

STATE AND CITY SECTION.

A new number of our "State and City Section," revised to date, appears to-day, and all readers of the paper who are subscribers should receive a copy of it. As previously announced, this Supplement is now printed in two parts, Part One containing the New England, Central and Middle States, having been issued last July, while Part Two, embracing the rest of the country, appears to-day. The change is due to the fact that with the growth and multiplication of the municipalities of the United States the demand for additional space has become too heavy to satisfy within the limits of a single number.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

There has been further liquidation in securities on the Stock Exchange this week, with new low levels of prices in many directions, and in Wall Street, as in the agricultural and manufacturing districts, Christmas is shrouded in gloom. It does not tend to dispel the gloom to be told that we are merely passing through a period of adjustment and deflation and that after the process has been completed all will be well. This week the selling has been what is familiarly called "urgent," which means that groups of unfortunate speculators have been unable to respond to the demands of the money-lenders for additional margins, and hence have been unceremoniously closed out. Their stuff has been sold for what it would fetch, without regard as to how it would leave those who perchance may suffer financial extinction as a result of the application of the process. The banks cannot run any chances in the matter, and their first duty is to themselves; obviously, too, they must always proceed in protection of the vast interests consigned to their care. In these circumstances the prices recorded for the stocks and bonds especially affected no longer afford an index to the value of the properties themselves. They are indicative only of the necessities of those identified with them.

Every one is familiar with the maxim that Wall Street and the financial markets always discount the future. But obviously the maxim, while true, must be accepted with qualifications, and never too literally applied. In the present instance, if the extent of the declines which have taken place is any indication of the depth of the depression in store for the country, then hard times are ahead. The fact, however, that the selling is forced, impairs the value of any such inferences. One other consideration must be borne in mind on this occasion. The present decline is unlike any other decline of equal magnitude of which there is any record in Stock Exchange annals. We have reference to the circumstance that among substantial financial interests the atmosphere remains entirely serene. No loss of confidence in the future is anywhere in evidence.

In illustration we would point to the fact that new loan flotations are proceeding in utter disregard of what is happening in the security markets. And these new loan flotations are proving a success, too—otherwise they would not be kept up in a continuous procession week after week. Note the offering last week of \$25,000,000 Standard Oil Company (of California) 10-year, 7% gold debentures, and the offering the present week of \$30,000,000 7% debentures by the Standard Oil Company of New York; also the offering of \$8,000,000 Cerro de

Pasco Copper Corporation 10-year convertible 8% gold bonds; the \$10,000,000 Kansas City Power & Light Co. first and refunding mtge. 20-year 8% gold bonds; the \$10,000,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. of San Francisco 1st and ref. mtge. 20-year gold bonds; the \$6,500,000 Riordon & Co., Ltd., Montreal, 20-year sinking fund 1st and ref. 8% gold bonds; the \$4,000,000 8% 10-year sinking fund gold bonds of the General Asphalt Co.; the \$5,000,000 1st ref. mtge. s. f. 7½% gold bonds of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore; and the \$5,000,000 8% 12-year s. f. gold notes of the Beaver Board Companies. Every class of corporation is here represented, and every form of human endeavor, and the same thing is happening week after week. Yet the appeal is not in vain, either when to financial interests or to investors. So long as this keeps up, no one need be too solicitous about the future. To be sure, the rates of interest are high, but that is indicative merely of the scarcity of investment capital, not of its shrinking away into hiding.

The foreign export trade of the United States for Nov., 1920, as represented by value, while of comparatively full volume, was nevertheless smaller than in October and less than for the corresponding period of the preceding year. Contrasted with any months prior to November, 1919, however (only excepting the unprecedentedly heavy total of June of that year) the current aggregate registers a more or less important increase. Coincidentally with the drop in exports there was a further small decline in the imports, the November inflow of merchandise having been the smallest of any month since August, 1919. For the calendar year to date, both the exports and imports are the heaviest in our history, but as the expansion in the latter has been much the greater in 1920 the favorable balance in our foreign trade, although exceedingly heavy, is nevertheless considerably smaller than a year ago.

