congress or otherwise, should cooperate with and assist private enter-

prise. Every department of government has responsibilities and opportunities of magnitude at this particular period in our history, remembering that general prosperity is the first essential. They can do much toward the preservation or destruction of the Ship of State. They can by precept and example contribute in rehabilitating and reestablishing the affairs of this country. For constructive statesmanship, which will add to stability and progress in the moral, economic, social and political life of the nation, they will be entitled to the commendation of all mankind; while by a narrow-minded, partisan, fault-finding, destructive policy, they will create discord, distress and demoralization. The majority of the people of this country are tired of petty animosities, of unreasonable rewards or punishments, of undue restrictions or liberality concerning public or private undertakings. They are disgusted with muckraking, which usually is conducted for the glorification of the inquisitor and at a large expense to the public. This is especially true of the present, when sentiment is inflamed and when the burdens of taxation are almost intolerable.

A word concerning the next President—the Captain of the Ship of State. There must be selected one who is able, wise and well-informed, of unquestioned honesty, morally and intellectually, eminently fair and impartial, frank and sincere, broad-minded, deeply sympathetic, courageous, sturdy and well balanced; and above everything else, loyal to the Constitution and the laws of the land.

Other problems of magnitude, national and international, engage our attention at the present time, but those of highest importance relate to the life and safety of our Ship of State.

At the outset of his remarks Judge Gary made the assertion that "without thought of contradiction our country is the best of all." He added:

- As frequently stated, notwithstanding the United States has only 6% of the world's population and 7% of the world's land, yet we produce:
- 20% of the world's supply of gold.
- 25% of the world's supply of wheat.
- 40% of the world's supply of iron and steel.
- 40% of the world's supply of lead.
- 40% of the world's supply of silver.
- 50% of the world's supply of zinc.
- 52% of the world's supply of coal.
- 60% of the world's supply of aluminum.
- 60% of the world's supply of copper.
- 60% of the world's supply of cotton.
- 66% of the world's supply of oil.
- 75% of the world's supply of corn.
- 85% of the world's supply of automobiles.

Better still, we have constitutional freedom; protection of life, liberty and property. If, in any respect, these principles are violated, it is by individuals and not by sanction of fundamental laws. As one becomes familiar with the Constitution and with all departments created by it, one is convinced that the scheme and philosophy of the framers was to guarantee equal protection and opportunity to all the people. With the preservation and functioning of the Government in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Constitution there is offered peace and protection; with disregard or violation of any material part of it there is, *pro tanto*, suffering, distress and ruin.

**HEARINGS ON APPLICATIONS OF RAILROADS FOR HIGHER RATES—VALUATION FIGURES.**

The hearings which were opened before the Interstate Commerce Commission on May 24 on the application of the railroads for higher freight rates were closed, so far as the railroads' side of the case is concerned, on May 28. The Commission suspended the hearings until June 7 to give shippers and State railway Commissioners time to prepare for the cross examination of witnesses for the carriers. Some of the testimony presented last week was given in these columns in our issue of May 29, page 2252. One of the important exhibits submitted in behalf of the roads was that prepared by Thomas W. Hulme of Philadelphia, Vice-Chairman of the Valuation Committee for the carriers comparing the preliminary reports of the valuations so far submitted to the railroad companies by the Valuation Bureau of the Commission with the property accounts of the railroads. The preliminary reports of the Commission indicate that the cost of reproducing the railroads of the United States is greater than the aggregate property investment accounts of the companies. A summary of these Government engineering reports was made public for fifty railroad systems, with a mileage of 51,853, showing the cost of reproduction at 1914 prices, including the value of land, to be \$3,203,782,543, as compared with a property investment account as carried on the books of the companies of only \$3,158,275,156. Mr. Hulme said: This, he added, is the first time since the Government valuation was begun some years ago that any considerable group of these reports has been available. Mr. Hulme stated that when the inventories were completed for all the roads of the country they would undoubtedly show a reproduction cost on the 1914 prices in excess of the carriers' own investment statements, and that on the basis of present prices the total would be far in excess of this. Costs now, he said, were more than 100% in excess of those prevailing in 1914. The aggregate railroad property investment, as claimed by the carriers in reports presented by them to the commission at the opening of the present rate hearing, is \$20,616,000,000. This figure, Mr. Hulme said, would be more than sustained on the 1914 reproduction costs, while the application of 1920 prices to the inventories would add billions more. The ten largest roads in the list of fifty covered in Mr. Hulme's statement show the following comparison between the

carriers' investment accounts and the Government reports of the cost of reproduction as of 1914:

Road—	Property investment.	Reproduction cost & land.
Great Northern .....	\$384,273,853	\$418,204,335
Rock Island .....	341,401,305	388,601,208
N. Y., N. H. & H. ....	195,505,844	319,599,023
Boston & Maine .....	195,903,526	276,528,128
Big Four .....	144,375,812	159,269,845
Oregon-Washington R. R. & Nav. ....	156,642,559	143,347,128
M., St. P. & S. S. M. ....	116,953,635	114,701,111
Oregon Short Line .....	113,094,103	109,685,219
Chicago & East Illinois .....	78,990,280	77,751,855
Central of Georgia .....	62,003,324	73,609,448

These preliminary reports, Mr. Hulme asserted, were minimum figures, and in a number of cases the carriers believed that final figures would be considerably larger. For the fifty roads reported by the commission, with an aggregate inventory of \$3,203,000,000, the land value is \$347,741,031. Mr. Hulme stated that in the case of a number of roads the figure for land value was not the present value but the original cost. Asked if he had given any consideration as to what would be the effect upon those reports, based on 1914 prices, if prices of the present time had been applied Mr. Hulme said:

Mr. Prouty, the Director of Valuation, in the argument upon value before this Commission in January last, stated that in his judgement prices of 1918 were approximately 175% of those which were applied for in the year 1914. Our investigation is that prices for the latter part of 1919 and early in the present year would have produced a figure of 212% of the prices of 1914.

When you take into consideration that a number of the roads first investigated by the Commission were either at that time or shortly prior thereto in the hands of a receiver, and that with but few exceptions there are not included in those valuations any of the larger and stronger railroad companies, and that the totals for the preliminary reports just referred to are in excess of the road and equipment accounts, whereas the results for the so-called tentative valuations which represented the earliest work of the Commission were less than the road and equipment accounts, it seems to me that the conclusion would naturally and properly be drawn that for the country as a whole, the engineering inventories and land reports when properly determined will result in a figure in excess of the road and equipment accounts.

I am further led to this conclusion as a result of many conferences that I have had with the representatives of most of the railroad companies during the years that the work has been going on.

#### Equipment Accounts.

The accounting reports disclose in numerous instances that the returns of the carrier under order No. 8, which require a statement of the cost to date of the equipment, is much in excess of the equipment account as shown upon the carriers' books.

Where these costs are actually identified in the carrier's books, although not in the equipment account, they are included in the amount which the Commission's accountants set forth as the restated investment, but where the costs have been estimated they are not included. This difference of treatment frequently causes large amounts to be differently treated.

In arriving at the total figure which Mr. Hulme compared with the road and equipment accounts, he used the cost of reproduction new. Asked his reason for using this figure instead of the figure of cost of reproduction, less depreciation, as it is being reported by the Commission, Mr. Hulme made the following statement:

I was making a comparison of the road and equipment accounts as shown upon the books of the carriers which as kept is not reduced by any figure on account of theoretical or any other kind of alleged depreciation.

There has been much discussion and argument before the Commission on this question, both from the legal and equitable standpoints, and the carriers contend that theoretical depreciation should not be deducted, but that the only amount that should be deducted would be the amount of actual existing depreciation.

As the Commission has not made a final valuation of the property of any carrier and has not, therefore, indicated how the theoretical depreciation as reported by the Bureau of Valuation should be dealt with in the determination of value, I have not thought that it should be a part of any computation in the comparison that I have made.

It is my understanding, however, that the courts have held that where depreciation is to be taken into consideration on a cost of reproduction basis that appreciation and going-concern value must also be taken into consideration as well as prices applicable as of the time of the inquiry. The application thereof at this time may be illustrated in the following manner:

Take a road whose land the Commission valued at \$200,000 and whose production inventory at 1914 prices was \$800,000—a total of \$1,000,000. 75% increase in construction costs for 1919 would produce \$1,400,000—which if depreciated on a 16 2-3% basis would be reduced to \$1,166,667, to which add the \$200,000 for land, producing \$1,366,667, or approximately one-third more than the inventory on 1914 prices, without making any allowance for appreciation and going-concern value and without including anything for materials and supplies and working capital.

On May 27, when Mr. Hulme made his presentments to the Commission, S. M. Felton, President of the Chicago Great Western R.R. told the Commission that a larger return was needed to enable the roads to keep pace with business and serve the public welfare. On the 26th Charles H. Markham, President of the Illinois Central declared in opening the case for the Southern railroads that with proper equipment the railroads of the country can be operated as successfully in the future under private management as they were before Federal control. Expenditure of at least \$600,000,000 for new equipment for the nation's transportation system was advocated by Mr. Markham, who asserted nothing was of greater importance than the immediate

placing of orders for cars and engines. For the Southern railroads Mr. Markham asked an increase in freight rates to enable the carriers to earn \$136,049,091 annually, which he contended would represent a return of 6% on the aggregate value of those carriers, which he estimated at \$2,267,484,847.

A rate increase of 32.82% and treatment separate from the Western group, which is asking an advance of 24%, were requested by thirty-eight carriers of the Southwest on May 28. Columbus Haile, Vice-President of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railroad, presented the application which asked "that the total revenues derived from advances in freight rates of the Western classification territory as a whole may be so distributed as most nearly to approximate the needs of the carriers in the various sections." Objection to the application being entertained by the Commission was made by R. C. Fulbright and S. H. Cowan, representing Texas cattle shippers. Chairman Clark, however, ruled that the evidence was admissible and that arguments on the rates asked would be heard later. Evidence for the Western classification territory was completed on the 28th by L. E. Wettling of Chicago, statistician for the group, who explained the estimates submitted, and Edward Chambers, Vice-President of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad.

#### FINANCING OF RAILROADS BY GOVERNMENT— DEFICIT IN OPERATION.

Details of the financing of the railroads under Federal control are furnished in a report by Swagar Sherley, of the Division of Finance of the Railroad Administration, presented under date of May 10 and made public by Director-General of Railroads Walker D. Hines on May 23. The estimated balance sheet of date Feb. 29 1920 places the Government's gross loss in operation of the railroads during the period of Federal control as \$900,478,757; of this total \$677,513,152 was chargeable directly to the excess of operating expenses and rentals over revenues of "Class 1" roads. Smaller railroads, sleeping and refrigerator car lines and steamship lines added \$43,011,129 to this total, while inland waterways augmented it to the extent of \$2,449,739. Administrative expenses, including both the railroad administration and its regional organizations, were placed at \$13,954,980. The American Railway Express was credited with a deficit of \$38,111,741 in revenues as compared with its operating expenses. Other items of expense included in the total were itemized by Mr. Sherley as follows:

Adjustment of materials and supplies in settlements with railroad companies on account of the increased prices, \$85,204,618.  
Net interest accruals for deferred compensation, open accounts and additions and betterments, \$37,558,162.  
Deductions from gross incomes, \$10,118,034.  
Miscellaneous profit and loss items \$4,894,056.

From these items was deducted the total non-operating income amounting to \$12,336,855, leaving the final profit and loss debit balance at \$900,478,756.

At the date of the estimated balance sheet, (Feb. 29, 1920) Mr. Sherley says "it is estimated that the Government was indebted to the carriers on all accounts in a total sum of \$1,476,928,806, and correspondingly the carriers owed the Railroad Administration a total of \$1,677,343,077; it was further estimated, he said, that of the indebtedness due to the railroads the sum of \$815,379,145 could be applied against their indebtedness to the Railroad Administration, leaving to be paid to the railroads a net amount of \$661,549,662. We quote in part from the report as follows:

The operation of the roads by the Government for the year 1918, together with expenses incident to the waterway operations of the Government, resulted in a deficit for that year of approximately \$236,000,000.

1919.

On the 1st of Jan., 1919, there was to the credit of the Railroad Administration a total of \$78,188,531.69, exclusive of the working funds with Federal Treasurers. There had accrued as compensation due the railroads a total of approximately \$945,017,848, and there had been paid to them either in the form of loans or direct payment on account of compensation the sum of \$375,475,412. During the first several months of Federal control, and prior to the making of direct payments from the Central Administration at Washington to the carriers, their fixed charges were largely met by the use of cash in the field treasuries, such payments being charged to the carriers on open account. While the balance of accrued compensation of \$569,542,436 was not all due, because of the payments just mentioned and because a considerable portion was properly applicable to reimburse the Railroad Administration for expenditures in the nature of additions and betterments made to the roads, yet a large sum was payable.

There were outstanding vouchers due for equipment ordered for the railroads amounting to \$3,174,560, and because of the need to take from the Federal Treasurers of the various roads sums to enable the Director-General to make such payments as had been made on account of compensation and for additions and betterments, there was a large number of unpaid bills for materials and supplies furnished the roads.

In every instance, however, there had been furnished the railroad companies enough moneys either by loan or payments to enable them with their other resources to meet all fixed charges, proper corporate expenses and dividends declared and approved by the Director-General. Such aid

had also been given to the railroad companies as to enable them to take care of all maturities occurring during the year 1918 upon reasonable terms, considering the financial conditions existing in the country at the time. It was clearly apparent, however, that additional appropriations would have to be made by the Congress in order to enable the Railroad Administration properly to carry forward Federal control of the railroads and provide the additions and betterments needed if the roads were to perform their full duty to the public and be enabled to pay the sums necessary to enable the various carrier companies to meet their obligations to their bond and stock holders. Accordingly there was submitted upon Jan. 24 1919, by the Director-General of Railroads to the Congress an estimate for an additional appropriation in the sum of \$750,000,000. This appropriation was passed by the House, but failed to pass the Senate.

During the pendency of the estimate the slender resources of the Administration were husbanded to the last degree with the necessary result of the postponement of payment of many bills due, and with payment to the roads of only such sums as might be necessary to enable them to meet their necessary fixed charges, etc. Calls upon the Federal Treasurers were made for surplus funds in their hands, and during the month of January nearly \$14,000,000 was thus placed to the credit of the central treasury. Calls were made on various carrier companies to whom money had been loaned to repay such loans, and during the month loans were repaid by some of those corporations, amounting to \$57,000,000 in round figures of principal, and \$393,000 of interest, this being accomplished in large measure by the cordial cooperation of the War Finance Corporation which, in many instances, loaned the moneys used to repay the Railroad Administration. A limited amount of moneys was received from the American Railway Express Co. The total of these various sums for that month amounted to \$81,835,000 that was placed in the central treasury, and in February from various sources \$31,300,000 additional were obtained.

The failure of the appropriation asked for presented, therefore, a very acute situation and required drastic steps to be taken. One of the first methods adopted was to get the War Department to pay to the Railroad Administration \$100,000,000 on account of services performed by the Railroad Administration for the War Department, but which had not been vouchered. It was perfectly apparent that there was at least \$100,000,000 of indebtedness from the War Department to the Railroad Administration, and in order to relieve the latter of the embarrassing situation which confronted it, without waiting for the vouchers to come in due course the War Department paid on account the sum stated.

Subsequently, as the vouchers came in and were audited, the War Department took and was given credit on account of the sum thus advanced; \$10,000,000 was similarly obtained from the Navy Department; \$50,000,000 was borrowed from the War Finance Corporation, pledging with them certain collateral that the Railroad Administration had, the largest item of the collateral being the note, with the collateral that went with it, of the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. for something over \$43,000,000.

By these methods a total of \$160,000,000 was added to the \$14,500,000 that still remained in the central treasury. Relief was afforded in connection with the voucher situation on the Pennsylvania Railroad by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. paying to the Director-General \$22,000,000 on account expenditures made by him for additions and betterments. This money was used by the Federal Treasurers of the Pennsylvania Lines in paying their most pressing vouchers. The moneys thus obtained in these various ways did not provide, however, anything like enough money to take care of the demands that were being made by the various railway companies for advances to them on account of compensation in order that they might in turn pay their corporate expenses, fixed charge, taxes, and in certain instance their dividends. Conferences were had with them and it was agreed that as the Railroad Administration was unable to pay them on account of compensation due in cash it would issue to them certificates of indebtedness in amount sufficient to enable them to obtain the money so needed and only in such amount. These certificates of indebtedness did not have any maturity, but were obligations of the Director-General not subject to setoff and which bore 5% interest, and as such offered a medium whereby the railroads could borrow money to take care of such of their financial needs as the Railroad Administration could not take care of for them by paying cash.

Conferences also were had with prominent bankers over the country and with the War Finance Corporation to the end that the banks and the War Finance Corporation might come to the help of the companies by loaning them money upon their obligations with these certificates as collateral. Under this plan there was issued to the carrier companies in March \$47,842,500 worth of such certificates, in April \$79,517,300 worth, in May \$57,831,500 worth, and in June \$8,081,675, making a total of \$193,272,975 worth of certificates of the Railroad Administration. The railroad corporations, either through their own banks or the War Finance Corporation, borrowed money on their own notes with the certificates as collateral, the banks and War Finance Corporation loaning as a rule 80% of the face of the certificates. Inasmuch as the roads in making loans might have to borrow at as high as 6% interest, although the certificates themselves bore on their face but 5% interest, the Railroad Administration agreed that it would reimburse the railroads to the extent of any difference in interest paid and received, not exceeding 1%; that is, up to 6%. If they borrowed at less than 6%, reimbursement was only made for the actual difference they had to pay.

It was also necessary not only to take care of the indebtedness to the railway companies by issuing certificates of indebtedness in place of cash, but it was necessary similarly to take care of the obligations of the Railroad Administration to manufacturers of equipment which was being finished and delivered and for which payments were due. The Railroad Administration was under obligation for approximately \$234,856,000 worth of equipment which had been ordered back in 1918 and there was approximately \$50,000,000 then due on this account, vouchers for that amount being in the office of the Auditor and the Treasurer, and the equipment companies were pressing for payment. Conferences were had with their representatives with respect to the situation, and as a result the Director-General agreed to issue certificates of indebtedness which differed slightly from the certificates of indebtedness issued to the railroad companies, but were in substance the same. As a result of the conferences had, the equipment companies agreed to accept the certificates and there were issued to them in April \$17,625,433.71 worth of such certificates; and in May \$31,492,712.65; in June \$35,887,663.41; and in July \$6,639,465.91, a total of \$91,645,275.68. There was also issued in payment of equipment for inland waterways in May certificates amounting to \$314,858.30; in June \$75,063.28, making a total of \$389,921.58.

Upon the convening of Congress in an extraordinary session, estimate was submitted for \$1,200,000,000 in order to enable the Railroad Administration not only to redeem the certificates of indebtedness that it had issued but to enable it to pay promptly all past due indebtedness on account of compensation, all outstanding vouchers, and to have available sufficient working capital to enable it to efficiently and economically administer its affairs. Estimate was submitted upon May 24 1919, and Congress promptly considered the same, but appropriated the sum of \$750,000,000 in lieu

of the \$1,200,000,000 asked for. The bill was signed by the President upon June 30 and immediately steps were taken to call in and pay outstanding certificates of indebtedness. Through the generous and active cooperation of the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve banks arrangements were made for presentation of these certificates at and payment by any Federal Reserve bank on July 15, and on that day out of a total of \$285,308,172.26 face value of certificates outstanding, there was paid \$245,938,808.74 worth, and this without appreciable disturbance of money balances in any part of the country. While the funds appropriated were not actually available for disbursement until July 11, cash payments to carrier companies to enable them to meet corporate requirements were resumed as of July 1, funds being obtained by requisitions upon funds to the credit of the Federal Treasurers in the field, together with funds to the credit of the Treasurer of the Railroad Administration in the central treasury, and no certificates of indebtedness were issued to equipment companies after July 3, and on the 9th cash payments were resumed with them.

On July 15 the loan of the War Finance Corporation of \$50,000,000 was paid with interest, and steps were at once taken to place in the hands of Federal Treasurers sufficient sums to enable them materially to reduce outstanding vouchers, and from that time following they were kept in sufficient funds to enable them to promptly pay all obligations of the Director-General when properly payable. Indebtedness due the equipment companies have been paid through the central treasury promptly as vouchered and presented. During the summer and early fall the earnings of the roads sufficiently improved to warrant the hope that no further deficits would be incurred, but the situation that looked so very promising in August and September, shortly thereafter was greatly affected by virtue of two chief factors, one of which had an indirect effect, and the other a very direct effect. The steel strike affected the earnings of the Railroad Administration by slackening business. The uncertainty that existed in the country as to what might be the developments growing out of it served to affect traffic, which was immediately reflected in the earnings of the roads. The coal strike had a very direct effect in this regard as well as increasing greatly the cost of operation during the remainder of Federal control. Earnings fell off very materially and the deficit in operation from month to month grew in volume. The estimate of \$1,200,000,000 which was presented to Congress in May 1919, though predicated upon the belief that there would be no further deficit incurred through operation of the railroads, as previously stated, was not allowed in its entirety, and the \$750,000,000 that Congress voted, together with the reduced earnings from operations, resulted in the Railroad Administration's being at all times restricted in the amount of moneys available for capital expenditures, for the payment of its operating obligations, and compensation to the carriers.