The value of the merchandise exports for November was \$675,000,000; for the five months since July 1 the total reaches over 3,250 millions and for the eleven months of the calendar year \$7,507,323,420. Comparison is with \$740,013,585 and 3,181 millions, and \$7,239,013,585 respectively, in 1919, and with 522¼ millions, 2,609 millions and \$5,583,201,433 in 1918, while in 1913, the year prior to the breaking out of the war in Europe, the aggregates were but 245 millions, 1,085 millions and 2,251 millions. While many commodities share in the export increase for the elapsed portion of the current year, the most noteworthy gains over 1919 are observable in coal, cotton and manufactures, mineral oils, automobiles, cars, etc., and wood and manufactures. Notable losses are to be found, however, in meat and dairy products and leather.

Imports for the month were moderately under those of October and reached \$321,000,000 against \$424,810,272 in 1919 and \$251,008,037 in 1918, with the five months' aggregates 2,068 millions, 1,913 millions and 1,274 millions, and those for the eleven months 5,013 millions, 3,523 millions and 2,820 millions. It is worthy of mention, as showing the wide disparity in the growth of the import and export totals in 1920, that against a gain over 1919 in the former of nearly 1,500 millions, or close to 43%, the latter rose only 268 millions, or less than 3¾%. Expansion has been quite the rule this year in the leading articles of import, and the increases have

been especially heavy in sugar, cotton and manufactures, chemicals, rubber, fibres and manufactures and wood and manufactures.

The net balance of exports for November, 1920, of \$354,000,000 is nearly 39 million dollars greater than in the same month a year ago, and compares with 271 millions in 1918. The five months' export balance is, however, only 1,182 millions against 1,268 millions and 1,335 millions one and two years ago, and for the eleven months at \$2,494,205,488 the balance is 1,221 millions under that for the period in 1919 and 267 millions below 1918.

The inward movement of gold in November, although much below that of October, was at the same time of good volume, and with the outflow moderate the net inflow reached a little over 37 million dollars. The imports were \$56,884,786, of which \$46,684,350 arrived from England, \$3,184,654 from France, \$1,006,222 from Canada, and \$3,022,556 from South America. Against this the exports totaled only \$19,869,757, of which no less than \$18,512,851 went to Japan. For the eleven months of 1920 there was a net inflow of \$67,270,613, against a net outflow of \$258,308,299 in 1919 and an import balance of \$20,787,234 in 1918. Silver exports for November were the smallest of any month of the year, and, in fact, the leanest monthly total since April, 1905—reflecting in this the fact that under the Pittman Act the United States is obliged to pay \$1 per ounce for domestic silver, whereas the foreign price has been ruling 20 cents to 40 cents less per ounce—reaching only \$3,143,876, and going mainly to China and Japan. The total for the eleven months, moreover, at \$107,535,304, is not much over half that for the period in 1919, when demand for India seemed insatiable. The imports for the month, on the other hand, at \$5,025,420, were a little heavier than in October, with Mexico and South America by far the chief contributors. The eleven months' aggregate stands at \$83,434,399, and this is the heaviest for any such period. The net silver exports for the eleven months of the current year were only \$24,100,905, against \$128,701,054 in 1919, and \$137,494,834 in 1918. We should have to go back five years—to 1915—for a smaller eleven months net efflux of the white metal.

The English cotton spinning companies enjoyed in 1920—or, more correctly speaking, in the twelve months ending Nov. 30—the era of greatest prosperity in their history, according to an analysis of the reports of Lancashire companies made by Frederick W. Tattersall, of Manchester, England. From data furnished by 100 corporations running 10,025,756 spindles, or close to one-fifth of the total spindleage of Great Britain, he figures out an average dividend of 29.47% on the share capital, this covering aggregate payment to stockholders of £2,263,899, besides which 13 of the companies distributed in bonuses £241,927 out of the profits. The dividend rate referred to above compares with 21% in 1919, previous to which year the most prosperous year was 1907, when the average distribution was a little under 16%. The record payments were made possible, as at Fall River, by the highly lucrative operations of the early part of the year. In truth, if dividends had to any appreciable extent been dependent upon recent business, they would have been much contracted. On this phase of the subject, Mr. Tattersall remarks in effect that, whereas the year opened

with the trade boom at its height, business has shown a decided decline since the spring and now spinners are not only having much difficulty in disposing of the production of yarn, but all mills are operating on short time. He intimates, moreover, that the stock-taking announcements at the end of December will be less satisfactory than for some time back and most companies will have to come down to smaller dividends.