The failure of the Congress to appropriate moneys requested in the latter part of January, 1919, prevented any large undertakings in the way of additions and betterments during the first quarter of the year and the reduction by \$450,000,000 of the amount requested of the Congress at the special session, with the limited funds being received from operations, together with almost complete inability of the carriers to pay for any additions and betterments, made necessary the elimination of all projects for capital expenditures not of the most necessary and pressing character. The Director of the Division of Finance cooperated most intimately with the Director of Capital Expenditures in carrying out this necessary policy of economy of expenditure. The details of such expenditures are set out in his report. Exclusive of allocated equipment, such expenditures for the year 1919 and January and February, 1920, amounted to a total of approximately \$419,821,000.

In 1918 there was ordered 100,000 freight cars and 1,330 locomotives, and in the early part of 1919 there was an additional order of 600 locomotives, the estimated cost of all of the equipment being \$402,000,000. This equipment was allocated from time to time to various railroads according to the estimate of their need for such equipment. While some of the roads early accepted the allocation of this equipment, many very strongly protested against the allocation. They based their objections on two grounds: One was that the cost was excessive and represented a war cost that the Government should bear, and the other was that they did not need the equipment that was being purchased, and some roads protested that they did not need the type that had been ordered. The Railroad Administration insisted that the cost was not excessive and that the quantities ordered were, if anything, inadequate to the need and that it was the duty of the railroads to supply themselves with the equipment necessary to perform their services as public carriers. Unfortunately, these views were accepted by only a limited number of the railroads in the first instance, and it was not until late in the year 1919, and after arrangements had been made for the carrying by the Government for the carriers of the cost of the equipment, that all of the equipment was accepted by the roads.

In view of the fact that it is now plainly patent that similar equipment will cost at least as much as this equipment has, and that the roads are badly in need of considerably more locomotives and cars, it may not be amiss to recite the conditions that confronted the Railroad Administration in connection with the acceptance of this equipment and which conditions, together with the limited funds at its disposal, prevented the Railroad Administration from undertaking the procurement of additional equipment although fully alive to the conditions that were confronting the railroads and the country as a result of the scarcity of locomotives and cars. On April 7 1919 there had been accepted 46,800 cars; there were allocated and not accepted 47,950, and there were unallocated 5,250; on May 9 there had been accepted 48,800; on July 11, 48,300; on July 14, 54,750; on Aug. 7, 62,350; on Sept. 9, 66,350; on Oct. 8, 68,300; on Nov. 12, 73,600; on Dec. 10, 83,800. In January there were accepted 94,850; on Feb. 9, 99,000 and by March 1 all of them had been accepted. Of the locomotives, it is the same story; accepted in April, 891; in May, 913; in June, 997; in July, 1,345; in Aug., 1,390; in Sept., 1,564; in Oct., 1,709; in Nov., 1,740; in Dec., 1,869; and so on down to a final acceptance of all of them. In order to expedite the acceptance of this equipment, the Director of Finance had repeated meetings with the representatives of the railroads and various methods for financing the cost of the equipment were discussed, particularly ones looking to the creation of a national equipment trust, under which equipment trust obligations would be issued and sold to the public. A necessary predicate to such a plan, however, was the acceptance by the various railroads of the equipment allocated to them. It was not until the latter part of June that there was such an actual acceptance of such portion of the equipment, with promises of acceptance by other roads, as to make it practicable to move forward with a plan for such financing. In the latter part of this month an Advisory Committee of Bankers, appointed at the instance of the railroads to which equipment had been allocated, made a report of a plan for the financing of such equipment, and shortly thereafter the Railroad Administration indicated its willingness to undertake the financing of the equipment along the lines generally indicated in the plan.

The plan contemplated the execution by the individual railroads to whom equipment had been allocated of equipment trusts for an amount equal to 100% of the cost of the equipment; the equipment then being estimated as of a value of \$400,000,000. There was to be created a national equipment corporation which was to have a capital stock of \$148,000,000; the title to the equipment would be placed in this corporation and it would then sell it

to the different railroad companies, which would give their equipment trust obligations for its entire cost. The national equipment corporation would then issue as against these equipment trust obligations its own obligations in the amount of \$280,000,000, and the moneys received would be paid to the Railroad Administration in repayment of 70% of the cost of the equipment; and out of the \$148,000,000 of stock \$120,000,000 thereof would be paid to the Railroad Administration in payment of the remaining 30% of the cost of this equipment, and the other \$28,000,000 of stock would be used to supply a guaranty fund equal to 10% of the bonds sold to the public, so that what would happen would be that the Government would get \$280,000,000 in cash, \$120,000,000 in stock of the corporation, and this \$28,000,000 would be up as an additional guaranty against default.

The equipment trust notes that were to be sold to the public were to bear, presumably, 6% interest. The stock that the Government was to take would be entitled to receive cumulative dividends at the rate of 4½% and in the absence of any default would be retired one-fifteenth annually. There would be paid in by the railroads one-fifteenth of the \$400,000,000 annually and 6% interest on all their outstanding obligations. From such proceeds there would be paid to the holders of the bonds sold to the public one-fifteenth of \$280,000,000 and 6% on the outstanding bonds, and there would be paid to the Government annually a sum equal to one-fifteenth of the \$120,000,000 of the stock, a fifth of which would be retired, and there would be paid the 4½% dividend on the outstanding stock. The other 1½% interest on the \$120,000,000 would serve to create an additional reserve fund against defaults and for the payment of expenses, discounts for sale of the bonds if necessary, and to the extent then possible an added dividend on the stock. The effect of the plan would have been to have built up a very fine security from the standpoint of the investor. The effect, also, would have been to defer to the extent of 30% of the Government's interest. The Government would have been reimbursed in cash to the extent of 70% of its investment in this equipment, and as to the 30% would be entitled to repayment in 15 annual installments, subject, however, to the repayment of the bonds to the public, and it would, as to the 30%, receive in the first instance only 4½% of interest. The plan was in many ways a desirable plan provided the bonds could have been sold at par, but if the bonds had to be sold to the public at a considerable discount, then the Government would be not only deferring its lien as to 30%, but it would be paying a discount for the cash that it got that would not be justified.

When the plan was proposed, the Director of Finance objected to the Government taking stock in a corporation owning equipment. It was suggested that in lieu of that, there be a corporation created with a nominal capital stock and that it issue two classes of debentures, bonds that should be sold to the public in the amount originally contemplated and bonds which should be given to the Railroad Administration for the 30% that it carried of the 100% of cost, the bonds that the Government would take being secondary in character, just as the stock would have been to the bonds that were sold to the public. Plans were accordingly worked out along that line, but when they had developed somewhat the attorneys for the bankers were of the opinion that the power did not exist to carry out either plan, and accordingly an act was introduced and passed through Congress as of Nov., 1919, undertaking to make clear the power of the Government in the premises.

By this time, unfortunately, if a market had existed for the floating of this large quantity of equipment trust obligations, it no longer did—at least on terms that the Government would have felt justified in considering. Accordingly equipment trusts were taken of the various railroads for 100% of the equipment in such form that they can be subsequently made the basis for the issuing of securities by a national equipment corporation under the plan outlined by the bankers. The Government can either hold these equipment obligations, being repaid from year to year, or it can sell them as individual obligations whenever the market conditions may warrant, or it can throw them together as security for the issuing by a national equipment corporation of obligations such as were contemplated under the plan.

After consulting with the Treasury and with other financial agents of the Government, together with financial advisers of the Railroad Administration, the Director of Finance reached the conclusion that at this time, considering the needs of the railroads themselves to go into the market for additional equipment, and considering the fact that probably there would be asked considerable discount for underwriting the sale of such a large quantity of equipment trust notes, it was wiser and better governmental policy to simply carry them for the present, leaving the question of whether they shall be individually sold or made the medium for the creation of a national equipment trust, to be determined as the facts may warrant in the future. The equipment trusts are given for 100% of the cost of the equipment. That was a necessary incident to the national equipment plan, and they were taken that way in order that, if it should be desired to go through with this plan, it might be done, but there were other reasons which seemed to warrant the taking of the kind of equipment trusts which were taken: One was that the 25% of the cost of the equipment which is usually paid in cash, equipment trust obligations being made for the remaining 75%, would have had to be furnished in most instances, if not in all, by the Railroad Administration. Further, it was thought better to take a very high order of security for 100% of the debt and use the depreciation credits that were expected to supply the cash moneys in liquidation of other indebtedness due the Government by the railroads that was not so secured, rather than to use it in reducing the amount of the indebtedness on account of the equipment, and then take the security of the equipment only for the balance of the debt; but in order to make available a market for these individual equipment trusts, if it should be so desired or necessary to do so, it is provided in them that the holder of the last five notes can surrender either the whole five or any part of the five to the trustee and have them marked as secondary in lien to the first 10 notes. In that way there can be created in case of need a margin of safety that would run anywhere from 33 1-3% of the cost on down, accordingly as one or more of these last-maturing notes are so deferred.

A limited number of the railroads have paid for the allocated equipment in cash. The other roads have paid for the equipment by the issuing of equipment trust notes as indicated above. The total of such equipment trust notes will amount to not more than \$374,647,756 nor less than \$345,875,352, according as the actual cost of the equipment may finally be determined. Certain of the railroads had ordered, prior to Federal control, equipment which was received subsequent thereto and paid for by the Director-General. Reimbursement for such expenditures has been made through equipment trusts, identical with those made for the allocated equipment, for an amount approximately \$8,000,000.

The Transportation Act, 1920, in addition to providing for the return of the roads to their owners as of March 1 1920, and establishing a new basis for rate making, also made provision for the settlement of matters arising out of Federal control, and in particular for the funding of such indebtedness as might be owed by the carriers to the United States Government after the making of offsets therein provided for.

Steps were taken to ascertain the amount of additional moneys that would be necessary in order to enable the Railroad Administration fully to liquidate not only its indebtedness growing out of operations, but also that due to the carriers for the use of their properties. This determination involved

not only an ascertainment of the moneys owed by the Railroad Administration and all those owed to it, but also an estimate of the extent to which under the terms of the Transportation Act set-offs could and should be made of indebtednesses respectively due by the Railroad Administration and the carriers.

Accordingly, on April 2, 1919, there was submitted in regular course to the Secretary of the Treasury an estimate for an additional appropriation of \$420,727,341 as being the amount deemed requisite to be appropriated for the Railroad Administration to enable it to settle its affairs. Hearings were had on this estimate in connection with the consideration of the Urgent Deficiency Bill for 1920, and Congress passed, and on May 8 the President signed the Urgent Deficiency Act for 1920, whereby there was appropriated for the Railroad Administration the sum of \$300,000,000, with a provision for the purchase by the War Finance Corporation, at par, of the Liberty bonds the Railroad Administration owns. The estimate so submitted and upon which the appropriation was made was predicated upon an estimated balance sheet as of Feb. 29 1920, which is made a part hereof as an exhibit. It is estimated that as of that date the Government was indebted to the carriers on all accounts in a total sum of \$1,476,928,805.60, and correspondingly the carriers owed the Railroad Administration a total of \$1,677,343,077, and it was further estimated that of the indebtedness due to the railroads the sum of \$815,379,145, could be applied against their indebtedness to the Railroad Administration, leaving to be paid to the railroads a net amount of \$661,549,661.69.

This balance sheet was built on the assumption that there would not be any indebtedness due either by or to the carriers on account of maintenance, but it must not be taken as a belief on the part of the Railroad Administration that there will not be indebtedness due by the carriers to the Government on account of overmaintenance. It was believed, however, that the conservative way to set up such a balance sheet was to count neither as a credit or debit, a matter that will of necessity be the subject of dispute and controversy. The estimate was built on the assumption that the right to set-off given by the act should be exercised in all cases save only those where from the standpoint of public interest the Government should forego such right. It was recognized, however, that some cases of this character would arise and some provision was made for such cases. Moneys are being paid from time to time to the carriers on account of indebtedness due them, and since March 1, 1920, there has been so paid to them something over \$123,000,000. Final settlements with the railroads can be made only when final figures are available from the Accounting Division, and the magnitude of the undertaking, without parallel or precedent, is such as of necessity to make the ascertainment of such figures a matter of considerable time. Pending such final determination, it is hoped and expected that agreements can be reached with the roads as to the sums to be paid them before offsetting, the extent of funding that will be desired, and the character of securities to be taken in connection therewith.

From time to time during Federal control, where it was evident that certain railroad companies, upon final settlement, would be indebted to the Government, steps were taken to obtain from such carriers, where practicable, securities to be held against such indebtedness, and these securities will be available to the Government in connection with the funding provided in the Transportation Act. If the forecast above set forth should prove accurate, the result will be that after the settlement of accounts with the carriers there will be assets of the Government in the form of indebtedness of the railroads totaling \$61,963,932, of which approximately \$367,000,000 will be in equipment trust obligations payable in 15 equal annual payments. The other indebtedness will consist of obligations of the carriers for addition and betterment expenditures, payable in 10 years from March 1 1920, other long-term obligations growing out of loans made to certain carriers in the early days of Federal control and a small amount of one-year obligations growing out of other indebtedness. Should a determination of the maintenance expenditures result in sums owed to the Government, it is likely that to a considerable extent such indebtedness could be liquidated by offsetting against it amounts that would otherwise be due on account of depreciation.

#### BONUS SHARES HELD NON-TAXABLE BY BRITISH COURT.

From "Financial America" of May 25 we quote the following:

London mail advices say: "An important decision, and one not without considerable interest to the stock markets, was made recently in the Court of Appeals, when the judgment of Justice Rowlatt was upheld providing that bonus shares were not to be treated as income, and were therefore not subject to super-tax. As a result, it is to be expected that issues of bonus shares will become more frequent in the future. It will be remembered that a similar decision made recently in the United States Supreme Court was promptly turned in to a 'bull' point in Wall Street."

#### A. B. A. OCTOBER CONVENTION.

From the standpoint of importance, attendance and program, the Annual Convention of the American Bankers Association at Washington, October 18 to 22, is expected to be the largest gathering of bankers ever held. The program committee, composed of President Richard S. Hawes, Guy E. Bowerman and Thomas B. McAdams, has just suggested the tentative program as follows:

Monday, October 18.—Forenoon: Executive Council meeting, which will be devoted to consideration of the proposed constitutional changes. All Section Committee meetings. Afternoon: Clearing House Section; State Bank Section; All general committee meetings, with probably some of them being held Monday night.

Tuesday, October 19.—Forenoon: General session of the convention. Afternoon: Savings Bank Section; Trust Company Section. Evening: Executive Council.

Wednesday, October 20.—Forenoon: General Convention. Afternoon: National Bank Section; Trust Company Section.

Thursday, October 21.—Forenoon: General Session of the Convention. Afternoon: National Bank Section; Savings Bank Section; Clearing House Section.

Friday, October 22.—Forenoon: General Convention Session.

Secretary of the Treasury, David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, E. T. Meredith, Homer L. Ferguson, F. W. Ellsworth and Fred I. Kent will be among the speakers. A straight business convention in which not only the problems of the banking fraternity, but the questions of greatest

importance to the entire nation, is the aim of the program committee. "We want to be of service to the nation, as well as to bankers," Guy E. Bowerman, General Secretary, is quoted as saying, "at such a time when changing conditions are demanding constant attention the bankers of the country can serve in no greater capacity than tackling these problems at their annual convention."

**A. B. A. SOUNDING FOREIGN BANKERS ON QUESTION OF FORMING INTERNATIONAL BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.**

Coincident with the sending of a committee to Paris this month to represent the American Bankers Association, President Richard S. Hawes of the A. B. A. is also sounding out European banking sentiment as to the formation of an International Bankers Association. Letters have been sent British, Italian, Norwegian, Swedish, Swiss, Dutch, French, Spanish and German bankers. The communication to the foreign bankers says in part:

"The time seems opportune for discussion of conditions between international bankers and the holding of a conference at some later date, possibly coincidently with the meeting of the American Bankers Association in Washington, D. C., October 18, out of which conference, in our judgment, may come a very satisfactory organization which might properly be called "The International Bankers Association," composed of delegates from the various bankers associations of the world—they to consult and confer from time to time on matters of importance pertaining to world's trade."

Members of the committee, headed by Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, who go to Paris this month (June) to assist in forming an International Chamber of Commerce, have been requested to get in touch with as many as possible of the European bankers while abroad to ascertain their sentiment on such an organization.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT CONVENTION\* AT RESERVE CITY BANKERS.**

At the Eighth Annual Convention of the Association of Reserve City Bankers held in Cleveland, May 26, Fred W. Ellsworth, Vice-President of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, New Orleans, was elected President, Charles H. Marfield, Cashier of the Seaboard National Bank of New York was elected Vice-President, and George R. Rodgers, Vice-President of the Manufacturers and Traders National Bank of Buffalo was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The following were elected to the Board of Directors:

Chas. W. Dupuis, President Citizens National Bank of Cincinnati; Harry J. Haas, Vice-President First National Bank, Philadelphia; John R. Washburn, Vice-President, Continental and Commercial National Bank, Chicago; and C. E. Farnsworth, Cashier First National Bank, Cleveland.

The Association voted to hold its Ninth Annual Convention in 1921 in Buffalo. The Board of Directors at a meeting following the adjournment of the Convention unanimously voted to hold the mid-winter meeting of the Board in Memphis as the guest of Robert S. Polk, Vice-President of the Union and Planters Bank and Trust Company, who is a member of the Board. At this meeting plans will be perfected covering the program and other details in connection with the annual convention. The Association has a limited membership of 400.

**ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.**

Six hundred and thirty shares of trust company stock were sold at auction this week. No sales of bank stock were made either at the Stock Exchange or at auction. A large lot—600 shares—of Lawyers Title & Trust Co. stock was sold at 160, an advance of 64¾ points over the price paid at the last previous sale, which was made in June 1918. Extensive tables reporting bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, &c., of banks and trust companies in all important cities in the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation" Section, the June issue of which accompanies to-day's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of this paper, and will be found to-day on page 2377.

Shares.	TRUST CO.—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
600	Lawyers Title & Trust	160	160	160	June 1918— 95¾
	TRUST CO.—Brooklyn.				
30	Brooklyn Trust Co.	490	490	490	April 1920— 500

Sherman P. Allen and William W. Hoffman have been appointed Assistant Trust Officer of the National City Bank of New York. Andrew Mills, Jr., has resigned as Assistant Cashier of the bank to become First Vice-President of the Dry Dock Savings Institution of this city.

E. C. Lufkin, Chairman of the Texas Company, has been elected a director of the Chase Securities Corporation of this city.

Announcement is made of the election of Franklin K. Lane, ex-Secretary of the Interior, as a director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of this city.

To accommodate its expanding business the New York Title and Mortgage Co. has taken over from former tenants additional floors of its building at 135 Broadway. These were occupied for the first time on June 1. The enlarged quarters of the Title Co. on the second floor are reached by a direct stairway from the street door, which opens into the main room of the Title Co. A large space is occupied by the desks of officers and staff who deal with the public and directly in front is the directors' room. On this floor is located also the mortgage department. On the floor above will be situated the clerical and stenographic force.

Simultaneous with the enlargement of the New York office the Brooklyn office of the company, occupied on June 1 its new building in Montague Street. This office of the company has been enlarged by the purchase of an entire building at 209 Montague Street, adjoining offices heretofore occupied, and giving the company a total frontage of 100 feet in the heart of the financial section of Brooklyn. The second floor of the building will be occupied by the company. The remainder is held under existing leases. An increase in office space has doubled the facilities of the White Plains office, at 163 Main Street, White Plains, N. Y. The other offices of the New York Title and Mortgage at 375 Fulton Street, Jamaica; Bridge Plaza, Long Island City; 3 South Third Street, Mount Vernon; 24 Bay Street, St. George, S. I., remain unchanged.

Joseph M. Nye, formerly chief special agent of the Department of State, has been appointed assistant to the executive officers of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. Mr. Nye rendered valuable service to the Government during the war and was in charge of the various foreign missions that visited the United States during that period. He escorted the King and Queen of Belgium throughout the country as well as accompanied the Prince of Wales and Prince of Uguine, cousin of the King of Italy, Marshall Joffre and Mr. Balfour on their visits here. Mr. Nye assumed his new duties with the Guaranty Trust Co. on June 3.

At a meeting of the directors of the Colonial National Bank of Hartford, Conn., on May 26, James N. H. Campbell, Vice-President of the institution was elected to the additional post of Cashier, to succeed Myron A. Andrews, resigned. Mr. Andrews will remain on the Board of Directors. Mr. Andrews was one of the organizers of the institution in 1915.

At a special meeting to be held on June 17, the stockholders of the Corn Exchange Bank of this city will vote upon the proposal to increase the capital to the extent of \$1,380,000 thus raising the amount from \$4,620,000 to \$6,000,000. The new stock will be offered to stockholders of record July 1, 1920, at \$100 per share, the subscription privilege being at the rate of 30% of their holdings at that time. The Board of Directors will waive a certain proportion (amounting in the total to sixty shares) of their rights to subscribe, to enable the other stockholders to obtain their full privilege of subscribing to 30% of their holdings. The subscriptions to the increase of stock are to be deposited with the Bank and to be paid for on or before the close of business July 15, 1920, for which temporary receipts will be issued, exchangeable for stock certificates July 19, 1920. All subscriptions are to be based on the agreement that fractional parts of shares shall not be entitled to dividends. New stock not subscribed and paid for by July 15, 1920, is to revert to the Bank for such disposition as the Directors may deem for the best interests of the Bank. This is the second increase this year, the capital having been increased from \$4,200,000 to \$4,620,000 last January.

At a special meeting on June 18 the stockholders of the Irving National Bank of this city will vote upon the proposal to increase the capital from \$9,000,000 to \$12,500,000. Of the 35,000 additional shares 30,000 shares will be offered to stockholders of record June 30 at \$100 per share (par) to be allotted at the rate of one share of new stock for each three shares now held. The remaining 5,000 will be sold to the employees of the Bank, exclusive of officers who are directors, at \$100 per share.

At a meeting of the trustees of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company on Tuesday, J. Louis Van Zelm was appointed Third Vice-President of the Company as successor to S. M. B. Hopkins, who retired in January of this year. Mr. Van Zelm has been associated with the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company for 22 years, and he has been Assistant Secretary since 1908.

The Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget of Goteborg and Stockholm, has cabled Brown Brothers & Co. their New York correspondent, to the effect that a dividend for 1919 at the rate of 21.12% has been declared. Since 1914 the deposits current accounts of this institution, the largest in Sweden, have risen from Kroner 250,364,094 to Kroner 961,050,921. On Dec. 31, 1919, the paid-up capital and reserves of the Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget were Kroner 182,000,000.

The proposal to increase the Capital Stock of The Greenwich Bank of the City of New York from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 having been approved by the stockholders on May 25 and by the Superintendent of Banks the Board of Directors at its meeting held June 1, 1920, passed a resolution that the \$200,000 new stock be issued and divided among the stockholders of record of the Bank in proportion to their several holdings at the close of business on June 1, 1920. This is the second increase in the bank's capital the present year the amount having been raised from \$500,000 to \$800,000 in February.

The action of the Federal Reserve banking system and bankers generally to curtail all loans which are not made to finance necessities is commended by Arthur J. Morris, the founder of the Morris Plan. Mr. Morris says the present nation-wide movement is entirely in line with the policy originally adopted by the Morris Plan and closely adhered to ever since its inception ten years ago. The 103 Morris Plan banks and companies throughout the United States, we are informed, are continuing to do an ever-increasing volume of business in loans for useful purposes and in economically financing the time payment sales of retail dealers.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Savings Investment & Trust Co. of East Orange, N. J., on June 1 the following changes were made in the official staff, effective July 1 1920:

David A. Inglis, now Secretary, was elected Vice-President and Secretary.  
George G. Milne Jr., now Treasurer, was elected Vice-President and Trust Officer.

George L. McCloud, now Cashier of the First National Bank of West Orange, N. J., was appointed Treasurer.

James W. Watson was appointed Assistant Treasurer, and Horace J. Murray was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The State Banking Department has approved an increase of \$75,000 in the capital of the Poughkeepsie Trust Co. of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., thereby increasing it from \$125,000 to \$200,000. The issuance of the new stock was authorized by the shareholders on May 14, on which date the enlarged capital became effective. The additional shares (\$50 par) were sold at \$100 per share.

In discussing the coming Olympic games to be held at Antwerp from May 15 to Aug. 15, Addison L. Winship, Vice-President of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, who is Treasurer of the New England section of the American Olympic Committee, called attention to the special significance of the games in connection with opportunities they represented for our manufacturers through the exposition of automobiles, sporting goods, motor trucks, &c., which are to be held in Antwerp about the same time. Mr. Winship said:

A striking feature of the reconstruction programs of almost every country in Europe is the organization of industrial expositions. The importance of the celebrated Leipzig Fair as a factor in the growth and development of many German industries was fully recognized in the years preceding the war. Already a number of rivals to the Leipzig Fair have been firmly established; the French industrial fair at Lyons being one of the most important. In most instances such expositions have been open to all departments of industry. Others are devoted to particular industrial groups as in the case of the coming expositions at Antwerp. The International Automobile Exposition May 15 to June 13 will embrace every branch of the automobile and accessory trade. This will be followed June 25 to July 25 by an exposition devoted to motor trucks, tractors, industrial engines, agricultural machinery, &c. A sporting goods fair extending from Aug. 7 to Sept. 15 represents every branch of sport embraced by forest, field and stream.

The holding of these fairs on dates when thousands of visitors will be in the country is in itself an example of practical foresight. It is to be hoped that American manufacturers will take full advantage of the opportunities which these fairs present for the expansion of their markets.

The National Bank of North Philadelphia is being organized in Philadelphia. Its stock is being offered at \$125 per share to provide \$500,000 capital, surplus of \$100,000, and undivided profits of \$25,000; the institution is to be located at 3701 North Broad Street. The following is the Organization Committee:

Alfred Wolstenholme, President Alfred Wolstenholme & Son Worsted Yarns.

Wm. A. Hellprin, President Metalform Tool & Stamping Co.  
S. Jones Philips, President American Road Machine Co.  
Chas. W. Rueter, President Tioga Trust Co.; President Home Circle B. & L. Association.

Edward L. Richie, Treasurer S. L. Allen & Co., Inc., Mfg. agricultural implements.

Warren F. Buzby, Treasurer Keystone Lubricating Co.  
Henry G. Behm, Glanz, Hall & Co., wholesale carpets, rugs and matting.  
Joseph C. Welsh, Atlantic Ice & Coal Co.  
E. F. Schlichter, President E. F. Schlichter Co., silos and wooden tanks.

Wilbur H. Zimmerman, President Tioga Business Men's Association.  
President Home Life Building Association.

H. K. Roessler, M. D., St. Luke's Hospital.  
John Sheahan Jr., trucking and forwarding.

Robert L. Burns, retired.  
Herbert E. Weitzel, Weitzel Lumber Co.; Treas. Central Tioga B. & L. Association.

Frank C. Sommer, President Wakefield Knitting Mills.  
John Y. Gilbert, Gilbert & Bye, Commission merchants.

Harry H. Helst, builder.  
Samuel L. Chew, President Preparedness B. & L. Assn.; District Supt. Public Schools, Philadelphia.

Dr. I. P. Strittmatter, 999 N. 6th Street.  
Charles Temkovits, Stenton Park Dairies.

John G. Muir, formerly Cashier U. S. Sub-Treasury; Captain U. S. Marine Corps, retired.

Charles E. Beury, Esq., attorney-at-law, Philadelphia Bar; trustee Temple University.

O. M. Weber, President O. M. Weber Co., millwork.  
W. Harold Foster, Kirk, Foster & Co., wholesale grocers and importers.

William G. Friedgen, real estate; Secretary Bldg. and Loan Assns.  
George J. Crumble, Crumble Brothers, druggists.

Hollis Wolstenholme, Alfred Wolstenholme & Son.  
Thomas W. Bevan, representative Scribner & Sons.

Charles W. Rueter is Chairman of the Organization Committee.

The first step toward the formation of a Bond Men's Club in Philadelphia was taken last week at the Central Y. M. C. A. with the appointment of a temporary administration as well as a committee to prepare and present a constitution and by-laws. D. H. Fiske of the Y. M. C. A. was made temporary chairman and M. W. Goodman of Harper & Turner temporary secretary. The committee on constitution is composed of L. H. Fiske, M. W. Goodman, Frederick Carles of Harper & Turner, Norman J. Greene of the National City Co., and A. Polk of Geo. W. Kendrick III & Co. In general eligibility for membership will include Philadelphia members and employees of firms holding membership in Philadelphia and New York Stock Exchange, members and employees of investment banking houses, and officers of local banks and trust companies with employees of their investment and security departments. All members of the class in investment banking conducted by Mr. Carles at the Y. M. C. A. are eligible.

The Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, has taken over the business of the Bank of Commerce and Savings, which will liquidate and surrender its charter. A deal whereby the Peoples Trust assumed the \$400,000 deposits of the Bank of Commerce and its leasehold of banking quarters in the Michigan Boulevard building on the southwest corner of Michigan boulevard and Washington Street was completed last week. The transfer of deposits has been made effective. The Peoples Trust will move immediately into its new location and will enlarge the existing banking quarters. The name of the building will be changed to the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank building. The savings department will be on the first floor, the entire second floor will be given to the commercial, farm loan, real estate, trust, bond and women's departments; and a modern system of safe deposit vaults will be installed in the basement. "Through this deal our total resources will become \$14,500,000," President Earl H. Reynolds stated. He estimates it will take about three months to complete all the alterations in the new quarters. The Bank of Commerce and Savings was organized in 1916, with capital of \$250,000 and surplus of \$50,000. It is understood that its liquidation will involve the distribution to the stockholders of about \$350,000 of assets. On May 4, it had deposits of \$409,436, and cash resources of \$100,918. Its loans and discounts amounted to \$528,395.

Henry S. Henschen, for many years Cashier and Vice-President of the State Bank of Chicago, announces his retirement from the bank and the organization by him of the

Investment Banking House of Henry S. Henschen & Co., with offices in The Temple, 108 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Following the issuance of a charter for the National Bank of Idaho, at Pocatello, Idaho, by the Comptroller of the Currency, the institution began business on June 1. The bank has a capital of \$200,000, and surplus of \$40,000, its stock having been disposed of at \$120 per share. The officers are D. W. Standrod, President; W. H. Watson, J. C. Weeter and Thos. F. Terrell, Vice-Presidents; H. E. Wasley and H. G. Berryman, Assistant Cashiers.

An application to convert the Northern Savings Bank of Fargo, No. Dak., into the Northern National Bank has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency. No other changes are proposed aside from the change in the name. The capital will continue at \$100,000 in shares of \$100 each. The bank has a surplus of \$25,000 and undivided profits of \$11,224. On May 4 the bank reported deposits of \$1,895,823 and resources of \$2,196,829. The Northern Savings Bank is under the management of H. P. Beckwith, President; B. I. Keating and H. J. Rusch, Vice-Presidents; J. L. Cline, Treasurer, and W. H. Clemens, Secretary.

The Central National Bank of Tulsa, Oklahoma, reports a capital of \$1,000,000, the amount having been increased from \$500,000. The new stock was disposed of at par, namely \$100 per share, to the existing shareholders. The plans to enlarge the capital were ratified by the stockholders April 12. The new capital became effective May 20.

A new institution, namely the Bank of Nashville, opened for business in Nashville, Tenn., on May 17 at 712 Church Street, with a capital of \$100,000. The stock was disposed of at \$120 (par value being \$100), thus creating a surplus of \$20,000. The officers of the bank are: Joseph L. Parkes, President; Judge Joseph C. Higgins, Vice-President; Theo. W. Pinson, Cashier; and B. E. Langston, Assistant Cashier. The directors of the bank are Roy F. Williams, Stanley F. Horn, Dr. S. S. Crockett, J. L. Parkes, Judge Joseph C. Higgins, Theo. W. Pinson and Miss Julia Hindman. The new institution will do a general banking, trust and real estate business, and will act as administrator, guardian and trustee.

The Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, announces that, effective June 1 1920, all of the investment business heretofore transacted by its bond department has been transferred to the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., which was recently organized by the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. particularly for that purpose. There will be no change in the policy or personnel of the bond department, which will continue the business of buying and selling high-grade investment securities. P. H. Wilkinson, heretofore bond officer of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., has been elected a Vice-President of the Securities Company, in charge of the bond department; Jos. J. Farrell, heretofore Assistant Bond Officer, becomes Assistant Secretary, and Geo. H. Nusloch and J. Albert Baudean, respectively sales manager and assistant sales manager, will occupy similar positions in the Securities Company. The New York office of the company is located at 44 Pine Street in charge of Harold S. Schultz. A direct private telegraph wire between the main office in New Orleans and the New York office has been installed.

At a meeting of the stockholders on April 29 it was decided to increase the capital of the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000, through the issuance of 3,000 additional shares of stock at \$250 per \$100 share. The stockholders have until May 31 1920 to subscribe, and until June 15 1920 to pay for the new stock, which will become effective when it is paid for and when the Comptroller of the Currency authorizes the issuance of the stock.

Application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for the Marine National Bank of Seattle, Wash. Capital \$200,000; surplus, \$50,000. This institution, which was organized last July as a State bank, although from the date of its organization it has been a member of the Federal Reserve system, has decided to avail itself of the greater facilities of the national system. Its officers are: John E. Price, President; Andrew Price and C. S. Wills, Vice-Presidents; and R. P. Loomis, Cashier. Its directors are: John E. Price, Reginald H. Parsons, C. S. Wills, Bruce C. Shorts and Andrew Price.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of May 13 1920:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £111,992,245, a small increase of £4,195, as compared with that of last week. The substantial amount of gold that came into the market this week was taken for India, South Africa, the Straits Settlements and South America. The Transvaal gold output for April 1920 amounted to 686,979 fine ounces, as compared with 707,036 fine ounces for March 1920 and 694,944 fine ounces for April 1919. The following were the United Kingdom gold imports and exports during April 1920:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Imports, Exports. Lists countries like France, Spain and Canaries, West Africa, etc.

SILVER.

The course of the market has been downward upon the whole but, as was only to be expected in view of a range of prices so much lower than those which have obtained for months, the momentum has somewhat slackened. When we recall that the cash quotation stood at 84d. on March 4 and is to-day 58 3/4 d.—a fall of 25 1/4 d., over 30% in about two months—we realize that the forces at work must be very powerful indeed.

The Mexican civil war has advanced another stage, and Mexico City itself has changed hands. The question whether silver production in that country will be hindered or not will depend mostly upon whether one of the contending parties succeeds in getting firmly into the saddle. Which party that would be would hardly matter, for the Government interests in Mexico are obviously furthered by an encouragement of this vital industry of the country.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with 4 columns: Item, April 15, April 22, April 30. Lists items like In Lacs of Rupees, Notes in circulation, etc.

The coinage during the week ending the 30th ult. amounted to 45 lacs of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on the 8th inst. consisted of about 41,400,000 ounces in sycee, 30,000,000 dollars and 46 lacs of silver bar and U. S. dollars, as compared with about 40,800,000 ounces in sycee 28,500,000 dollars and 6 1/2 lacs of silver bars and U. S. dollars on the 1st inst. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 6s. 9d. the tal.

Table with 3 columns: Quotations, Bar Silver per oz., Standard Gold per oz. Lists dates from May 7 to May 13.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively 3 1/2 d. and 2 1/2 d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with 7 columns: London, May 29, May 31, June 1, June 2, June 3, June 4. Lists securities like Silver, Gold, Consols, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz.... 99 3/4 Holiday 99 1/2 99 5/8 99 3/4 98 3/4

z Ex-Interest.

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

Table with columns: Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week ending June 5, 1920, 1919, Per Cent. Rows include New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Kansas City, St. Louis, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Baltimore, New Orleans, and other cities.

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

Table with columns: Description, Five Months 1920, Five Months 1919. Rows include Stock (Shs.), RR. bonds, U. S. bonds, State, city & for'n bds., Bank stks.

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

Table with columns: Mth., 1920, 1919. Sub-headers: Number of Shares, Values. Rows include Jan., Feb., Mar., 1st qtr., April, May.

The following comparison in tabular form covers the clearings by banks since Jan. 1 in 1920 and 1919:

Table with columns: Month, Clearings, Total All., Clearings Outside New York. Sub-headers: 1920, 1919, %.

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

Table with columns: (000,000 omitted), 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Kansas City, Cleveland, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Louisville, Detroit, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Providence, Omaha, Buffalo, St. Paul, Indianapolis, Denver, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Hartford, Salt Lake City, and Total.

Other Western and Southern clearings brought forward from first page:

Table with columns: Clearings at—, May, Five Months. Sub-headers: 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Duluth, Sioux City, Wichita, Lincoln, Topeka, Cedar Rapids, Fargo, S.oux Falls, Waterloo, Colorado Spgs., Pueblo, Helena, Fremont, Aberdeen, Billings, Hastings, Joplin, Grand Forks, Lawrence, Iowa City, Oskosh, Great Falls, Kan. City, Kan., Lewistown, Rochester, Minot.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec. Rows include Tot. Oth. West., St. Louis, New Orleans, Louisville, Houston, Galveston, Richmond, Atlanta, Memphis, Fort Worth, Nashville, Savannah, Norfolk, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Augusta, Little Rock, Charleston, Mobile, Oklahoma, Macon, Beaumont, Austin, Columbia, Wilmington, N. C., Columbus, Ga., Vicksburg, Jackson, Tulsa, Muskogee, El Paso, Dallas, Newport News, Montgomery, Tampa, Texarkana, Raleigh, Shreveport, Waco, Port Arthur, Wichita Falls, Total Southern.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week ending May 29, 1920, 1919, Inc. or Dec., 1918, 1917. Rows include Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Sioux City, Wichita, Duluth, Lincoln, Topeka, Cedar Rapids, Colorado Springs, Fargo, Pueblo, Fremont, Waterloo, Helena, Aberdeen, Hastings, Billings, Tot. Other West., St. Louis, New Orleans, Houston, Galveston, Richmond, Atlanta, Memphis, Fort Worth, Nashville, Savannah, Norfolk, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Augusta, Little Rock, Charleston, Mobile, Oklahoma, Macon, Austin, Shreveport, Vicksburg, Jackson, Tulsa, Muskogee, Dallas, Total Southern.



Movement of gold and silver for the 10 months:

Table with columns for Month, Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), and Silver - New York (Imports, Exports) for July through April.

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

Table listing auction sales for various securities including Canada Creosoting, Rwy. Treating, Brooklyn Trust, Archbold Cons. Coal, Loveman, Joseph & Loeb, Kaufman Dept. Stores, etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares, Stocks, Per cent. 9 International Trust (Boston), 100 Arlington Mills, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. 20 Summerill Tubing, 5 Middlebush Co., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. 50 Middle City Bank, 5 De Long Hook & Eye, etc.

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

Table listing conversions of state banks and trust companies, including The Twin Cities National Bank, First National Bank of Centerville, etc.

Table titled 'CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED' showing increases for The Planters National Bank, The First National Bank of Corning, etc.

CHANGE OF TITLE. The Bessemer National Bank, Bessemer, Ala., to "First National Bank in Bessemer."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

The First National Bank of Lathrop, Mo. Capital, \$35,000. To take effect May 20 1920. Liquidating agent, George P. Young. Assets purchased by First State Bank of Lathrop.

The First National Bank of Monticello, Utah. Capital, \$25,000. To take effect May 31 1920. Liquidating agents: J. T. Pherson and F. B. Hammond. Assets purchased by Monticello State Bank.

The First National Bank of Dexter, Iowa. Capital, \$25,000. To take effect May 31 1920. Liquidating agent, Geo. A. Stewart. Succeeded by Iowa State Bank of Dexter.

APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTERS.

Table listing applications for charters for various banks and trust companies, including Conversion of State Banks and Trust Companies, First National Bank in Gallup, etc.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Under the provisions of Act of Nov. 7 1918, The Merchants National Bank of Newark, N. J., No. 1818 (capital \$1,000,000), and the Manufacturers National Bank of Newark, N. J., No. 2040 (capital, \$350,000), consolidated under charter of Merchants National Bank and under corporate title of "The Merchants & Manufacturers National Bank of Newark," with capital stock of \$1,350,000.

Under Act of Nov. 7 1918, The Chemical National Bank of New York, N. Y., No. 1499 (capital \$3,000,000), and The Citizens National Bank of New York, N. Y., No. 1290 (capital, \$3,000,000), consolidated under charter and title of "The Chemical National Bank of New York" (No. 1499), with capital of \$4,500,000

DIVIDENDS.

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

Large table listing dividends for various companies, including Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.





Actual Figures.

Table with 5 columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, and Trust companies for various dates in May 1920.

\* 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:
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:

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN NEW YORK CITY.