The first Assembly of the League of Nations came to a close a week ago to-day. The New York "Times" correspondent at Geneva, in his account of Friday's session and in forecasting the termination of the gathering, declared that the end was coming with the quarrel with the Council of the League "in full blast." He added that "most of the delegates are going away after the final session to-morrow imbued with a determination to make the Assembly the supreme body of the League, a position which it certainly doesn't occupy now." In an Associated Press dispatch early last Saturday morning it was stated that "certain questions affecting international relations coming within the jurisdiction of the League of Nations have been reserved by China for a more opportune occasion for bringing them to the attention of the Council or Assembly of the League."

The final session was held a week ago to-night. The Assembly had been at work in Geneva for five weeks. Announcement was made that the next Assembly will begin on the first Monday of September, 1921. M. Hymans, President of the Assembly and M. Motta, President of the Swiss Republic, at the closing session, "made congratulatory speeches stating that the work done by the Assembly had made the League a living, working organization." The New York "Times" representative asserted, however, that "the last day's session marked the climax of the fight between the Assembly and Council as to which will be the controlling body in the League." He added that "the Assembly lost." The correspondent explained that "the Council stands as the controlling power in nearly every matter, except the admission of members, appropriation of money making speeches and the passing of pious resolutions." He made the further assertion that "the admission is privately made that the amendment of the commission will be loaded between now and the next meeting, with amendments intended to clip the Council's wings." He further said that "only the force of public opinion can change the present arrangement, which does so much to alienate the sympathy of the smaller nations." The representative of the New York "Herald" at Geneva, in discussing the differences between the Council and the Assembly over the question of mandates, said that "it appears from the action taken here that the two Councils—the Allied Supreme Council and the Council of the League of Nations—approved the Pacific and African mandates created by the Treaty of Versailles and put them into effect, thus maintaining the position taken by the League Council that these mandates are none of the Assembly's business, although the understanding of every nine out of ten nations belonging to the League is that the Assembly is the final authority."

The Second Financial Conference, which has been in session in Brussels, adjourned last Thursday fo

Christmas. In an Associated Press dispatch several days before the statement was made that "progress since the beginning of the Second Financial Conference has encouraged the Allied delegates to believe that when the conference adjourns on Thursday for Christmas the minor differences between them and the Germans will have disappeared." It was said also that the belief prevailed in conference circles that "by that time the Allied delegates will have a fair estimate of what concessions it will be necessary to make so that Germany will be strong enough to pay reparations." The further statement was made that "both sides continue to be conciliatory, and the fact that the conference will reconvene on Jan. 10 is considered as a hopeful augury." In another Brussels dispatch the belief was expressed that "a definite reply to the German requests for concessions probably will be given only at the January session, after the reports of the delegates have been approved by their Governments and the Allied views harmonized." Attention was called to the fact that "the demands of the Germans for relief under the Versailles Treaty now are fairly definite. They ask that they be enabled to obtain three billion gold marks for food purposes during the coming year, in addition to the allowances under the Spa coal agreement." The German delegates asserted that "more than 3,000,000,000 marks additional are needed for raw materials." Among the other requests made by them were the following: That no further shipping be surrendered and that some already in Allied hands be returned to Germany; that the liquidation of German property abroad cease and the remaining property, as well as the equivalent of property already sold, be made available to Germany in some form; that the Germans be given authority to make favorable commercial treaties.

The German delegates, in asking for these modifications, declared that the granting of them "would be to the advantage of the Allies, as it would enable Germany to pay higher reparations and save her from economic ruin." In still another dispatch from Brussels it was said that "the Germans had made a favorable impression upon the Allied delegates at Brussels." In an Associated Press cablegram from that centre Thursday morning the statement was made that "at the conclusion of the first phase of the Second Financial Conference to discuss German reparations, the delegates apparently had a good idea of Germany's ability to pay and of the assistance the Allies must give Germany to meet their demands." It was noted that the German delegates left early Wednesday afternoon for Berlin. The Allied delegation had a further conference on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of "bringing about an agreement in their reports to their respective Governments." Some of them left Wednesday night and others Thursday. It was stated also that "the Germans seemed satisfied that the Allies will act favorably with respect to the assistance required by Germany." It was said furthermore that "there is a feeling among the Allied delegates that Germany should be allowed to retain some shipping, and hope is expressed in some quarters that German property in the United States may be made available for credits."

King Constantine arrived in Athens from Luberne shortly before noon last Sunday. According to a special cablegram from that centre to the New

York "Times," "great crowds assembled in the streets to welcome him back to his capital after his long exile." It was said also that "His Majesty proceeded to the Royal Palace amid continuous cheering. The people seemed delirious with joy. There were no untoward incidents." The Associated Press correspondent in his account said that "the crowd along the route from the station to the Stadium evinced the greatest enthusiasm, frequently breaking out of bounds and rushing up and kissing the harness of the horses drawing the royal equipage." Soon after his arrival an elaborate service was held in the Cathedral, in which it was stated that all the bishops in the city participated. One correspondent noted especially that "no Foreign Ministers were present during the welcoming ceremonies."

In a message to the Greek people, King Constantine, the following day, declared that "he would devote every effort to strengthening his country's relations with the Allies." He added that "my life henceforth will be dedicated to showing myself worthy of the Hellenic people, my devotion to their rights and interests. I shall devote by efforts to consolidate the bonds with our gallant ally, Serbia." In closing his address he shouted, "Vive the Hellenic people." It was said that the British, French and Italian Ministers in the city would not attempt relations with the new ruler.

On Tuesday Premier Rhallis tendered the resignation of the Greek Cabinet to the King, but was requested by the latter to "remain in office until Parliament begins its session." In an Associated Press dispatch from Athens Wednesday morning it was stated that "Earl Granville, the British Minister, visited Premier Rhallis last night and said he would remain in Athens, but would not come into direct contact with Constantine." A report came from the Greek capital yesterday morning that "Premier Rhallis has definitely tendered his resignation as a result of the refusal of Admiral Kelly, head of the British Naval Mission here, to accept the Grand Cordon of the Royal Order of the Saviour."

In what purported to be an official statement, and said to have been prepared for the New York "Herald," "the situation in Austria is improving in some respects, but, taken as a whole, is more disquieting than it was a year ago." It was added that "this December the coal supply is larger than it was a year ago, and there are considerable supplies of food, raw materials and manufactured goods. We have about a third of the fuel and raw materials we want. But prices are more than doubled and the exchange rate on the Austrian crown is approaching that of the Russian ruble." The statement contained the further assertion that "last month the Austrian Government contributed 32,000,000 crowns a day to cheapen bread and flour rationed to the population." It was explained that "this sum does not include the State's purchases of fats, sugar and condensed milk. Without this contribution a majority of the population would be abandoned to unspeakable misery, for they are hardly able to pay these artificially low prices." According to the statement, "in the budget the entire deficit originally was estimated at half a billion crowns, but when the Finance Minister made his last announcement he said it had already gone to 25,000,000,000, although the State's revenues had increased 228% in the foregoing year." Finally the assertion was

made that "the time is coming when no one abroad will accept Austrian crowns in payment of debts. The circulation of paper crowns is already expected to be more than 31,000,000,000 crowns by the end of this month."

In some respects political conditions in Ireland have been quieter. In various centres there have been rather serious disturbances. A somewhat extensive correspondence was carried on between Premier Lloyd George and the Rev. Michael O'Flannagan, Vice-President of the Sinn Fein, "in an effort to secure a truce between England and the Sinn Fein organization." Father O'Flannagan, in one of his messages to the Prime Minister, declared that the only way to reconciliation was by "direct negotiations with the official head of the Irish nation—President de Valera." In his reply to that communication Lloyd George said that "this attitude closes the door to those counsels of good will which you invoked by beginning this correspondence." Replying, Father O'Flannagan said in part: "I agree that two things are desirable—first peace and then reconciliation. As for peace, it is only necessary for your Government to cease to violate or set aside your own constitution by your attack on the liberty of the Irish people." Continuing, he said, "Sinn Fein is a peaceful political organization. The violent attacks made upon it have inevitably led to violent reaction. While the attacks continue it is not in the power of any man or any organized body of men to prevent these reactions. I have suggested the only way in which I believe reconciliation to be possible. I have not thereby closed the door, though I may have discovered it closed when I thought to have found it open."

British military forces were said to have raided the Arran Islands on Tuesday in search of Sinn Feiners who were believed to be hiding there. There were a series of clashes, according to the advices, in which "two fugitives were killed, three wounded, and seven captured." In later advices these figures were changed slightly.

It became known through dispatches from London that the Irish Home Rule Bill would be placed upon the statute books within a few days. It was said that the "final form would show only slight amendments "from the shape in which it first left the House of Commons." It was also noted that the "House of Lords, after a brief debate, agreed to all the amendments made to the bill by the Commons." The measure lacked only the signature of the King to become a law. According to a London dispatch, it will be "effective at the discretion of the Government, at any time within three and a half years." It was added that "the Government reserves the privilege of applying the law when the opportune moment arrives." It was stated that "the bill now provides that there shall be set up by popular elections two Parliaments, one for Ulster and one for the South. Each Parliament shall decide upon the method of selecting Senates. The connecting link between them will be the Irish Council of 40, 20 for each section. Each Senate will select seven of its Council members and each Legislative Assembly thirteen."