Table with 5 columns: Week Ended, State Banks (May 29 1920, Differences from previous week), and Trust Companies (May 29 1920, Differences from previous week). Rows include Capital as of Feb. 28, Surplus as of Feb. 28, Loans & Investments, and Reserve on deposits.

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 1000 omitted.)

Table with 10 columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Dis-counts, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, and Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows list various banks like Fed'l Res. Bank, Colonial Bank, etc.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$295,000.
b Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$9,016,000.
Excess reserve, \$375,990 decrease.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Description, May 29, Differences from previous week, and Dec. 10, 1919. Rows include Loans and Investments, Currency and bank notes, and Reserve on deposits.

Table with 4 columns: Description, State Banks, Trust Companies, and Percentage of reserve. Rows include Cash in vaults and Deposits in banks and trust cos.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House, are as follows:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with 5 columns: Week ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vault, and Reserve in Depositories. Rows show data from Jan. 24 to May 29, 1920.

\* 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).

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending May 29 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 depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Table with 5 columns: Two ciphers (00) omitted, Members of F. R. System Companies, Trust Companies, Total, May 22 1920, and May 15 1920. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, and Reserve with legal depositaries.

\* Cash in vault is not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve Bank members.

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 21 1920

Loan reductions in some volume, mainly by the New York and Chicago banks, and more than commensurate decreases in individual deposits are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's consolidated statement of condition on May 21 of 813 member banks in leading cities.
Following the allotment by the Treasury of the May 17 issue of 102.8 millions of loan certificates, the banks report an aggregate increase of 36.4 millions in their holdings of Treasury certificates, as against but nominal changes in their holdings of United States bonds and Victory notes. Loans secured by Government war obligations (war paper) show a decrease for the week of 45.3 millions (20.3 millions in New York City), loans secured by stocks and bonds—an increase of 5.3 millions, (7.4 millions in New York City), while other loans and investments, including commercial loans and discounts, declined 76.6 millions, of which 59.1 millions represents the reduction for the New York City member banks.
Government deposits show an increase for the week of 55.9 millions. Other demand deposits (net), reflecting largely the reduction in loans declined 90.7 millions, while time deposits fell off about 12 millions.
The ratio of total accommodation at Federal Reserve Banks to aggregate loans and investments of reporting banks, which measures somewhat the extent to which the credit burden of these banks is shifted to the Federal Reserve Banks, shows a decline for the week from about 12.5 to 12%. Federal Reserve balances show a reduction of 17.1 millions for all reporting banks and of about 27 millions for the member banks in New York City. Cash in vault decreased about 5 millions.



Table with columns for dates from May 28 1920 to May 29 1919. Rows include Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Distribution by Maturities, Federal Reserve Notes, and Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 28 1920

Table with columns for 12 Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, Total). Rows include RESOURCES (Gold coin and certificates, Gold Settlement Fund, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Surplus, Government deposits, etc.).

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 28 1920.

Table with columns for 12 Federal Reserve Banks and Total. Rows include Federal Reserve notes (Received from Comptroller, Returned to Comptroller), Chargesable to F. R. Agent, Amount of eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent, and F. R. notes outstanding.





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 dates from Saturday May 29 to Friday June 4, and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the week

Table listing various stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for share count and price.

Table with columns 'PER SHARE' and 'Range since Jan 1' showing price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns 'PER SHARE' and 'Range for Previous Year 1919' showing price ranges for various stocks.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

\* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day \$ Less than 100 shares \$ Ex-rights \$ 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

Table with columns: Saturday May 29, Monday May 31, Tuesday June 1, Wednesday June 2, Thursday June 3, Friday June 4, Shares, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919. Includes various stock listings like Industrial & Misc. (Con.), Manhattan Shipt., Martin Ferry Corp., etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Reduced to basis of \$25 par. ■ Par \$100

Jan. 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for interest and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and N.Y. Stock Exchange. Columns include bond name, interest rate, price, and date.

\* No price Friday; latest this week. † Due Jan. ‡ Due April. § Due May. ¶ Due June. †† Due July. ‡‡ Due Aug. §§ Due Oct. ¶¶ Due Nov. ††† Due Dec. ‡‡‡ Option sale.



Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week ending June 4, Interest Period, Price Friday June 4, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions with their respective prices and dates.

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Feb. § Due June. ¶ Due July. ■ Due Aug. ● Due Oct. ◊ Due Nov. ◌ Due Dec. # Option sale.



SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday May 29, Monday May 31, Tuesday June 1, Wednesday June 2, Thursday June 3, Friday June 4) and various stock prices.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Sales for the Week Shares

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table listing various stocks (Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining, etc.) with columns for lowest and highest prices since Jan 1 and range for previous year 1919.

\* Bid and asked prices. B Ex-stock dividend. d Ex-dividend and rights. e Assessment paid. s Ex-rights. sr Ex-dividend. H Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 29 to June 4, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like US Lib Loan 3 1/2s, 1st Lib Loan 4s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange June 1 to June 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Radiator, Amer Shipbuilding, Armour & Co, etc.

(\*) No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange May 29 to June 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Am Wind Glass Mach, Amer Wind Glass, Arkansas Nat Gas, etc.

Ex-rights.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 29 to June 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Alabama Co, Arundel Corporation, Bunt Electric pref, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 29 to June 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, American Stores, etc.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from May 29 to June 4, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon.

It should be understood that no such reliability attaches to transactions on the "Curb" as to those on the regularly organized stock exchanges.

On the New York Stock Exchange, for instance, only members of the Exchange can engage in business, and they are permitted to deal only in securities regularly listed—that is, securities where the companies responsible for them have complied with certain stringent requirements before being admitted to dealings.

On the "Curb," on the other hand, there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions.

Main table containing financial data for various stocks, organized into columns for 'Week ending June 4.', 'Friday Last Sale Price.', 'Week's Range of Prices.', 'Sales for Week.', 'Range since Jan. 1.', 'Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)', 'Mining Stocks', and 'Bonds'.

\* Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. † Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. o New stock. u Unlisted. w When issued. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend. † Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. & Correction.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Gold-Stabeck Company, 627 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, announces several changes in the personnel of their offices, promotions having been found necessary on account of the increase in business the past year. The company specializes in Municipal and corporation bonds, U. S. and foreign government bonds and farm mortgage bonds, and is one of the largest bond houses in the Middle West. Established in 1893. F. O. Orth, formerly Secretary, has been made a Vice-President; Spencer Ericson, formerly Assistant Secretary, has been made a Vice-President; R. F. Gold, formerly Treasurer, has been made Secretary; Wm. E. Mohr, formerly manager of the bond department, has been made Treasurer; H. J. Reesburg, who has been connected with the company for a number of years, has been made Assistant Treasurer; R. L. Mitchell, who has been counsel for the company at the Great Falls, Mont., office, has been made general counsel, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Mr. Mitchell was formerly Assistant Attorney-General of Montana, and is an expert on municipal bond and title matters. A. H. Dahlberg, formerly of the Minneapolis office, has been transferred to the position held by Mr. Mitnell at the Great Falls office, in charge of legal matters in Montana. The officers of the company now are: H. N. Stabeck, President; C. O. R. Stabeck, W. O. Newhouse, F. O. Orth, Spencer Ericson, Vice-Presidents; F. R. Gold, Secretary; Wm. E. Mohr, Treasurer; H. J. Reesburg, Assistant Treasurer; R. E. Cole, Assistant Secretary, and R. L. Mitchell, General Counsel. Branch offices are maintained at Scranton, Pa., A. L. Watson, manager; Janesville, Wis., C. J. Smith, manager; Great Falls, Mont., C. C. Culver, manager; Cheyenne, Wyo., Spencer Ericson, manager.

Spencer Trask & Co. of this city have issued a circular on the railroad bond market, in which they point out that it is necessary to go back to the disastrous panic years of the early '70s, nearly 50 years ago, to find railroad bonds selling at the prices now ruling. At that time, high grade issues were selling to yield just a shade below 7%. To-day, such representative roads as the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific are offering new securities on practically the same terms, while second grade issues of distinctive merit may be obtained to yield as much as 8%, and in certain cases even more. Railroad issues have not been the only sufferers. All other types of bonds—Government, municipal, public utility and industrial—have been swept to abnormally low levels. Authorities agree, the firm says, that conditions will gradually be readjusted to a normal basis, and with this readjustment lower money rates, lower income taxes, lower cost of living and a more normal volume of business and commercial activity may be expected. All of these elements will tend to eliminate or modify the factors which have caused low bond prices. Accordingly, it is deemed reasonable to draw the conclusion that while the immediate future may seem doubtful, the outlook over a period of years is decidedly bullish, and the point is made that the present offers an entirely unique opportunity for the investor or institution to buy long term securities for permanent investment.

To give an idea of the present market Spencer Trask & Co. in the circular referred to present a table which divides securities into four groups, according to the firm's judgment of their investment merits, together with present prices and yields compared with the range since 1900.

—Harry Evers, lately President of Teller & Evers, Inc., and William H. Reber, lately assistant general sales manager of the National City Co., announce the formation of the firm of Evers, Reber & Co. as successors to Teller & Evers, 314 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. The new firm will have a direct private wire to Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., New York.

—Carter B. Keene, late director of the United States Postal Savings system, announces that he has opened offices in the McLachlen Building, Washington, D. C., for the general practice of law. Special attention will be given to practice before the departments, boards and commissions of the Government and to questions of Federal taxation.

—Sutro Bros. & Co. have issued an interesting pamphlet entitled "Opportunities in Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes," setting forth the salient features of the various issues and the tax exemptions, with recommendations as to purchase.

—Dominick & Dominick, 115 Broadway, New York, have issued a circular regarding the Phillips Petroleum Company and oil stocks as investments. Compare full statement to N. Y. Stock Exchange in last week's "Chronicle" page 2299.

—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent and Registrar of the Pref. and Com. stock of the Federal Adding Machine Corp., and also Transfer Agent of the capital stock of the Stellar Petroleum Co.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including their names, stock types (Btd, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask), and prices. Includes entries like 'Banks - N Y', 'Trust Co's', 'Brooklyn', and 'Manhattan'.

\* 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.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various realty and surety companies, including 'Alliance R'ty', 'Amer Surety', 'Bond & M G', 'City Investing', 'Lawyers Mtge', 'Mtge Bond', 'Nat Surety', 'N Y Title & Mortgage', 'Realty Assoc', 'U S Casualty', 'U S Title Guar', and 'West & Bronx Title & M G'.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f."

Large table of market quotations for various securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Ordnance Stocks, Tobacco Stocks, Public Utilities, and Short Term Securities. Each entry includes the security name, price, and other relevant details.

\* 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 with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various railroads like Alabama & Vicks, Ann Arbor, Atchafalaya, etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: \*Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), \*Monthly Summaries (Curr. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Includes rows for 1st week Mar, 2d week Mar, etc., and monthly totals for May.

\* We no longer include Mexican roads in any of our totals.



Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current, Previous), Net Earnings (Current, Previous). Rows include Southern Railway, Ala Gt South, Ga Sou & Fla, etc.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes.
b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Main table listing Electric Railway and Public Utility Companies with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current, Previous), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current, Previous).

Table listing specific companies with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current, Previous), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current, Previous).

The Brooklyn City RR. is no longer part of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, the receiver of the Brooklyn Heights RR. Co. having, with the approval of the Court, declined to continue payment of the rental; therefore, since Oct. 18 1919 the Brooklyn City RR. has been operated by its owners.
The Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue RR. companies were formerly leased to the New York Railway Co., but these leases were terminated on July 11 1919, respectively, since which dates these roads have been operated separately.
Includes Milwaukee Light, Heat & Traction Co.
Includes all sources.
Includes constituent or subsidiary companies.
f Earnings given in millions.
g Subsidiary companies only.
h Includes Tennessee Railway, Light & Power Co., the Nashville Railway & Light Co., the Tennessee Power Co. and the Chattanooga Railway & Light Co.
i Includes both subway and elevated lines.
j Of Abington & Rockland (Mass.).
k Operations discontinued Jan. 19 1920.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table listing companies with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current, Previous), Net Earnings (Current, Previous), Balance, Surplus.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes.
f Given in Pesetas.

Table listing companies with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Chgs. & Taxes, Balance, Surplus.

x After allowing for other income received.







REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916. Rows include Income from invest., &c.; Deductions; General expenses; Income tax; Loss of foreign exchange; Interest on bonds, &c.; Interest on 1st cum. inc. debenture stock; Total expenditures; Balance, sur. or def.; Previous surplus; Total surplus.

a Including income tax.

Note.—The Central London Railway Co. is paying a dividend at the rate of 4% on its ordinary stocks, and no amount was therefore payable in 1918 under this company's guaranty on £2,548,671 of the stock which assented in the terms of the trust deed dated Dec. 13 1912.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1919, 1918, 1917. Rows include Assets—Stocks and shares; Com. & disc. on 5% per lien bonds; Loans and mortgages; Interest and dividends receivable; Sundry debtors and debit balances; Treasury bills; Cash at bankers and on hand, &c.; Total; Liabilities—Share capital issued; "A" ordinary shares; 4 1/2% bonds of 1933; 6% income bonds; 6% cum. debenture stock; 4 1/2% 3-year secured notes (1917); 5% 3-year secured notes (1920); Unclaimed interest and dividends; Sundry creditors, credit balance; Interest payable on 4 1/2% bonds; Interest payable on debenture stock; Interest payable on income bonds; Credit revenue account; Total.

RESULTS FOR COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN COMMON FUND (ACT 1915) [SHOWING COMPARISON WITH 1918].

Table with 8 columns: Metropolitan Dist. Railway, London Electric Railway, City & South London Railway, 1919, Inc. + or Def., 1918, Inc. + or Def., 1917, Inc. + or Def. Rows include Traffic receipts; Govt. comp. (after adjustments); Oper. expenses; Net receipts; Miscel. receipts (net); Net income; Int., rents, &c.; Res. for contingencies; Divs. on guar. & prof. stocks (excl. M.L.R. 2d pref. stock); Sur. pd. into com. fd.; Rec. from com. fund.; Per cent.; Prev. balance; Total; Further reserves; Dividends; Rate; Balance forward; x Second preference stock.

Central London Railway, London Gen. (Omnibus) Co., Ltd., Total All Cos' (incl. others).

Table with 8 columns: Central London Railway, London Gen. (Omnibus) Co., Ltd., Total All Cos' (incl. others), 1919, Inc. + or Def., 1918, Inc. + or Def., 1917, Inc. + or Def. Rows include Traffic receipts; Govt. comp. (after adjustments); Total; Operating expenses; Net receipts; Miscel. rec. (net.); Net income; Int., rents, &c.; Res. for contng. & pf.; Div. on guar. & pf. stocks; Sur. pd. into com. fd.; Rec. from com. fund.; Per cent.; Previous balance; Total; Further reserves; Dividends; Per cent.; Balance forward; y Plus tax.

LONDON & SUBURBAN TRACTION CO. LTD. (ASSOCIATED COS.).

Table with 8 columns: Metropolitan Elec. Tramways, Ltd., London United Tram., Ltd., Total All Companies, 1919, Inc. + or Def., 1918, Inc. + or Def., 1917, Inc. + or Def. Rows include Traffic receipts; Net in., incl. misc. receipts; Int., rents, &c.; Reserve; Prof. dividend; Surplus; Balance forward.

\* Arrears to date upon Metropolitan Electric Tramways, Ltd., 5% cumul. pref. shares are £47,500. A there is a further deficiency in respect of 1918 of £34,313.

The Associated Equipment Co., Ltd. (manufacturing) shows: Gross earnings for 1919, £2,744,030, an increase of £16,172; manufacturing costs,

£2,432,031, dec. £1,627; gross profit, £311,999, inc. \$17,799; administration expenses, £7,348, inc. £1,402; other income, £5,111, inc. £15,944; total revenue, £309,762, inc. £32,341; income tax, £76,519, inc. £19,520; depreciation of plant, machinery, leaseholds, &c., £47,524, inc. £4,868; balance, £185,719, inc. £7,953; balance from last year's account, £74,389, inc. £1,766; dividend on 6% cumulative preference shares (free of tax), £36,000; dividend on ordinary shares (14% free of tax, interest on deferred participating income stock (14%) free of tax, £140,000; balance carried to next year's account, £84,108, inc. £9,719.—V. 110, p. 1643.

Libby, McNeill & Libby.

(Financial Statement for Year ended May 1 1920.)

President W. F. Burrows, May 27, wrote in substance:

Status.—Your company is well established. Its factories in Chicago and Fort Worth, Texas, for the preparation of meats—the Blue Island, Ill., factory for packing vegetables and the general line of pickles, condiments, jams and jellies—the many milk factories in splendid dairy districts—the fruit and vegetable canneries in California, Washington, Oregon and Colorado—the chain of salmon canneries in Alaska and the pineapple canneries in the Hawaiian Islands produce a well-balanced line of foods, the diversity of which minimizes the risk of loss of business resulting from adverse conditions which might affect some one line or location.

Pineapple Business.—We needed canned pineapple to fill out our large line of canned foods, and ten years ago we established our own pineapple factories in the Hawaiian Islands. To insure a steady supply we acquired principal ownership in two companies which were engaged in growing pine apples, in addition to which we have developed unproductive lands into pineapple gardens.

Foreign Business.—While we have had branches in Great Britain for years, during the past year we have opened new branches in France, Belgium and Italy, and the business developed has been satisfactory, even considering the adverse financial conditions and rates of exchange encountered.

Shareholders.—Your company is owned by more than 20,000 shareholders. All of the stock is Common stock. No bonds have ever been issued. No amount is set up in our statement for the value of our goodwill or trademarks.

Stock.—The business is in a healthy and satisfactory condition. Our products are in demand in excess of our production, and, in my best judgment, the future of your company is exceptionally bright.

PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED MAY 1 1920.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Profit for year to May 1 1920 before providing for Federal taxes; Dividends paid; Reserved for 1919 Federal taxes.

Balance, surplus.....\$1,427,669

BALANCE SHEET MAY 1.

Table with 4 columns: 1920, 1919, 1920, 1919. Rows include Assets—Cash; Acc'ts receivable; Inventories; Investments; Real estate, bldgs. and equipment; Total; Liabilities—Capital stock; Accounts payable; Notes & bills pay.; Federal taxes; Sundry reserves; Surplus; Total.

Total.....\$67,765,505 54,261,708 Total.....\$67,765,505 54,261,708 Compare "Chronicle" of May 15 and 29, pages 2081, 2295, as to proposal to increase the auth. capital stock to \$27,000,000 to pay stock dividend of 50% (\$6,400,000) and to offer 50% new stock (\$6,400,000) to shareholders by subscription at par.—V. 110, p. 2295.

Hocking Valley Products Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Pres. S. L. Chamberlain, Columbus, O., March 1, wrote in substance: [See recapitalization plan on a subsequent page ED.]

Oil has been the most profitable source of income. Settled production from all active wells assures substantial earnings for the future, and as only a small portion of the company's large acreage, located within defined oil-bearing sections, has been developed, increased earnings may be expected. The market value of this oil (Pennsylvania) on Dec. 31 1919 was \$5 per barrel, as compared with \$1 35 in 1911 when the company acquired its properties.

Brick and coal operations have also been profitable, but scarcity of labor and materials, car shortage and strikes have restricted output to less than 50% of normal. The brick department resumed operations in June 1919 and a very active season is expected by the trade.

Since the present management took charge in Jan. 1917 the mortgage indebtedness has been reduced \$346,000, deferred interest of \$90,800 paid to bondholders, full interest payments resumed and approximately \$100,000 expended for betterments.

All of the company's operating officers, heads of departments and some of the clerical force have become stockholders, under the company's plan for purchase of stock by its employees.

(See also financial plan under news items on a subsequent page of this issue.)

The report further shows the following: Extraordinary Expense.—Adjustment of interest and sinking fund as required under agreement with bondholders in effect April 15 1919 amounted to \$86,198, reducing the total surplus Dec. 31 1919 to \$4,818. Compare V. 108, p. 175, 1393, 1514, 2634; V. 109, p. 177.

Income Statement by Departments.—For the year 1919 the income (over direct expense—sinking fund, insurance and taxes) included: brick, \$8,247; coal sales, \$10,803; coal properties, \$15,333; oil, \$62,636; rentable properties, \$7,668; miscellaneous, \$7,319; total, \$112,062. Deduct (a) General expense, corporation, county and income taxes and other indirect expense, \$36,733; (b) net gain, \$75,329; bond interest, \$45,868; the net income is \$29,461.

Production, &c., in 1919.—For the year 1919 (a) our brick production aggregated (number) 7,196,695; sales, 9,686,228; shipments, 7,098,517; unfilled orders Dec. 31 1919, 2,235,311. (b) Coal production (mines under lease) 201,802 tons; sales (on commission), 83,518 tons. (c) Oil production (under lease) 144,380 barrels. Oil field condition Dec. 31 1919: Wells producing, 111; wells abandoned, 34; wells developing, 7.

Royalties Received from Coal & Oil.—Coal, \$24,955; oil, \$78,312; total, \$103,267.

Sinking Funds Reserved for Retirement of Bonds.—Brick, \$1,774; coal \$3,037; oil, \$14,438; total, \$19,239.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR 4 MOS. END. APR. 30 & CAL. YRS. 1917 TO 1919.

Table with 5 columns: 4 Mos. 1920, 1919, Calendar Years 1918, 1917. Rows include Gross income; Cost of products sold, expenses & taxes; Net earnings; Bond interest; Res., sinking fund, &c.; Net oper. income.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: Apr. 30 '20, Dec. 31 '19, Dec. 31 '18. Rows include Property accounts; Deferred contingent assets; Cash; Other current assets; Liabilities—Capital stock outstanding; Funded debt; Current liabilities; Surplus; Total (each side).

\* Includes bonds bought and held by the company, face amount, \$15,100.—V. 110, p. 1646.



RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING OCT. 31 AND HALF YEAR ENDED APRIL 30 1920.

Table with columns for Oct. 31 Years, Sales, Net Earnings, and Apr 30 1920. Includes sub-headers for Prof. (%) and Common.

Stock dividends have been paid on the Common stock at the rate of 12% p. a. since and including year 1909-10.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF OCT. 31 1908 TO 1919 AND APRIL 30 1920.

Table with columns: Total Assets, Excess over Liabilities, Items Offsetting, Reserves, and Surplus.

-V. 110, p. 875.

Gray & Davis, Incorporated.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1919.)

Chairman H. C. Dodge is quoted as saying: The past year your company has changed from practically 100% war work to 100% commercial work...

While the Ford company's decision to equip its cars with starting and lighting systems necessitated our discontinuance of a previously profitable department...

Another authority recently said: Pierce-Arrow has placed an order for its entire lamp equipment and Stutz is partially covering its requirements with Gray & Davis...

INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918. Rows include Sales and munition contracts, Operating profit, Net profit, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1919 and 1918. Rows include Assets (Plant & equip't, Good-will, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, etc.).

Total 4,773,016 2,653,332 Total 4,773,016 2,653,332 Par value of Common shares, \$25; Pref. shares, \$100.

Packard Motor Car Co., Detroit.

(Financial Statement of May 18 1919, with Balance Sheet of Feb. 29 1920.)

Pres. Alvan Macauley, in circular of May 18, says in sub.: Sales, Profits, &c.—During the first ten years the Packard factories were established in Detroit (1903-13), sales aggregated \$81,650,721...

PACKARD MOTOR CAR CO. OPERATIONS, 1919-20.

Table with columns: Fiscal Year, Volume of Sales, Total Assets, Working Capital, Net Profits, and % of Undistrib. Surplus.

Patents.—In 1912 assets were reduced by writing off \$3,274,959, the valuation placed on patents owned.

Past Financing.—The company's expansion has been financed principally through the re-investment in the business of surplus earnings...

Dividends.—In 1914 stock dividends of \$2,000,000, and in 1916 of \$4,591,630 were paid.

Profits for 7 Months.—Our net profits, after taxes, for the first seven months of the current fiscal year amount to \$4,035,369...

Status.—The financial condition of the company is unusually liquid, and the sales situation continues sound.

New Model.—About September next we expect to place on the market, in addition to the Twin Six, a new model Packard car, the Single Six...

Future Financing.—To finance the new car, provide inventory, tools and machinery for its production, capital requirements for the coming year are estimated at \$15,000,000.

Stockholders.—During the past year the number of Packard stockholders (Common and Preferred) has increased from 1,191 to 4,408.

[A letter dated May 3 1920 from an officer of the company is quoted by Montgomery & Co., New York, as follows: "Having our own power plant, we were not seriously affected by the swiftness of the strike..."]

BALANCE SHEET FEB. 29 1920 (Compare report for year ending Aug. 31 1919. V. 109, p. 1608.)

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash, U. S. cts. of indebtedness, Accounts & notes receiv., etc.

Surplus Sept. 1 1919, \$16,992,250; net profit for 6 months ending Feb. 29 1920, \$3,146,807; total surplus, \$20,139,057...

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

American Railways Co.—No Common Dividend.

Following the directors' meeting May 28 1920, at which it has been customary to declare the semi-annual dividend on the Common stock...

Arkansas & Louisiana Midland Ry.—Road to Be Sold.

This road is to be offered at receiver's sale on June 8. The line is 5 1/2 miles long from Crossett, Ark., via Bastrop, La., to Monroe, La.

Atlantic City & Shore R.R.—Fare Increase.

A. J. Purinton, receiver, has announced that effective June 11 the 6-cent fare will be increased to 7 cents...

Atlantic Coast Line R.R.—Unified Mgt. As Canceled.

The New York Trust Co. has, as successor trustee, executed satisfaction papers releasing the lien of Atlantic Coast Line R.R. Unified Mgtg. dated Nov. 16 1909.

Atlantic & Western R.R.—No. 11 Last Coupon Paid.

We are informed that Coupon No. 11, due Nov. 1 1917, was the last coupon paid from First Mtg. 40-year gold bonds.—V. 108, p. 2021.

Binghamton (N. Y.) Railway.—Measures Secured for Protection of Bonds and Payment of Overdue Interest.

The committee of holders of First Cons. 5% Bonds 1931, consisting of Thomas B. Lockwood, Chairman, V.-Pres. Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo; Frank B. Newell, Pres. Peoples Trust Co., Binghamton, N. Y.; Harry T. Ramsdell, Pres. Manufacturers & Traders Nat. Bank, Buffalo, and John T. Steele, bond dealer, Buffalo, N. Y., with Perry E. Wurst as Secretary, 291 Elm St., Buffalo, and Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo, Depositary, and Peoples Tr. Co. Binghamton, agent for depositary, report, Apr. 17, as follows:

We are pleased to report a partial consummation of the formal contract made by your committee with the stockholders and the receiver of the company, under authorization of the U. S. Court...



















### INVESTMENT IN ROAD AND EQUIPMENT DURING THE YEAR.

Account	New Lines & Extensions	Additions and Betterments	Total
Engineering	\$467 87	\$62,702 53	\$63,170 40
Land for transportation purposes	---	731,919 71	731,919 71
Grading	17,632 98	570,490 02	588,123 00
Tunnels and subways	---	16,366 84	16,366 84
Bridges, trestles and culverts	Cr. 2,371 51	1,154,375 21	1,152,003 70
Ties	---	53,852 83	53,852 83
Rails	---	362,118 50	362,118 50
Other track material	---	500,354 18	500,354 18
Ballast	---	58,691 93	58,691 93
Track laying and surfacing	Cr. 3,681 18	91,613 07	87,931 89
Right-of-way fences	---	14,174 12	14,174 12
Snow and sand fences and snow sheds	---	10,482 39	10,482 39
Crossings and signs	3,086 61	185,798 26	188,884 87
Station and office buildings	---	215,955 87	215,955 87
Roadway buildings	---	Cr. 25,747 43	Cr. 25,747 43
Water stations	---	158,051 70	158,051 70
Fuel stations	---	14,458 31	14,458 31
Shops and enginehouses	---	150,700 82	150,700 82
Telegraph and telephone lines	---	23,948 88	23,948 88
Signals and interlockers	---	566,020 76	566,020 76
Power plant buildings	---	21,027 51	21,027 51
Power distribution systems	---	1,715 84	1,715 84
Power line poles and fixtures	---	4,938 57	4,938 57
Miscellaneous structures	---	94,227 26	94,227 26
Paving	---	569 44	569 44
Roadway machines	---	42,842 58	42,842 58
Roadway small tools	---	1,355 93	1,355 93
Assessments for public improvements	---	73,866 94	73,866 94
Revenues and operating expenses during construction	Cr. 6,770 70	---	Cr. 6,770 70
Other expenditures—road	---	Cr. 3,669 95	Cr. 3,669 95
Shop machinery	---	123,874 92	123,874 92
Power plant machinery	---	10,432 77	10,432 77
Unapplied construction material and supplies	---	Cr. 9,568 97	Cr. 9,568 97
<b>Total expenditures for road</b>	<b>\$3,364 07</b>	<b>\$5,307,941 34</b>	<b>\$5,316,305 41</b>
Steam locomotives	---	\$2,493,979 61	\$2,493,979 61
Freight-train cars	---	Cr. 974,984 49	Cr. 974,984 49
Passenger-train cars	---	Cr. 21,993 03	Cr. 21,993 03
Floating equipment	---	Cr. 47,403 44	Cr. 47,403 44
Work equipment	---	Cr. 71,091 59	Cr. 71,091 59
Miscellaneous equipment	---	Cr. 50 90	Cr. 50 90
<b>Total expenditures for equipment</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$1,378,456 16</b>	<b>\$1,378,456 16</b>
Organization expenses	\$100 50	---	\$100 50
Interest during construction	---	\$234,212 29	\$234,212 29
<b>Total general expenditures</b>	<b>\$100 50</b>	<b>\$234,212 29</b>	<b>\$234,312 79</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,464 57</b>	<b>\$6,920,609 79</b>	<b>\$6,929,074 36</b>

During the year the Funded Debt outstanding in the hands of the public was reduced by \$6,549,300. This reduction was as follows:

Iowa Division mortgage sinking fund bonds which matured October 1 1919	\$6,116,000
Sinking fund bonds of 1921, bought	7,000
Sinking fund bonds of 1922 (Denver Extension), bought	426,300
	\$6,549,300
The capitalization of the Company now outstanding is:	
Capital Stock	\$110,839,100
Funded Debt	168,050,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$278,889,100</b>

The operating revenue in 1919 was \$9,838,668 33 greater than in 1918, being an increase of 6.82%, divided as follows:

\$2,526,950 51 in Freight Revenue,
7,292,379 99 in Passenger Revenue,
19,337 83 in Incidental Operating Revenue.

The total tons of revenue freight carried decreased 7,028,989, or 14.9%. This was occasioned primarily by the slackening of business following declaration of the armistice in November 1918, and the coal strike in 1919. Coal tonnage alone decreased 5,730,768 tons. One item of traffic, however, that continued to increase in 1919 was oil, the tonnage originating on the road being 244,477 tons, or 23.8%, in excess of the previous year. The great bulk of this oil originates in Wyoming and our revenue in 1919 was \$5,190,190, as compared with \$837,352 in 1915. The potash industry in Western Nebraska, developed during the war when importations into this country from Germany were discontinued, was closed down during most of the year in anticipation of renewed imports, but later developments indicate that the Nebraska manufacturers will be able to dispose of considerable of their product against this foreign competition, and shipments were resumed in the fall and about 900 cars moved from the vicinity of Alliance.

The average revenue per ton mile increased from 7.4 to 9.0 mills, or 21.6%, and the average revenue per freight train mile increased from \$4 93 in 1918 to \$5 56 in 1919; due to the general increase in freight rates effective throughout the entire year of 1919 and only from June 25th in 1918.

Tons carried per train mile decreased from 769.54 in 1918 to 722.19 in 1919, and tons per loaded car mile decreased from 29.66 in 1918 to 26.29 in 1919. This was due to the considerable decrease in tonnage carried and the fact that the largest item of loss was coal, which of course loads much heavier per car than other freight and is moved in heavy tonnage trains. Furthermore, during the war a very intensive campaign was carried on for the heavier loading of cars and under the plea of necessity of conservation it was possible to secure the active co-operation and support of shippers, and the Railroad and Food Administration put into

effect orders establishing large trade units for both transportation and sales. During 1919 we actually handled on the average more cars per train than in 1918: 41.23 in 1919, as compared with 39.83 in 1918. The following will show the effect of this reduction in average loading on various important commodities:

	Avg. Wgt. per Car.		Saving in Cars—1919—If Ton- nage Had Been Loaded, Based on 1918 Average per Car.
	1919.	1918.	
Total Farm Products	28.89	30.48	15,326
Total Live Stock	10.53	10.77	5,081
Total Animal Products	17.32	19.42	5,913
Total Mine Products	45.05	45.80	5,205
Total Forest Products	26.60	27.27	2,839
Total Manufacturing Products	25.33	26.88	17,514
Household Goods and Emigrant Movables	10.44	10.81	538
All Other Carloads	22.06	21.52	Cr. 694
<b>Total</b>			<b>51,722</b>

The operating expenses for the year 1919 were \$8,603,823 48 greater than the previous year, being an increase of 7.67%, and the operating ratio increased from 77.81 to 78.42; details of same are shown in reports of the Comptroller, pages 35 to 39 [pamphlet report]. This was due to advances in rates of pay, establishment of eight-hour basic day with bonus overtime basis; also to increase in costs of materials and fuel.

There was a decrease in passenger train miles of 210,385 with an increase of 2,477,417 passengers carried. The average revenue per passenger mile increased from 2.45 cents in 1918 to 2.62 cents in 1919. The average revenue per passenger train mile was \$2 41 this year as against \$2 00 in 1918. The increase in passenger revenue was due to an order of the Director-General effective June 10 1918, establishing a basic rate of 3 cents per mile for both inter and intra-State movement with material advances in special tourist rates.

The revenue from mail traffic decreased \$44,305 30, this being one of the items on which no increase in rates had been made. However, the order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission handed down in February will result in considerable increase in the revenue from mail, which will appear in the figures for 1920.

The revenue from express service shows a decrease of \$204,753 36; this service being operated by the American Railway Express Company under an agreement made with the Director-General of Railroads.

During the year expenditures for investment in Road and Equipment amounted to \$5,316,305 41 in Road, \$1,378,456 16 in Equipment, and \$234,312 79 in General Expenditures; a total of \$6,929,074 36. No new construction projects of any magnitude were begun, and Capital Expenditures were directed primarily towards completion of construction projects already under way, to Additions and Betterments incident to a normal program of maintenance of the property and particularly towards minor improvements calculated to increase the traffic capacity of the road and to promote general efficiency of operation.

On account of the failure of Congress to pass the appropriation bill providing for a revolving fund to finance capital expenditures of the railroads and the resulting necessity of the Railroad Corporations providing funds out of the Standard Return from the Government, selling securities on an unfavorable market or borrowing at high rates of interest, expenditures for improved facilities and additional equipment were curtailed.

Work in connection with construction of the new Chicago Union Station and related facilities, by the Chicago Union Station Company, progressed slowly due to the labor and financial situation, work being confined largely to construction of retaining wall along the Chicago River, temporary rearrangement of mail and express facilities, new sewers and drainage and viaduct work.

Very little work was accomplished on the rebuilding of freight terminals in Chicago due to the same causes which affected the Union Station project. Some work was done on foundations of viaducts and Canal Street elevation and there was expended on this project during the year \$463,204 49, bringing the total cost to date up to \$1,683,972 75.

Construction of the Air Line Bridge over the Chicago River at 16th Street, Chicago, joint with the Illinois Central, Chicago & North Western and New York Central, was practically completed, this Company's proportion of cost being \$67,318 98. Construction of this bridge was in compliance with orders of the War Department in order to remove a swing bridge and provide a less restricted channel for navigation.

Extension to the west-bound yard at Clyde, Illinois, begun in 1918, was completed at an expenditure during the year of \$104,872 49.

Work on track elevation at Aurora, Illinois, was continued and good progress made on the program for the year, consisting principally of grading and bridge work. There was expended on this project during the year \$470,846 57, bringing the total expenditures to date up to \$1,924,539 94.

New Engine Terminals begun in 1918 at Eola, Illinois, were completed at a cost during the year of \$75,877 88.

A normal program of bridge replacement and substitution of permanent for temporary structures was adopted and substantially completed. Construction of a permanent bridge over the Platte River at Northport, Nebraska, begun in 1918, was continued and was about 65 per cent complete at the end of the year, the expenditures during the year amounting to \$179,930 65.

To take care of the increasing traffic on the Beardstown Division, work was begun on 5.17 miles of second track between Ayers and Durlay and 8.54 miles between Waltonville and Sesser. Work on these projects was suspended by the Federal Administration about the middle of the year on account of lack of funds at the disposal of the Director-General. There was expended on these projects during the year \$180,800 44.

Work on second track Waldron to Beverly, Missouri, begun in 1918, was also discontinued in June for the same reason, the expenditures for the year amounting to \$64,647 18.

Installation of automatic signals between Mendota and Galesburg, Illinois, and between Dietz and Ranchester, Wyoming, begun in 1918, was completed. Installation of automatic signals between Pacific Junction and Gibson was begun and completed, and between Creston and Pacific Junction begun and 90 per cent completed at the end of the year, the total expenditures for the year for automatic signals being \$450,782 72. The installation of automatic signals was actually completed during the year on 185 miles of road.

During the year 266 miles of new 100-pound and 90-pound rail were laid in main track at various points on the system and 186 miles of second-hand rail, released by the new rail, were laid in main track on less important lines.

New power and equipment delivered during the year consisted of 60 freight and 20 switch locomotives, and 1,000 coal and 34 box cars. In addition there were manufactured at the company shops 2 way cars and 120 stock cars.

Land settlement and marketing work have been the outstanding features of the agricultural development work on the Burlington during the past year. Distinct progress was made in spite of the fact that under Government control advertising for settlers was restricted.

About 6,000 inquiries for land were received and about 20,000 booklets distributed giving information about lands. Three new books about Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska were published by the United States Railroad Administration.

1,451 cars of immigrants' effects were received on the McCook, Alliance, Sheridan and Casper division, and a total of 4,800 families located. 2,270,000 acres of land were homesteaded in Wyoming. This should bring 2,500 new families into Wyoming. About 16,000 acres of Government irrigated farms were taken on the Shoshone and Ft. Laramie Projects, which means 228 new families. There was an extraordinary demand for these lands, 3,300 soldiers applying for only 80 farms on the Ft. Laramie unit. This business is largely the result of previous advertising. The demand for farms advanced land values from 50 per cent to 100 per cent throughout the entire territory.

Last year was the driest year Wyoming has ever experienced. The agricultural department was asked to locate pasture and feed for hundreds of sheep and cattle men who were in need of assistance. Fifteen special feed bulletins were issued. Feed and pasture was found for 35,000 head of cattle. Fifty-two carloads of cotton seed cake were bought in Texas at an average saving of \$1 00 per ton for stockmen and farmers. Forty-five cars of hay and straw were bought through this department.

Assistance was given in the purchase of 181 head of high-grade dairy cows shipped to Western points. Burlington seed bulletins have brought about the transfer of 150,000 pounds of seeds for spring planting.

A potato exhibit car was operated on lines west in March. About 4,000 farmers were put in touch with improved

methods and 2,700 pounds of pure certified seed distributed in small lots to farmers. Two carloads of seed potatoes were purchased as a result. A potato bulletin was published and 5,000 copies distributed. A special campaign to interest dry land farmers in producing seed potatoes for Texas growers has been started. 6,000 bulletins and posters on silos were distributed and several meetings held. The department has record of 290 silos built; 64 elevators, mills and feed warehouses were built last year.

It is gratifying to know that out of 5,511 employees of this Company who enlisted in the army or navy, 4,891 have returned to service.

Cordial relations existed throughout the year between the officers of the company and the Federal officers having jurisdiction over your property.

Following is the report of the Comptroller.

By order of the Board of Directors,

HALE HOLDEN,  
President.

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1919.