The rumor was persistent in London during the first half of the week that Eamonn de Valera was on his way from New York to London on the Aquitania. Upon her arrival at Cherbourg no trace of

him could be found. In a London dispatch the assertion was made that the Sinn Fein President would be liable to immediate arrest, on a technical offense, if he were to land in a British port. He could not be found on the steamer when it reached Southampton.

The assertion was made in a Dublin cablegram, under date of Dec. 22, that "there is no truth in the rumors that peace negotiations have been broken off." It was asserted, on the other hand, "that there has been only a hitch in the peace discussions, and the belief is expressed that the negotiations will soon be resumed, with good prospects of success."

The King, in the course of his speech Thursday night, on the occasion of proroguing Parliament, made the following references to Ireland: "It is my most earnest hope that all sections of the people of Ireland will insist upon a return to constitutional methods, which alone can put an end to the terrible events which threaten ruin to that country, and make possible reconciliation and a lasting peace." Referring to the passage of the Home Rule Bill, the King said: "I sincerely hope that this act, the fruit of more than thirty years of ceaseless controversy, will finally bring about unity and friendship between all the peoples of my kingdom."

Paris advices have indicated that the French Premier, M. Leygues and his Cabinet are having a rather difficult time because of the attacks made upon them by opponents who have intimated at least that the Ministry would finally make a compromise with Germany regarding the question of reparation. One such attack was made upon the Cabinet about a week ago. After a rather long and heated debate on the charge that Germany was not disarming as she was supposed to have done, a vote of confidence in the Government was taken. There were 493 votes cast in favor and only 65 against the Leygues Ministry. On Wednesday another vote of 472 to 60 was given.

The oil situation in France is attracting much attention, as it is all over the world. The British are charged with determined efforts to get control of all the important oil deposits in the principal known fields. Just now there is considerable discussion in French political circles regarding the contest between British oil interests and the Standard Oil Co. for control of the situation in France. The American company appears to be most in favor, according to recent Paris advices.

During recent weeks the reports from the French capital have indicated that former President Deschanel, who was compelled to resign because of ill-health, is entirely well again. In a cablegram this week it was stated that he was about to begin a campaign to secure his election as a Senator.

The first advices received here from London regarding the failure of Farrow's Bank of that city caused more or less uneasiness. This was because of the fear that it might mark the beginning of a series of bank failures in the British capital, and also because of the tension in financial circles here, resulting largely from the severe declines in the prices of securities. The more complete dispatches made it clear that the institution is private in nature

and that its failure was not regarded as serious in London. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, explained in the House of Commons that the Board of Trade had known for some little time of the difficulties of the bank, but had not thought best to intervene. Although the suspension caused distress to a large number of small depositors, the opinion was expressed in London that "the suspension will not have widespread effect on the financial community." The bank has a paid-up capital of £361,423. On June 30 last it had £1,458,316 in current accounts, £2,678,000 in deposit accounts, and £4,657,786 assets. It also had some 75 branches. An unfortunate feature of the failure was the charge of irregularity against some of its officials, who were arrested.

England has a serious unemployment situation. Premier Lloyd George, in the course of a statement regarding the matter in the House of Commons, a few days ago, said that "there are 1,000,000 more men to find employment for than there were in 1914, despite the losses of the war." He suggested that one of the best ways out of the difficulty would be to find work for the men in the various British dominions.

According to the "Daily Mail," the Prime Minister, as Chairman of the Cabinet's Finance Committee, has returned estimates submitted by the Army and Navy Departments, with instructions that the figures be reduced one-half. It was added that he had directed that the total national expenditures be held as nearly as possible to £950,000,000.

At Thursday night's session of the House of Commons Premier Lloyd George announced that "the Government had made an agreement with Leonid Krassin, Bolshevik trade emissary, the terms of which would be incorporated during the Commons recess, in the commercial treaty with the Soviet Government."

In a cablegram yesterday morning the Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said the report was in circulation there that a reconciliation between Lloyd George and Lord Northcliffe had been brought about.