### ASSETS.

Investments:	
Property investment—road and equipment:	
Road .....	\$397,990,461 94
Equipment .....	93,630,792 16
General expenditures .....	1,095,384 00
	<u>\$492,716,638 10</u>
Sinking funds:	
Book assets .....	\$10,865,895 95
Company's own issues included, par value .....	10,777,200 00
	<u>88,695 95</u>
Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property sold .....	69,036 05
Miscellaneous physical property .....	924,210 01
Investments in affiliated companies:	
Stocks .....	\$30,194,892 12
Bonds .....	1,591,236 93
Notes .....	429,257 57
Advances .....	1,550,139 52
	<u>\$33,765,526 14</u>
Other investments:	
Stocks .....	\$2,510 00
Bonds .....	7,373,948 00
Notes .....	270,051 08
Miscellaneous .....	275 00
	<u>7,646,784 08</u>
Total investments .....	<u>\$535,210,890 33</u>
Current assets:	
Cash .....	\$4,558,074 31
Loans and bills receivable .....	5,842,271 94
Traffic and car service balances receivable .....	76,973 50
Miscellaneous accounts receivable .....	1,119,994 37
Rents receivable .....	16,703 43
Other current assets .....	756,680 79
Total current assets .....	<u>\$12,370,698 34</u>
Deferred assets:	
Other deferred assets .....	\$342,486 25
Total deferred assets .....	<u>\$342,486 25</u>
U. S. Government deferred assets .....	69,229,205 45
Unadjusted debits:	
Insurance premium paid in advance .....	\$1,937 51
Discount on funded debt .....	2,204,929 17
Other unadjusted debits .....	977,126 03
Total unadjusted debits .....	<u>3,183,992 71</u>
Grand total .....	<u>\$620,337,273 08</u>

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock:	
Common stock .....	\$110,839,100 00
Long-term debt:	
Bonds held by the public .....	\$168,050,000 00
Bonds held by trustees, account sinking funds .....	10,777,200 00
Bonds owned by the Company, unpledged .....	12,522,000 00
Bonds owned by the Company, pledged .....	31,000 00
Total .....	<u>\$191,380,200 00</u>
Less bonds held by or for the Company, included in above .....	23,330,200 00
Total long-term debt .....	<u>168,050,000 00</u>
Current liabilities:	
Traffic and car service balances payable .....	\$32,749 22
Audited accounts and wages payable .....	189,420 41
Miscellaneous accounts payable .....	85,196 13
Interest matured unpaid .....	1,122,740 00
Dividends matured unpaid .....	551 25
Funded debt matured unpaid .....	235,600 00
Unmatured interest accrued .....	993,276 70
Other current liabilities .....	512,979 70
Total current liabilities .....	<u>3,172,513 41</u>
Deferred liabilities:	
Other deferred liabilities .....	\$29,635 46
Total deferred liabilities .....	<u>29,635 46</u>
U. S. Government deferred liabilities .....	52,266,776 86
Unadjusted credits:	
Tax liability .....	\$2,356,878 51
Insurance reserves .....	1,395,356 64
Accrued depreciation—Equipment .....	38,565,836 59
Other unadjusted credits .....	1,879,978 61
Total unadjusted credits .....	<u>44,198,050 35</u>
Corporate surplus:	
Funded debt retired through income .....	\$31,447,393 10
Sinking fund reserves .....	10,802,558 85
Profit and loss .....	199,531,245 05
Total corporate surplus .....	<u>241,781,197 00</u>
Grand total .....	<u>\$620,337,273 08</u>

## PHILADELPHIA COMPANY

## REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1919.

Office of President,  
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1 1920.

The President herewith submits his report for the fiscal year ended December 31 1919:

The year 1919, following within less than two months the signing of the Armistice, necessarily experienced violent fluctuations created by changed conditions as business activities had been diverted to war purposes and adjustment in the direction of a normal basis was accompanied by disturbing factors.

Notwithstanding the difficulties much has been accomplished as an offset, and considerable progress has been made although the Pittsburgh District, in which the Philadelphia Company operations are largely conducted, was affected to a greater extent by reason of the unsettled situation than most large industrial sections.

As indicated by the following statements showing the financial condition and operating performance of the gas and oil companies and similar other statements for the electric light and power, coal and certain street railway subsidiaries, increased costs of materials and higher wage payments were provided for, although the volume of business in quantities decreased as compared with the previous year when production was maintained at a maximum to meet requirements incident to the war.

During the War period man power was limited and the personnel impaired to the extent that efforts were more largely directed to providing the greatest amount of continuous service, and only such maintenance and development as was absolutely necessary was undertaken with the result that during the year 1919 there were decreased sales with increased expense.

The gas companies drilled 160 wells and purchased six wells during the year. Of the new wells drilled 121 were productive and 39 non-productive. There were abandoned 76 wells which had ceased to be productive; also, there were sold two wells, and two wells were reinstated. The total number of operative wells owned or controlled is 1994.

There was an increase during the year of 36.57 miles of transmission and field lines, and 10.76 miles of distribution lines. The total amount of pipe lines controlled is 3,695.95 miles, of which 1,478.4 miles comprise distribution lines and 2,217.55 miles comprise transmission and field lines.

As of December 31st there was a total of 149,213 domestic consumers, an increase of 4,265, or 2.8 per cent., as compared with 1918. Industrial consumers numbered 544.

During the year the gas companies sold 35,952,733,700 cubic feet of gas, a decrease of 8,283,871,800 cubic feet, or 18.7 per cent., as compared with the preceding year, industrial sales having decreased 7,511,749,600 cubic feet, or 32 per cent. The earnings from the sale of gas amounted to \$12,302,726.55, a decrease of \$742,595.38, or 5.7 per cent.

On February 1st a First Refunding and Collateral Trust Mortgage was created, authorizing series of bonds up to \$100,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 were immediately issued as collateral for \$10,000,000 of three-year 6 per cent. Gold Notes, proceeds of which were used to retire:

Ten-year Convertible 5% Gold Debentures of August, 1909.....\$1,957,000  
Two-year Collateral 5½% Gold Notes of April 1917, 7,000,000 and the balance was applied for general improvements.

During the year the Philadelphia Oil Company drilled 23 wells, of which 21 were productive of oil and two were non-productive. One well was purchased, 23 were abandoned and one sold, making the number owned or controlled 136, which produced 158,974 barrels of oil, being an increase of 44,897 barrels, or 39 per cent., as compared with the preceding year. The gross earnings amounted to \$1,383,082, an increase of \$468,879, or 51 per cent.

The Equitable Coke Company sold 371,659 tons of coal during the year, a decrease of 89,404 tons, or 19 per cent. Gross earnings amounted to \$875,855, a decrease of \$348,925, or 28 per cent. During the early part of the year market conditions were such that mines and cars were idle, due to the then uncertainty existing. Many industries having storage coal on hand which had been secured at high prices decided to use from stock with expectation of lower prices

which did not materialize. This situation was followed by the bituminous coal miners' strike which affected most of the coal fields, reduced production by 50% and continued for a period of forty-five (45) days from November 1st; all of which, together with severe weather conditions and insufficient transportation facilities made the situation extremely acute during the latter part of the year. In anticipation of the redemption of \$1,440,000 Three-year 5 per cent. Notes, due January 1 1920, Two-year 6% serial notes for \$1,200,000 were issued and the balance was retired on December 15 1919. The new notes are dated December 1 1919 with semi-annual serial payments on June 1st and December 1st of \$300,000 each.

The Beaver Valley Traction Company and Pittsburgh & Beaver Street Railway Company operated a total of 1,522,752 car miles, an increase of 22,956 car miles, or 1.53 per cent. Gross earnings amounted to \$591,106, an increase of \$94,925, or 19 per cent., which had the effect of decreasing the deficit by \$45,359, as compared with the previous year.

The Pittsburgh Railways Company statements are not included in this report as the Receivers appointed for that company on April 23 1918 by the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania were still in charge of the property.

Acknowledgement is made of the loyal co-operation of officers and employees during the year.

By authority of the Board,  
A. W. THOMPSON,  
President.

PHILADELPHIA COMPANY  
EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY  
THE ALLEGHENY HEATING COMPANY  
MONONGAHELLA NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
PITTSBURGH AND WEST VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY  
THE PHILADELPHIA COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA  
PHILADELPHIA OIL COMPANY

Summary of Consolidated Income for Year Ended December 31st 1919  
(With Transactions between Companies Eliminated)

Gross Earnings.....		\$13,774,500 78
Operating Expenses and Taxes:		
Operating Expenses:		
Prospecting and Lease.....	\$673,516 50	
Gas Purchased.....	1,102,679 08	
Production.....	1,602,225 14	
Transportation.....	918,860 21	
Distribution.....	1,064,947 83	
Commercial.....	307,625 32	
General and Miscellaneous.....	1,009,430 86	
Total.....	\$6,679,284 94	
Taxes.....	513,714 57	
Total.....		7,192,999 51
Net earnings.....		\$6,581,501 27
Other Income:		
Dividends and Interest on Stocks and Bonds Owned:		
Electric Light Companies.....	1,458,136 04	
Street Railway Companies.....	10,469 46	
Coal Companies.....	400,000 00	
Total.....	\$1,868,606 49	
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings.....	457 21	
Interest and Discount.....	163,600 76	
Discount on Bonds purchased and retired through Sinking Funds.....	30,562 50	
Profit on Company's Stock sold.....	5,132 50	
Miscellaneous.....	1,780 45	
Total.....		2,070,039 82
Gross Income.....		\$8,651,541 09
Gross Income—Brought forward.....		\$8,651,541 09
Income Charges:		
Interest on Funded Debt.....	\$2,164,619 94	
Interest on Current Liabilities.....	160,409 35	
Rent of Leased Properties.....	131,428 30	
Guaranteed Dividend on Consolidated Gas Company Preferred Stock.....	74,052 68	
Debt Discount and Expense.....	324,568 11	
Appropriation for Sinking Fund.....	366,666 67	
Depreciation of Property.....	523,141 99	
Miscellaneous.....	31,911 22	
Total.....		3,776,798 26
Net Income After Income Charges.....		\$4,874,742 83
Other Deductions:		
New Producing Gas Wells—Other than Material.....	\$825,379 19	
New Producing Oil Wells—Other than Material.....	144,478 17	
New Field Lines—Other than Material.....	108,820 88	
Total.....		1,078,678 24
Net Income for the Year.....		\$3,796,064 59
Summary of Consolidated Profit and Loss for the Year Ended Dec. 31st 1919.		
Balance, January 1st 1919.....		\$11,570,602 59
Net Income for the Year.....		3,796,064 59
Gross surplus.....		\$15,366,667 18
Deductions:		
Dividends on Preferred Stocks.....	\$1,015,084 50	
Dividends on Common Stock—6% Declared and Paid.....	2,576,434 00	
Total.....		3,591,518 50
Balance December 31st 1919—Per Balance Sheet.....		\$11,775,148 68
†Includes The Allegheny Heating Company January 1st 1919 in the amount of \$926,637.79.		

PHILADELPHIA COMPANY, MONONGAHELIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, THE PHILADELPHIA COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA, EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY, PITTSBURGH AND WEST VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA OIL COMPANY, THE ALLEGHENY HEATING COMPANY.

Consolidated General Balance Sheet, December 31st 1919. (With all Inter-Company Items Eliminated)

ASSETS and LIABILITIES table showing various categories like Property and Plant, Securities, and Capital Stock, with corresponding monetary values.

Note.—The Philadelphia Company has a contingent liability for the following Bonds, guaranteed both as to principal and interest:

Table listing contingent liabilities for various bonds, including amounts like \$750,000, \$600,000, and \$1,200,000.

The Philadelphia Company also has a contingent liability, as endorser, on short term notes of its affiliated Companies; as guarantor of the payment of interest (but not principal) on certain issues of bonds of its affiliated companies; and as guarantor of certain rental agreements of its affiliated companies.

PHILADELPHIA COMPANY

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL STOCK SHARES OF OTHER CORPORATIONS OWNED AT DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

Table detailing capital stock shares of other corporations owned, listing companies like Natural Gas Companies, Oil Companies, and Street Railway Companies with their respective share counts and stock types.

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## BONDS OF OTHER CORPORATIONS OWNED AT DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

	Issued and Amount Owned by Outstanding, Philadelphia Company	
Ardmore Street Railway Company, First Mortgage Bonds.....	\$1,032,000 00	\$26,000 00
The Beaver Valley Traction Company, General Mortgage Bonds.....	957,000 00	232,000 00
The Consolidated Gas Company of the City of Pittsburgh, First Mortgage Bonds.....	5,000,000 00	4,897,000 00
Pittsburgh and West Virginia Gas Company, Collateral Trust Bonds.....	750,000 00	150,000 00
Pittsburgh Railways Company, Income Debentures.....	10,000,000 00	10,000,000 00
Pittsburgh Railways Company, General Mortgage Bonds.....	750,000 00	571,000 00
Pittsburgh & Beaver Street Railway Company, First Mortgage Bonds.....	750,000 00	750,000 00
Pittsburgh Incline Plane Company, First Mortgage Bonds.....	150,000 00	150,000 00
Pittsburgh Incline Plane Company, Second Mortgage Bonds.....	100,000 00	100,000 00
Southern Traction Company, First Mortgage and Collateral Trust Bonds.....	4,000,000 00	126,000 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$25,278,000 00</b>	<b>\$17,002,000 00</b>

## PHILADELPHIA COMPANY.

## DIVIDEND RECORD.

Year Ended	Declared on Common Stock.	Paid on 5% Preferred Stock.	Paid on 6% Cumulative Preferred Stock.
March 31 1886	5%	---	---
1887	12	---	---
1888	12	---	---
1889	12	---	---
1890	7	---	---
1891	6	---	---
1892	1	---	---
1893	4½	---	---
1894	6	---	---
1895	4	---	---
1896	1	---	---
1898	2	---	---
1899	4½	---	---
1900	4½	5%	---
1901	6	5	---
1902	7½	5	---
1903	6	5	---
1904	6	5	---
1905	6	5	---
1906	6	5	---
1907	6	5	---
1908	6	5	---
1909	6	5	---
1910	6	5	---
1911	7	5	---
1912	7	5	---
1913	7	5	---
1914	7	5	6%
1915	5½	5	6
1916	6	5	6
1917	7	5	6
1918	6½	5	6
Nine months Ended			
December 31st.....1918	4½	2½	6
Year Ended Dec. 31.....1919	6	5	6

## EQUITABLE COKE COMPANY

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1919

Gross Earnings.....	\$875,854 73
Operating Expenses and Taxes:	
Operating Expenses:	
Production.....	\$577,418 74
Shipment.....	7,477 33
Sales.....	10,702 66
General.....	20,630 57
Total.....	\$616,229 30
Taxes.....	41,671 99
Total.....	657,901 29
Net Earnings.....	\$217,953 44
Other Income:	
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings.....	\$10,254 54
Interest and Discount.....	31,079 16
Miscellaneous.....	906 78
Total.....	42,240 48
Gross Income.....	\$260,193 92
Income Charges:	
Interest on Funded Debt.....	\$73,997 50
Debt Discount and Expense.....	17,806 59
Provision for Depreciation.....	19,055 75
Provision for Depreciation.....	19,055 75
Total.....	129,915 59
Net Income for the Year.....	\$130,278 33
Surplus, January 1st 1919.....	420,245 08
Profit on Sale of Property.....	196,429 00
Gross Surplus.....	\$746,952 41
Deduction—Dividend on Common Stock.....	400,000 00
Surplus December 31st 1919—Per Balance Sheet.....	\$346,952 41

## EQUITABLE COKE COMPANY

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST 1919

ASSETS	
Property and Plant.....	\$1,350,344 33
Stocks of Other Companies Owned.....	149,856 40
Sundry Items Affiliated Companies:	
Accounts Receivable.....	\$14,783 21
Temporary Loans.....	545,000 00
Total Sundry Items Affiliated Companies.....	559,783 21
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand.....	\$28,778 94
Accounts Receivable.....	32,716 12
Materials and Supplies.....	132 90
Unexpired Insurance.....	2,130 76
Total Current and Working Assets.....	63,758 27
Deferred Account—Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense.....	38,078 65
Total.....	\$2,161,821 31
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock—50 shares.....	\$5,000 00
Funded Debt:	
6% Serial Notes, dated December 1st 1919.....	1,200,000 00
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Payable.....	300,862 48
Current Liabilities—Accounts Payable.....	36,115 00
Accrued Liabilities—Not Due:	
Taxes.....	\$214,113 80
Interest on Funded Debt.....	6,000 00
Total Accrued Liabilities.....	220,113 80
Deferred Account—Other Unadjusted Credit.....	1,000 00
Reserves.....	51,777 62
Surplus.....	346,952 41
Total.....	\$2,161,821 31

## SEVENTEENTH STREET INCLINE PLANE COMPANY

## Summary of Income and Profit and Loss for the Year Ended December 31st 1919

Gross Earnings.....	\$42,950 78
Operating Expenses and Taxes:	
Operating Expenses:	
Maintenance of Way and Structures.....	\$988 82
Maintenance of Equipment.....	1,180 97
Power.....	2,874 46
Transportation.....	7,008 72
General and Miscellaneous.....	1,863 68
Total.....	\$33,916 65
Taxes.....	1,738 22
Total.....	35,654 87
Net Earnings.....	\$7,295 91
Other Income:	
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings.....	\$898 88
Interest and Discount.....	309 08
Total.....	1,207 96
Gross Income.....	\$8,503 87
Income Charge—Interest on Funded Debt.....	6,250 00
Surplus for the Year.....	\$2,253 87
Surplus, January 1st 1919.....	4,598 77
Surplus, December 31st 1919—Per Balance Sheet.....	\$6,852 64

## SEVENTEENTH STREET INCLINE PLANE COMPANY

## General Balance Sheet, December 31st 1919.

ASSETS	
Property and Franchises.....	\$370,445 08
Affiliated Company—Temporary Loan.....	10,000 00
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand.....	\$7,862 80
Accounts Receivable.....	639 16
Unexpired Insurance.....	273 93
Prepaid Accounts.....	123 52
Total Current and Working Assets.....	8,899 41
Total.....	\$389,344 49
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock—5,000 Shares.....	\$250,000 00
Funded Debt:	
First Mortgage, 5%, 30-year Gold Bonds dated Mar. 1 1905.....	125,000 00
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Payable.....	1,520 84
Current Liability—Accounts Payable.....	2,905 84
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes.....	\$981 84
Interest on Funded Debt.....	2,083 33
Total Accrued Liabilities.....	3,065 17
Surplus.....	6,852 64
Total.....	\$389,344 49

## THE BEAVER VALLEY TRACTION COMPANY

## PITTSBURGH AND BEAVER STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

## Consolidated General Balance Sheet, December 31st 1919

## (With all Inter-Company Items Eliminated)

ASSETS	
Property and Franchises.....	\$3,949,953 04
Stocks of Other Companies Owned.....	30,850 00
Sundry Items Affiliated Companies:	
Accounts Receivable.....	\$213 65
Advances for Construction.....	22,700 00
Total Sundry Items Affiliated Companies.....	22,913 65
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand.....	\$21,051 79
Special Deposits.....	6,000 00
Notes Receivable.....	1,409 88
Accounts Receivable.....	158,331 49
Materials and Supplies.....	39,954 06
Unexpired Insurance.....	927 55
Total Current and Working Assets.....	227,674 77
Deferred Accounts:	
Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense.....	\$40,407 64
Other Unadjusted Debits.....	95 00
Total Deferred Accounts.....	40,502 64
Deficit.....	342,242 87
Total.....	\$4,614,136 97
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock:	
The Beaver Valley Traction Company—	
21,500 shares.....	\$1,075,000 00
Pittsburgh and Beaver Street Railway Com-	
pany—4,700 shares.....	235,000 00
Total Capital Stock.....	\$1,310,000 00
Funded Debt:	
The Beaver Valley Traction Company:	
First Consolidated, 5%, 50 year Gold Bonds,	
dated October 1st 1900.....	\$675,000 00
General Mortgage, 5%, 50 year Gold Bonds,	
dated November 1st 1903.....	957 000 00
Equipment Trust Bonds, dated January 1st	
1917.....	60,000 00
Pittsburgh and Beaver Street Railway Company:	
First Mortgage, 5%, 50 year Gold Bonds,	
dated July 1st 1908.....	750,000 00
Total Funded Debt.....	2,442,000 00
Sundry Items Affiliated Companies:	
Temporary Loans.....	\$625,000 00
Accounts Payable.....	15,386 97
Interest Accrued on Funded Debt, Not Due.....	20,683 34
Matured Interest, Unpaid.....	135,253 33
Total Sundry Items Affiliated Companies.....	796,323 64
Current Liability—Accounts Payable.....	33,734 18
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes.....	\$10,129 99
Rentals.....	375 00
Interest on Funded Debt.....	14,479 16
Total Accrued Liabilities.....	24,984 15
Reserves.....	7,095 00
Total.....	\$4,614,136 97

THE BEAVER VALLEY TRACTION COMPANY  
PITTSBURGH AND BEAVER STREET RAILWAY COMPANY  
Summary of Consolidated Income and Profit and Loss for the Year Ended  
December 31st 1919.

(With Transactions between Companies Eliminated.)  
Gross Earnings from Street Railway Operations..... \$591,106 30  
Operating Expenses and Taxes:  
Operating Expenses:  
Maintenance of Way and Structures..... \$65,375 79  
Maintenance of Equipment..... 64,256 82  
Traffic..... 2,426 54  
Power..... 91,332 66  
Transportation..... 176,770 71  
General and Miscellaneous..... 74,539 00  
Total..... \$474,701 52  
Taxes..... 14,142 68  
Total..... 488,844 20  
Net Earnings from Street Railway Operations..... \$102,262 10  
Auxiliary Operations:  
Gross Earnings..... \$8,772 43  
Operating Expenses and Taxes..... 4,823 73  
Net Earnings..... 3,948 70  
Total Net Earnings..... \$106,210 80  
Other Income:  
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings..... \$860 96  
Interest and Discount..... 364 69  
Miscellaneous..... 236 61  
Total..... 1,462 26  
Gross Income..... \$107,673 06  
Income Charges:  
Interest on Funded Debt..... \$121,058 34  
Interest on Current Liabilities..... 40,124 37  
Rent of Leased Properties..... 6,291 24  
Debt Discount and Expense..... 1,184 26  
Miscellaneous..... 2,069 10  
Total..... 170,727 31  
Deficit for the Year..... \$63,054 25  
Deficit, January 1st 1919..... 279,188 62  
Deficit, December 31st 1919—Per Balance Sheet..... \$342,242 87

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

Office of President,  
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1 1920.

The President herewith submits his report for the fiscal year ended December 31 1919:

Conditions following the signing of the Armistice, which made necessary the adjustment of industrial activities from a war basis to a peace basis, resulted in decreased demand for electricity, although higher costs for labor and material prevailed and it was necessary to provide for deferred maintenance incident to reduction in man power and concentration of efforts towards maximum production during the period of the war, as a result of which the extraordinary maintenance required has been attended to and the property is in good physical condition.

As of December 31st 1919 there were 100,013 meters in service, an increase of 14,438, or 17 per cent as compared with the previous year, while the sales (exclusive of municipal street lighting) for the year amounted to 509,022,084 kilowatt hours, a decrease of 30,868,204 kilowatt hours, or 5.7 per cent, as compared with the previous year. Power sales decreased 61,061,878 kilowatt hours, or 21 per cent. The gross earnings were \$11,917,567, an increase of \$412,252, or 3.6%. A reduction in rates to domestic consumers was made effective July 1st.

During the latter part of the year additional power contracts could not be taken as in a number of cases the peak load was in excess of the rated capacity of the plants. This indicates the importance of increased facilities to supply available business and provide for development, particularly electric furnaces.

On July 1st, a First Mortgage and Collateral Trust was authorized for an issue of \$25,000,000 Thirty-year 6% gold bonds subject to increase to \$100,000,000. The proceeds of the issue of \$25,000,000 were used as follows:

For the redemption of Three-Year Collateral Trust 6% Notes on January 1st 1920..... \$12,000,000  
Reserved for retiring bonds of underlying companies..... 1,281,500

The remainder for construction purposes—Principally the construction of a new Power Plant with a 60,000 K. W. Unit at Cheswick, Pennsylvania, and additional transmission lines, &c.

Appreciation of their loyalty and service during the year is expressed to the officers and employees of the Company.

By direction of the Board,  
A. W. THOMPSON, President.

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY  
BEAVER COUNTY LIGHT COMPANY  
DIAMOND LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
PENNSYLVANIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
MIDLAND ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

Consolidated General Balance Sheet, December 31st 1919.  
(With all Inter-Company Items Eliminated.)

ASSETS  
Fixed Capital..... \$23,726,365 00  
Investments:  
Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies..... \$9,843,771 68  
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds..... 230,000 00  
U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness..... 150,000 00  
Property used in Other Public Services..... 1,453 31  
Advances to Affiliated Companies for Construction..... 160,364 84  
Other Investments..... 3,093 20  
Total Investments..... 10,388,683 03  
Reacquired Securities:  
Capital Stock—Duquesne Light Company..... \$200 00  
Bonds—Duquesne Light Company..... 1,281,500 00  
Bonds—Beaver County Light Company..... 100,500 00  
Bonds—Valley Electric Company..... 2,572 50  
Total Reacquired Securities..... 1,384,772 50  
Sinking Fund Assets..... 308 89

Special Deposits:  
Interest Special Deposits..... \$817,006 25  
Other Special Deposits..... 13,069,477 58  
Total Special Deposits..... 13,886,483 83  
Sundry Items Affiliated Companies:  
Notes Receivable (including those due from Philadelphia Company)..... \$1,232,821 86  
Accounts Receivable..... 45,850 12  
Temporary Loans..... 2,365,000 00  
Total Sundry Items Affiliated Companies..... 3,643,671 98  
Current and Working Assets:  
Cash at Bank and on Hand..... \$1,587,337 88  
Accounts Receivable..... 1,308,685 25  
Materials and Supplies..... 1,037,421 72  
Unexpired Insurance..... 18,329 12  
Prepaid Accounts..... 14,647 65  
Total Current and Working Assets..... 3,966,421 62  
Deferred Accounts:  
Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense..... \$1,598,357 51  
Preliminary Survey and Investigation Charges..... 1,949 25  
Other Unadjusted Debts..... 1,559,867 46  
Total Deferred Accounts..... 3,160,174 22  
Excess of Book Value over Par Value of Common Capital Stocks Eliminated Herein..... 616,525 90  
Total..... \$60,773,407 37

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock:  
Duquesne Light Company:  
Common—182,260 Shares..... \$18,226,000 00  
Preferred 7% Cumulative—59,410 Shares..... 5,941,000 00  
Pennsylvania Light and Power Company:  
Common—1 Share..... 50 00  
Total Capital Stock..... \$24,167,050 00  
Funded Debt:  
Duquesne Light Company:  
First Mortgage and Collateral Trust, Thirty Year 6% Gold Bonds, dated July 1st 1919..... \$25,000,000 00  
Three Year 6%, Secured Gold Notes, dated July 1st 1918..... 3,445,000 00  
Beaver County Light Company:  
First and Refunding Mortgage 5% 30-year Gold Bonds, dated May 2d 1910..... 609,000 00  
Valley Electric Company:  
First Mortgage, 6%, 30-Year Gold Bonds dated January 1st 1898..... 164,000 00  
Total Funded Debt..... 29,218,000 00  
Governmental Advance in Aid of Construction..... 578,000 00  
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Payable..... 75,240 75  
Current Liabilities:  
Accounts Payable..... \$1,021,442 83  
Workmen's Compensation..... 34,050 34  
Consumers' Deposits..... 149,665 89  
Service Billed in Advance..... 45,975 71  
Total Current Liabilities..... 1,251,134 27  
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:  
Taxes..... \$367,303 37  
Rentals..... 17,058 33  
Interest on Funded Debt..... 815,351 25  
Interest on Employees' Stock Subscriptions..... 58,716 00  
Reserved for Dividend on Preferred Stock..... 103,967 50  
Total Accrued Liabilities..... 1,362,396 45  
Deferred Account—Other Unadjusted Credits..... 40,304 34  
Reserves..... 1,974,808 45  
Surplus Invested in Fixed Capital After January 1st 1919..... 71,813 15  
Surplus..... 2,034,659 96  
Total..... \$60,773,407 37

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY  
BEAVER COUNTY LIGHT COMPANY  
DIAMOND LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
PENNSYLVANIA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY  
MIDLAND ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

Summary of Consolidated Income and Profit and Loss for the Year Ended  
December 31st 1919.

(With Transactions between Companies Eliminated.)

Gross Earnings..... \$11,917,566 53  
Operating Expenses and Taxes:  
Operating Expenses:  
Production..... \$4,425,273 36  
Electricity Purchased..... 44,107 31  
Transmission..... 406,578 49  
Distribution..... 502,647 23  
Utilization..... 228,053 90  
Commercial..... 179,886 75  
New Business..... 124,323 47  
General Administrative..... 323,148 30  
Other General..... 1,220,811 30  
Total..... \$7,454,830 11  
Taxes..... 323,064 81  
Total..... 7,777,894 92  
Net Earnings from Electric Operations..... \$4,139,671 61  
Net Earnings from Other Operations..... 272,293 87  
Other Income:  
Dividends and Interest from Investment Securities..... \$36,585 08  
Interest from Other Sources..... 165,880 10  
Total..... 202,465 18  
Gross Income..... \$4,614,430 66  
Deductions from Income:  
Rent for Lease of Electric Properties..... \$303,249 58  
Interest on Funded Debt..... 793,361 45  
Interest on Unfunded Debt..... 19,905 59  
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense..... 272,808 56  
Miscellaneous..... 488 40  
Total..... 1,389,813 58  
Net Income for the Year..... \$3,224,617 08  
Surplus, January 1st 1919..... 1,215,181 22  
Additions to Surplus:  
Premium on Securities Sold..... \$602 49  
Rent of Power Station Property previous to January 1st 1919..... 10,825 00  
Miscellaneous..... 228 59  
Total..... 11,456 08  
Gross Surplus..... \$4,451,254 38  
Deductions from Surplus:  
Dividends on Preferred Stock..... \$446,398 38  
Dividends on Common Stock..... 1,458,080 00  
Amortization of Debt Discount and Expense..... 408,143 67  
Premium on Debt Retired..... 66,740 00  
Miscellaneous..... 37,232 37  
Total..... 2,416,594 42  
Surplus, December 31st 1919—Per Balance Sheet..... \$2,034,659 96

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY
STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT OF LEASED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

Table with 4 columns: Company Name, Issued and Outstanding, Amount Owned by Duquesne Light Company, and Amount in the Hands of Public. Lists various subsidiary companies and their respective debt amounts.

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL STOCK SHARES OF OTHER CORPORATIONS OWNED AT DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

Table with 4 columns: Company Name, Number of Shares, Type of Stock, and Total Shares. Lists companies like Pennsylvania Light and Power Company and their shareholdings.

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND POWER STATISTICS

Table with 8 columns: Metric, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914. Lists statistics such as power station generating capacity, miles of distribution lines, and arc lamps supplied.

Year Ended December 31st 1919
COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Details commercial department activities, including meters in service, contracts, and lamp sales.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Details distribution department activities, including duct feet of conduit, miles of various lines, and poles set.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY STEAM HEATING COMPANY

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Summary of income and profit/loss, including gross earnings, operating expenses, taxes, and net earnings.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST 1919.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. General balance sheet showing assets (Property, Current, Total) and liabilities (Capital Stock, Sundry, Current, Total).

(J. H.) Williams & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—White, Weld & Co., New York; Citizens Commercial Trust Co. and O'Brien, Potter & Co., Buffalo, are offering at 97 and int., to yield about 7 3/4%, \$1,500,000 Five-Year 7% Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series A. Circular shows: Dated June 15 1920, due June 15 1925. Interest payable J. & D. at Columbia Trust Co., New York, or Citizens Commercial Trust Co., Buffalo, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Red., all or part, (with int.) on or before June 15 1921 at 102; after June 15 1921, and on or before June 15 1922 at 101 1/2; after June 15 1922, and on or before June 15 1924, at 101; on Dec. 15 1924 at 100 1/2. Auth., \$3,000,000. Company.—Established in 1882. Is the largest maker of drop-forgings and drop-forged tools in the United States. Plants at Brooklyn and Buffalo. Is now acquiring the drop-forging and drop-forged tool business of Whitman & Barnes Mfg. Co., with plants at Chicago, Ill., and St. Catharines, Ont. Current sales are at the rate of \$10,000,000 a year. Capital authorized, \$5,000,000; outstanding, \$1,000,000.

Sales and Net Profits Calendar Years. 1915. 1916. 1917. 1918. 1919. Sales.—\$2,869,124 \$4,543,335 \$6,844,018 \$9,366,849 \$7,684,189 Net bef. taxes.— 598,638 1,327,238 1,757,901 1,589,464 798,705 Net aft. taxes.— 587,275 1,304,147 1,240,488 923,490 620,446 Purpose.—\$1,000,000 will be applied as part consideration in acquiring new properties, and \$500,000 will be added to the working capital.—V. 108, p. 85. Worcester (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Increased Rates.—The Mass. Department of Public Utilities has authorized the company to increase tentatively its price for gas to \$1.50 per 1,000 cu. ft., to run for a test period of six months.—V. 109, p. 1707. Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp.—Dividends.—A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 21. An initial dividend of \$1.50 was paid in April last.—V. 110, p. 1080, 977.

Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—Dividend.—A dividend of 5% has been declared on the Common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. A like amount was paid in April last and in May and November 1919.—V. 110, p. 1195, 1096. Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—No 400% Stock Div.—The stockholders on June 1 rejected the proposition to increase the stock from \$20,000,000 to \$100,000,000 with a view to a 400% stock dividend. Fear that soldiers' bonus legislation would provide for a heavy tax on stock dividends caused the shareholders to delay action on the increase, it was indicated. It was not decided whether future action would be taken later.—V. 110, p. 1983, 1855.

CURRENT NOTICES —Colgate, Parker & Co. announce that Darragh A. Park becomes a general partner and Louis Dupont Irving, formerly a general partner becomes a special partner in their firm as of June 2. —The Columbia Trust Co. has received appointment as Transfer Agent of Swan & Finch Cos' \$2,000,000 capital stock, and will also act as dividend distributing agent. —Douglas Fenwick & Co., 34 Wall St., N. Y. City, have issued a circular setting forth the attractive features of Arkansas Natural Gas Co. stock and "rights." —The Liberty National Bank of N. Y. has been appointed Registrar of Bayuk Brothers, Inc., 8% Cumul. Conv. Sinking Fund Pref. stock. —The American Exchange National Bank has been appointed transfer agent of the capital stock of the Elvin Mechanical Stoker Co. —The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent of the Pref. and Com. stock of Archibald Coal Corp. —The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed Transfer Agent of the stock of the Bayuk Brothers, Inc.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, June 4 1920.

The slackening of trade throughout the United States is still very noticeable. Business is apparently on a smaller scale than at any time for more than a year past. Cancellations are causing woolen and shoe manufacturers to close down or shorten their time of work. And it is now stated that the affairs of the big Union Wool Co. of Nevada have been placed in the hands of Boston bank creditors. It is evident that trade has shrunk to a point where the extraordinary prices which had prevailed for some years past can no longer be counted upon. It is said that even though wool prices should be cut to the quick the demand at the present time could not be greatly stimulated, if at all. It certainly seems to be a fact beyond controversy that as a rule, to increase business, prices must be decreased. Some of the woolen and worsted mills are running on four days a week time. Silk has declined sharply again in Japan and in this country silk goods share the dulness of woolen and leather goods. Cotton goods are dull but prices are more easily sustained than those for other textiles, partly because the prospects point at the present time to the sixth short crop in succession. But the tendency of prices for clothing is evidently downward. The people are economizing. Of that fact there can be no question. And it is having its effect. A cold late spring has also had an undeniable influence. It has helped the people to fight high prices. And retail trade is not greatly stimulated by cuts in prices, except here and there. Retailers, however, have undoubtedly lightened their stocks. But wholesalers and manufacturers are in different case. They have been hard hit by bad weather, popular economy and car shortage, so that they are supposed to hold rather large stocks of merchandise. This they are endeavoring to correct by the adoption of shorter time at the mills. But meantime the retailer holds aloof. He has shifted the load to the wholesaler and the manufacturer.

The dulness of business has hit labor. Thousands have had to be laid off on account of poor markets and shorter time. And in the building trades labor is becoming more tractable for the reason that the cost of building is so high and the difficulties of getting a flat contract with labor so great that construction has fallen off very noticeably at some cities. One effect of decreased building is a decline in lumber. The lumber mills now have to hunt for business. Cars are more plentiful and coal production is larger. But coal prices are still very high. Coke sells for treble what it did a year ago. Failures, though fewer in number than in recent years, show an increase as to liabilities. Federal discounts on commercial and industrial paper have been raised to 7%. Food prices, on the other hand, are gradually declining though most grain is higher than a week ago. Butter is 4 cents per pound lower. The outlook for the wheat crop is more favorable. And wheat is 10 cents a bushel lower than recently. It seems that interior banks are beginning to advise grain holders to sell. On the whole, American business is in an orderly process of readjustment to a gradual decline in prices. Decreased or under production is being measurably offset by decreased consumption. This is one of the new and more striking features of the times in the American world of business.

Manufacturers of shoes and woolens in the Boston district are retrenching. The A. J. Bates shoe factory will close as soon as orders on hand are completed. The Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. will curtail its output in the worsted department to four days a week; the American Woolen Co. is working four days only and Blackington Co.'s mill at North Adams will go on a four-day week schedule. It is estimated that the shoe production of the Brockton district will be reduced 25% from last year. A Boston dispatch says that the affairs of the Union Wool Co. of Nevada have been placed in the hands of Boston bank creditors. The committee consists of President Stockton of Old Colony Trust, Wing of First National and Beal of Second National. The Union Wool Co., it is said, has liabilities of between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 which bankers believe is adequately covered by wool, receivable, cash and warehouse property. The Union Wool Co. has not made an assignment and none will be necessary if time is permitted for the orderly adjustment of affairs. Its holdings of wool will not be thrown on the market, it is stated, but will be merchandised as though the company were in command of its own business. But plainly this is a very different state of affairs from that which prevailed in the wool trade at the opening of the present year and for some months thereafter, and conservative people will keep it in mind without however assigning undue importance to it. But wool is very dull at the existing high prices. Marked improvement in freight conditions at the city terminals is reported by B. C. Craig, chairman of the terminal committee, which has been charged by the Inter-State Commerce Commission with the supervision of a program for restoring normal service here. All the railroads have close to their normal forces at the terminals, but the strike of tug and lightermen employed by the railroads is still causing trouble.

An attempt by outlaw labor leaders to start a new railroad strike in Chicago last Saturday failed. The leaders pre-

dicted that 35,000 would go out, whereas hardly 350 did. Four thousand eight hundred tons of granulated sugar arrived at New York on Saturday from Czecho-Slovakia via Hamburg. Sugar from European countries is expected to reach here within the next few weeks. It is badly wanted. Hides and leather have recently been declining in the United States. Even in Berlin hides have fallen in the last few weeks 40 to 70%, causing a sharp reduction in the price of shoes. B. M. Jewell, acting President of the Railroad Shopmen's Union declares, it is of interest to note, that a minimum yearly wage of \$2,500 should be paid the railroad common laborers. Governor Smith of New York is calling upon all private and State agencies and private citizens to assist in relieving the shortage of labor in connection with the farming industry.

A Kansas wheat grower, here looking for farm hands, says he can place 600 emigrants in his district. Ellis Island is again crowded with immigrants. During the first five months of this year 150,000 arrived, or at the rate of 1,000 a day. In the year 1919 only 141,132 landed in this country. 50% now arriving are Italians. But, according to Byron H. Uhl, Assistant Commissioner at Ellis Island, about half the immigrants passing through here so far this year have been widows and children, therefore of little industrial value to the country and the best part of the others have been Italian reservists of the laboring class, who know what they want to do and where to go to do it. The latest strike is that of 1,500 waiters. Patrons in many restaurants served themselves. Some 300 small restaurants were tied up. Hotels were not affected. The waiters want \$5 more a week.

LARD lower; prime Western 20.95@21.05c.; refined to the Continent 23.50c.; South American 23.75c.; Brazil in kegs 24.75c. Futures declined somewhat with lower prices for hogs and selling by packers and local operators. Also everybody expected a bearish statement of stocks of product. Supplies are more than ample for the current demand, and there is little speculation. To-day prices advanced, but they closed lower than last Friday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery.....	cts. 21.10	Holl-	20.97	20.95	20.87	20.97
September delivery.....	21.90	day	21.87	21.82	21.77	21.82

PORK steady; mess \$41@42; family \$50@53. July ended at 33.85c. and September at \$35, July being 30c. lower than a week ago and September unchanged. Beef higher; mess \$18@20; packet \$17@19; extra India mess \$40@42. Cut meats firm; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 30% @30% c.; picnic, 18 1/2 @19% c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 26 @28c. Butter, creamery extras, 56 1/2 @57c. Cheese, flats, 26 @31c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 48 @48 1/2 c.

COFFEE on the spot has been quiet but steady; No. 7 Rio, 15 1/4 @15 1/2 c.; No. 4 Santos, 23 1/2 @24c.; fair to good Cucuta, 21 1/2 @22c. Futures gave way partly on a decline at Rio. They have been accepting lower bids there apparently to stimulate business. New Orleans importers are said to have been selling also. The discount rate here on commercial bills has been raised to 7%. Some thought this may also have had some effect. Meantime the spot trade is light and speculation is not animated. To-day prices advanced and they end a little up for the week.

July.....	cts. 19.20	December.....	cts. 17.50 @17.60
August.....	19.00 @19.10	January.....	15.60 @15.70
September.....	18.90 @19.00		

SUGAR on the spot has been quiet and is now easier. Operators have paid 20c. c. and f. for Cuba; Cuba cost and freight sold at 19 1/2 c. At the same time there have been rumors that Java sugar could be had at something under prices for Cuba. Centrifugal, 96-degrees test Cuban, 20.56c.; Porto Rican 20.50c. Granulated 21.50@23.90c. Futures have advanced. About 4,800 tons have arrived here from Czecho-Slovakia. Sugar is coming from all parts of the world, partly owing to the very favorable rates of exchange, to say nothing of the very attractive prices current here. But the fact is that the market can absorb these importations to all appearance with ease at least at the present time. Czech sugar could be had, it is said, at 14c.; 360,000 tons could be brought here. Meanwhile the Cuban season is nearing an end. There are only 66 centrals working, against 136 a year ago. Last week receipts at Cuban ports dropped to 76,110 tons, against 100,945 the week previous and 98,465 a year ago. On the other hand, however, exports fell to 83,723 tons, against 100,329 tons last week and 62,956 last year; stocks are down to 661,762 tons, against 669,375 tons recently and 1,192,732 tons a year ago. To-day futures fell but they end higher for the week. A Seattle, Wash., dispatch says Japanese centrifugal sugar can be laid down in Seattle for approximately \$17 a hundred lbs., according to information received from Kobe by a Seattle importing company to-day. The information said between 80,000 and 90,000 tons were available for export. Another firm announced 55,000 tons of Japanese, Formosa and Javanese sugar would be shipped direct to New York and about 5,000 tons to San Francisco.

June.....	cts. 15.05 @15.10	December.....	cts. 14.80 @14.81
July.....	15.15 @15.20	March.....	14.80 @14.81
September.....	14.88 @14.90		

OILS.—Linseed quiet but steady. Crushers are busy making deliveries on old contracts, but new business is absent. There is considerable being offered for resale. Coconut oil, Ceylon, barrels, 18 1/2 @19c.; Cochin, 18 1/2 @18 3/4 c. Olive, \$3 20 @3 25. Corn, car lots, 20c. Cot-



In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Table with columns: June 4 at, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Cont., Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, New York\*, and Other ports\*.

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery awakened after four holidays at 1 o'clock on the 2d inst. with a sudden rise of some 70 to 80 points, owing to a Government crop report of 62.4 against 75.6 a year ago and a ten-year average of 78.7.

But on the other hand, the crop outlook is certainly regarded as threatening. The report of 62.4 on the 2d inst. was much the worst ever known for this time of the year.

farm hands are as scarce at the South as they are in other parts of the country, and this fact menaces the cotton yield as it does the yield of food.

To-day prices advanced for a time on heavy rains in Texas, La. and Ala., and then reacted some 40 to 50 points from the top ending at a small net decline for the day.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

May 29 to June 4— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Middling uplands..... Hol. Hol. 40.00 40.00 40.00 40.00

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table of historical cotton quotations from 1920 to 1889, listing years and corresponding price values.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement.

Table with columns: Spot, Market Closed, Futures, Market Closed, SALES (Spot, Contr't., Total). Rows for Saturday through Friday and a Total row.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table of futures prices for months from June to May, including columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and a Week column.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets including Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Augusta, Memphis, Dallas, Houston, and Little Rock.

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.

Table showing visible supply of cotton from June 4 to June 4, 1920. Includes categories like Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Total Great Britain, Total European stocks, and Total visible supply.

Table showing Continental imports for past week. Includes categories like Middling uplands, Middling uplands New York, Egyptian, good sakes, and Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.

Continentals imports for past week have been 61,000 bales. The above figures for 1920 show a decrease from last week of 130,823 bales, a gain of 599,580 bales over 1919, an excess of 1,944,822 bales over 1918 and a gain of 2,113,657 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:

Large table showing movement to June 4 1920 and Movement to June 6 1919. Columns include Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, June), and Stocks (Week, June). Rows list various towns like Ala., Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Helena, etc.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 21,977 bales and are to-night 197,417 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 77,232 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1. Includes categories like Shipments, Deduct Shipments, Total gross overland, and Leaving total net overland.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 35,349 bales, against 42,320 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 316,464 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings. Includes categories like Receipts at ports to June 4, Net overland to June 4, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Came into sight during week, Total in sight June 4, and North. spinners' takings to June 4.

Movement into sight in previous years: 1918—June 7—152,067 bales; 1917—June 8—121,497 bales; 1916—June 9—142,467 bales.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing cotton contract market quotations for Saturday through Friday. Columns include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON TON CONDITION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington issued on June 2 its report on cotton condition as follows:

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Statistics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, estimates, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the condition of the cotton crop on May 25 was 62.4% of a normal, as compared with 75.6% on May 25 1919, 82.3% on May 25 1918, 69.5% on May 25 1917 and 78.7% the average of the past ten years on May 25. Comparisons of conditions, by States, follow:

Table showing comparisons of cotton conditions by States. Includes columns for State, May 25, 1918, 1917, 1916, and 10-yr. Averages. Rows list Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, California, Arizona, and All others.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our reports by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that rain has been quite general during the week, and while light in the main has been excessive at a few points. Temperature has been more favorable. Texas reports that weevils have

appeared in Southern districts and as wet weather will tend to propagate them, a dry spell is now needed. Improvement in Alabama is noted.

Texas—General.—The week opened with ideal crop weather but closed with moderate to heavy rains, mostly general. Wet weather will probably tend to propagate weevils and other insects which have appeared in southern district. A dry spell is now needed.

Table with columns: Rain. Rainfall. Thermometer. Lists weather data for various locations like Galveston, Texas, Abilene, etc.

Mobile, Ala.—Weather generally favorable and good progress has been made, with cultivation. Growth is improving. Scattered showers in the interior beneficial. The water is now off of low lands.

Table with columns: Rain. Rainfall. Thermometer. Lists weather data for locations like Decatur, Montgomery, Selma, etc.

COTTON CONSUMPTION AND OVERLAND MOVEMENT TO MAY 1.

Table showing consumption and movement statistics for April and 9 months periods, including items like Gross overland for April, Net overland for April, etc.

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.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports:

Table with columns: Week ending, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations. Shows weekly data for April, May, and June.

The above statement shows: 1. That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1919 are 6,803,410 bales; in 1918-19 were 5,610,540 bales, and in 1917-18 were 6,058,867 bales. 2. That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 37,888 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 15,911 bales, the balance taken from stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 132,788 bales and for 1918 they were 28,023 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1919-20, 1918-19. Includes data for Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, etc.

† Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. A This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,118,000 bales in 1919-20 and 3,029,000 bales in 1918-19—takings not being available—and aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,442,206 bales in 1919-20 and 8,203,812 bales in 1918-19, of which 7,519,206 bales and 5,764,812 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending May 13 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table with columns: May 13, Receipts at—, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Shows weekly and seasonal receipts for Bombay.

Table with columns: Exports from—, For the Week, Since August 1. Includes sub-columns for Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total.

\* 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 12 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, May 12, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Shows receipts in cantars.

Table with columns: Exports (bales), Week, Since Aug. 1, 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18. Shows exports to Liverpool, Manchester, etc.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 12 were 28,059 cantars and the foreign shipments 9,800 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET. Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is featureless. We give prices for to-day below and also those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1920, 1919. Shows prices for 32s Cop Twists, 8 1/2 lb. Shirts, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table with columns: Shipments in detail, Total bales. Lists shipping routes like New York to Havre, Galveston to Liverpool, etc.



demand at higher prices. At one time, however, the advance acted as a check on trade. Still it is believed that Europe needs large supplies of American rye to take the place of wheat. Some 300,000 bushels were sold later for export June-July and August shipment. Snow says rye indicated crop is 83,000,000 against 88,000,000 last year. The barley indicated crop is 175,000,000 against 166,000,000 last year. To-day prices declined, but they close higher for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

No. 1 white	Sat. 140-142	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	140-142	Holi.	135-138	133-136	133-135	133-135
		day.	135-138	133-136	133-135	133-135

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

July delivery in elevator	Sat. 88½	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator	Holi. 75¼	day.	78	79½	78¾	78¾

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

July delivery	Sat. 200	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery	Holi. 192¼	day.	192¼	193¼	191	186¾

The following are closing quotations:

<b>FLOUR</b>		<b>Barley goods—Portage barley</b>	
Spring patents	\$14 50@15 50	No. 1	\$7 25
Winter straights, soft	13 25@14 25	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, pearl	6 50
Kansas straights	13 75@14 75	Nos. 2, 3 and 4, 8-0	7 25@7 40
Rye flour	11 75@12 50	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0	7 50
Corn goods, 100 lbs.		Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal	4 72¼@5 10	spot delivery	10 35@11 10
Corn flour	5 00 @5 25		
<b>GRAIN</b>			
<b>Wheat</b>		<b>Oats</b>	
No. 2 red	\$3 12@3 18	No. 1	133@135
No. 1 spring	nom.	No. 2 white	133@135
<b>Corn</b>		No. 3 white	133@135
No. 2 yellow	2 20¼	<b>Barley</b>	
<b>Rye</b>		Feeding	175
No. 2	2 50	Malting	180

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 1.**—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influences of the weather for the week ending June 1, is as follows:

**COTTON.**—It was too cool for satisfactory advance of cotton during the first half of the week in the more eastern districts, however, and too cool and wet for best results in the extreme northwestern portion of the belt; elsewhere the weather was favorable and cotton made fairly satisfactory advance. Growth was retarded in North Carolina by cool nights, and more moisture is needed in that State, but a general improvement was reported from South Carolina, although the nights were too cool for best growth. Planting was nearly completed in Georgia, and while progress of the crop has been fair, the plants are small and the stand irregular. Progress was fairly good in Alabama but the crop continued in very poor to fair condition in that State, while extensive replanting will make much of the crop late in Tennessee.

**WINTER WHEAT.**—Under the influence of seasonable temperature and sufficient soil moisture winter wheat continued to show material improvement throughout the week just closed. The progress of the crop was reported as good in practically all the principal producing States, while conditions were especially favorable in the central Great Plains. The condition of this crop continues rather poor, however, in most sections east of the Mississippi River, although in parts of the Ohio Valley States it is satisfactory.

**SPRING WHEAT.**—The weather continued favorable in the spring wheat belt and that crop made good to excellent advance during the week in practically all districts where grown. Excellent progress was reported from Illinois and very good advance from Iowa, but the condition of the crop in the latter State continues rather unsatisfactory.

**CORN.**—With ample sunshine and little precipitation corn planting made excellent progress during the week in central and northern portions of the country and this work is now practically completed in many important corn-growing sections. There remains considerable corn to be planted, however, in some sections where wet weather has prevailed during much of the spring, particularly in southern portions of Indiana and Illinois and in south-central Illinois.

For other tables usually given here see page 2359.

**THE DRY GOODS TRADE**

*New York, Friday Night, June 4 1920.*

The week closed with a slightly better feeling in the textile markets. Some jobbers speak more hopefully of the future, and say that their chief trouble just now is to get the goods their customers want, and which should have been delivered some time ago. The tangled up condition of transportation continues to be a disquieting factor and is improving, if at all, very slowly. Older merchants are inclined to think that little or no business should be looked for this month until after the political conventions are out of the way; and they point out that the present price-cutting movement has been toward stimulating buying by the public, but that nothing is being done towards stimulating production. Mills on whom high wage costs are being imposed by the conditions of the time are foreseeing that they must absorb a large part of the additional costs in the margins of profit already existing. Labor's excessive demands continue to hamper the textile industry. The effect of the closing down of the woolen mills is reflected in the raw wool markets, where prices are downward and transactions few. According to despatches from Boston, approximately \$1,000,000 will be added to the weekly pay rolls of the New England textile mills as a result of the general increase in wages which went into effect on June 1. The strike in the New Bedford mills has failed. The break in the London wool market was not unexpected by many and is taken in the trade to mean the end of the skying of wool values everywhere. Prices for wool are due for a further stiff decline, according to the best opinions in the trade. There is said to be an abundance to go around, and there are now enough ships available to bring all the wool that will be needed. Banks are forcing the trade to force the surplus stocks they have been hoarding into cash for their own needs. Stocks are not moving as fast as retailers expected they would, notwithstanding the reduced prices; and it is believed the public remains skeptical as to advertised versus real values. Several large Chicago department stores, it is reported, will inaugu-

rate 20% reduction sales shortly. Up to this time these sales, it is said, have not been conducted by the larger and best established firms. There are some large factors in the markets who would like to place cloth orders for June and July if they found sellers inclined to come nearer to their price views. The first real signs of lower prices are interpreted for the distant future in lower raw material prices; but they will not be translated into merchandise for actual use for many a month to come. So far the drop in raw products is adequate only to compensate increases given labor. News of the response to the issuing of gingham prices traveled fast in the markets and appeared to give buyers considerable new confidence. While the gingham market is stronger than some other divisions, there are some merchants who doubted whether forward business could be secured at this time. Inward manifests of ships arriving in New York lately show increasingly large shipments of dry goods.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—Inherent strength in some lines of cotton goods was indicated by the quick response of the trade to the offerings of gingham for spring, 1921, by a leading factor early in the week. It is reported that tentative orders have been placed for almost the entire production, and it is expected that the offering will be withdrawn before the week is out. Many quick acceptances in cotton piece goods have been recorded lately, and especially in sheetings. Sheetings are firmer with some buyers ready to accept any good grades offered at current secondhand quotations. Substantial sales of 5.50 sheetings were reported towards the close of the week at 16¼c. for spot and June delivery, and offerings were freely made for July delivery at 16¼c. Active demand and firmer prices featured the local market for gray goods. Bids of 23½c. again failed to bring out 38½ inch 64-60s for quick delivery, but sales of these goods were made for July and for August at 23 and 22c., respectively. 39-inch 64-64s quoted at 23½c. Retailers realize that there must be a lower level of prices if business is to continue, and they are looking to jobbers for future deliveries of goods at lower prices, and not the advanced values talked of in jobbing circles. In lowering the cost of goods, however, it is declared raw products and labor must be controlled. The slowly reeding prices of some raw materials is not yet taken as sufficient to help much. Reports from the cotton belt are distinctly disappointing to merchants as well as to manufacturers. The Government report on June 2 fixing the condition of cotton in the field as of May 25 at 62.4% came like a bolt from the blue, and exerted a depressing effect on an already badly depressed situation. If the grim prospect prophesized by this report is realized, the present crop will be the sixth short cotton crop in succession, with the present crop the poorest.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—The woolen and worsted trade has passed through another eventful week, in which business continues to fall off. The market is reported as glutted with woollens and worsteds of all kinds, and this is taken as a serious indication that the consumer will hold off buying until there is a substantial reduction in prices. The wool goods trade is especially unsettled in those quarters where cancellations are expected. Consumers who really need goods and will buy them when they know they are not being exploited are showing that they have a reserve purchasing power, which they propose to use economically. By the time mills are ready to announce spring woolen prices, probably not before August 1 in most cases, it is believed that cutters will know that the tide has turned. But the announcement that 20% price reductions in the woolen and worsted market next fall would be made possible by mills is disputed in some quarters. It is believed that this recession is impossible before the spring, if then. Fabrics adapted to the cutting-up trade have suffered recessions during the past two weeks. In general, the Government and the press are blamed for the great volume of cancellations of woollens and worsteds that have been piled up by the retail trade.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Trading in linens was reported by linen houses as more active during the past ten days. The impetus given to retailing by price-slashing over all the country saw a flareback in an increased demand for linens, and retailers plunged into the market for many goods required in their continuing sales started without many stocks of linens behind them, and felt that they were being favored when allowed to secure the goods at the last price paid for them. Persistent bidding that netted nothing save higher prices, and further declarations from mills of inability to deliver, have rendered primary linen markets a "slow" affair for many weeks; and it is the hope of large buyers that the quiet period will have as its aftermath an elimination of the speculative orders that accumulated before manufacturers were aware of what was happening in a trade where customers were ready to pay any price for goods long needed and denied. Bids on any good qualities of spots in towelings, crases, dress linens and many of the damasks are readily made. Linen substitutes have also been enjoying a steady sale, it being recognized that until there is an increased production of flax substitutes will have to be endured. Burlap markets continue weak, due in some measure to the congestion of the cloth on the coasts. 8-40s are quoted on basis of 8.15c, and 10½-40s at 11.75 to 12 c. Calcutta is reported as holding steady because of the closeness of prices to cost; and Dundee is firm in its ideas of jute goods values.













**FERTILE VALLEY R. M., Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—Newspapers report that an issue of \$5,000 municipal office debentures has been authorized.

**GALT, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—An election is to be held on June 19 for the purpose of voting on a by-law to issue \$30,000 debentures.

**HALIFAX, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$500,000 6% 10-year debentures, which were offered in place of the \$82,490 5½% and 6% 10-year and 33-year debentures for which tenders were rejected on May 6—V. 110, p. 2221—have been disposed of on a 6.25% basis through brokers at a commission of 1¼%.

**LACHINE, Que.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The council has authorized the issuance of \$246,000 sewer, water-works, sidewalk, public bath, floating debt, and housing debentures, according to reports.

**MacDONALD R. M. (P. O. Sanford), Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$40,000 6% 20-year installment road debentures has been awarded to the Bond & Debenture Co. of Winnipeg. Date Jan. 1 1920.

**MANITOBA (Province of)—DEBENTURES SOLD IN PART.**—The following bids, according to reports, were received for the \$2,769,000 6% 5-year debentures, offered on May 26—V. 110, p. 2221:

Wood, Gundy & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., Dominion Securities Corp., Toronto, and Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, 89.66 for \$2,000,000, with an option for two weeks on the balance, or 89.39 for the whole block.

Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Toronto; Halsey Stuart & Co., Chicago; Wm. A. Ross & Co., Winnipeg, 89.57 for \$1,769,000, with an option on the balance of \$1,000,000.

National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., 88.88 for the whole block. W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Continental and Commercial Trust Co., Chicago; E. H. Rollins & Son, Boston; W. R. Compton & Co., New York and Chicago, 88.65.

All these offers were for payment in American funds. An award was made of \$2,000,000 of the debentures to the syndicate headed by Wood, Gundy & Co. on its bid of 89.66.

**PIPESTONE (P. O. Reston), Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Tenders will be received until June 25 by G. F. Birney, Municipality Secretary-Treasurer, for the following 5½% debentures:

\$80,000 30-year installment road debentures. Installments of principal and interest payable annually on Jan. 1.

13,000 20-year telephone debentures. Int. F. & A. Principal payable at end of 20 years.

These debentures are guaranteed by the Provincial Government of Manitoba.

**St. PIERRE HILL, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Rene T. Leclere of Montreal has purchased \$330,000 6% debentures. Denom \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), pay-

able at the Royal Bank of Canada, in Montreal or Quebec. Due May 1 1925.

**SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The following, according to the "Montreal Times" of Toronto, is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from April 26 1920 to May 12 1920:

10-years, 8% installment—Antelope Valley, \$3,650; Roseleaf, \$1,200. 10-years, 8% annuity—Sunny Brae, \$1,000; South Loverna, \$4,500; South Dean, \$2,500; Sunkist, \$4,250; Quinton, \$13,500; Arbor Hill, \$600; Beaver Bank, \$4,900; Conquest, \$33,000; Wheatwyn, \$5,000; Truax, \$4,500; Beverill, \$1,250; Birson, \$2,800; Molewood, \$4,200; Parkbeg Village, \$1,400; Rose Leaf, \$1,200; Manchester, \$300; Bianfait, \$30,000. 10-years, 8% annuity—Dressler, \$2,000; Wiley, \$1,000; Lunville, \$1,000; Lunby, \$2,000. Abbey, \$16,000, 7%, 20-years, annuity; Marlin, \$2,500 7½%, 20-years, annuity.

**DEBENTURE SALE.**—Debentures reported sold by the Local Government Board from April 26 to May 12 1920 aggregating \$175,850, are as follows:

Schools—Eyebrow Town, \$20,000; Hawarden, \$28,000; Quinton, \$13,500; Weyburn, \$80,000; Harris, Read & Co., Regina. Durham, \$1,200; Regina P. S. Board. Queensville, \$800; J. R. Trumppour, Alameda. Rosthern, \$7,000; care Imperial Bank, Rosthern. Deer Run, \$2,750; Nay & James, Regina. Thorncliffe, \$500; Rose Town Sinking Fund. Little Moose Lake, \$3,800; Bon Accord, \$3,600; Waterman-Waterbury, Regina. Standard, \$1,000. Tarnopol, \$1,000; H. H. Campkin, Regina. Badger, \$700; Arons, \$2,500; Canada Landed and National, Winnipeg. Arran, \$4,000; Teepe, \$4,500; T. K. McCallum, Saskatoon. Andersonville, \$1,000; J. D. Robertson, Mortlach.

**SCÉPRE, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The village has been given authority to issue \$2,800 sidewalk debentures, it is stated.

**SHAUNAVON, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until June 21 by F. G. Horsey, Town Clerk, for \$15,500 7% fire dept. improvement debentures.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.**—On June 19, it is stated, an election is to be held to vote on the issuance of \$1,425,000 debentures.

**VANTAGE, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—It is reported that the Local Government Board has authorized the village to issue \$1,200 street grading and sidewalk debentures.

**WINDSOR (P. O. Windsor Mills), Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$45,000 5½% debentures has been purchased by Rene T. Leclere of Montreal. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Date Nov. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.), payable at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Windsor, Montreal and Quebec. Due Nov. 1 1923.

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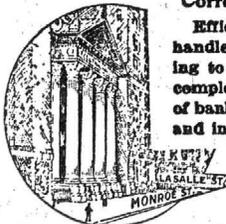
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