British Treasury returns for the week ended Dec. 18 showed a further and this time substantial increase in revenue and income over outgo, with the result that Exchequer balances were augmented £2,058,000, to £4,613,000, which compares with £2,555,000 a week ago. The week's expenses aggregated £17,861,000, against £15,307,000 the previous week, with the total outflow (including repayments of Treasury bills of £58,960,000, of advances of £11,400,000, and other lesser items) £97,674,000, in comparison with £86,557,000 for the week ending Dec. 11. The total of receipts from all sources was £99,732,000, as against £86,747,000 the week previous. Of this amount revenues yielded £24,297,000 and savings certificates £850,000 (the same as a week ago). Advances brought in £14,050,000, against £7,850,000. From foreign credits the sum of £5,091,000 was received, against nothing from this source a week earlier. Sundries contributed £1,775,000, against £369,000 the week before. Sales of Treasury bills were £52,899,000, against £62,072,000 the previous week, while Treasury bonds were issued to the amount of £570,000, as compared with £815,000 in the preceding week. In consequence of the falling off in sales of

Treasury bills the volume outstanding was reduced, being now £1,131,579,000, in comparison with £1,137,604,000 a week earlier. Temporary advances, however, expanded to £262,914,000, against £260,264,000 a week ago. The total floating debt was brought down £3,375,000, to £1,394,493,000, comparing with £1,397,868,000 the previous week, and £1,345,780,000 in the corresponding week of 1919.

No change has been noted in official discount rates at leading European centres from 5% in Berlin, Vienna and Switzerland; 5½% in Belgium; 6% in Paris, Rome and Madrid; 7% in London, Sweden and Norway, and 4½% in Holland. In London the private bank rate is a shade easier, with sixty and ninety day bills at 6¾%, in comparison with 6¾@ 6 11-16% a week ago. Call money in London, however, continues to be quoted at 4¾%. No reports have been received, as far as can be learned, by cable of open market discounts at other centres.

An additional gain in gold was shown by the Bank of England in its weekly statement, amounting to £949,501, and bringing the total stocks held by the Bank up to £127,761,033, in comparison with £91,391,566 last year and £79,110,764 in 1918. As against this, however, total reserve registered a decline of £2,396,000, because of an expansion in note circulation of no less than £3,346,000, while the proportion of reserve to liabilities was cut to 7.76%, which compares with 9.64% last week, 7.88% in the week ending Dec. 2, and is the lowest level touched since the Overend-Guerney panic of May 1866, when the proportion dropped to 3¼%. Last year, at this time, the ratio stood at 11½% and in 1918 14⅜%. This of course is the result of the extensive preparations for the year-end financing; just as the large expansion in note circulation is for holiday requirements. Present gold holdings are not only the largest on record but are £36,000,000 in excess of the sum held in the corresponding week of last year. Reserves have been brought down to £11,627,000 as against £17,692,806 in 1919 and £27,253,834 a year earlier. Note circulation now stands at £134,583,000, against £92,148,760 last year and £70,306,930 in 1918. Loans aggregate £78,916,000. A year ago the total was £85,179,063 and in 1918 £92,140,127. Despite persistent rumors to the contrary, the Bank of England's minimum discount rate remains as heretofore at 7%. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £690,941,000, as compared with £670,589,000 a week ago and £772,690,000 last year. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England return:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
	Dec. 22.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 25.	Dec. 26.	Dec. 27.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	134,583,000	92,148,760	70,306,930	45,943,965	39,675,535
Public deposits.....	13,769,000	20,337,942	23,642,681	42,009,347	52,116,381
Other deposits.....	136,030,000	133,360,971	149,036,977	124,161,430	126,726,657
Government secur's....	77,178,000	68,675,120	71,105,744	58,303,023	57,187,707
Other securities.....	78,916,000	85,179,063	92,140,127	94,888,724	106,461,404
Reserve notes & coin	11,627,000	17,692,806	27,253,834	30,843,500	33,079,380
Coin and bullion.....	127,761,033	91,391,566	79,110,764	58,337,469	54,304,915
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	7.76%	11½%	15.78%	18.56%	18.49%
Bank rate.....	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further small gain of 933,000 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's total gold holdings now stand at 5,499,977,825 francs, comparing with 5,578,523,292 francs last year and with 5,477,567,859 francs the year before; of these amounts 1,948,367,056

francs were held abroad in 1920, 1,978,278,416 francs in 1919 and 2,037,108,484 francs in 1918. During the week, silver gained 1,300,000 francs, while advances were augmented to the extent of 21,599,000 francs. On the other hand, bills discounted fell off 2,177,000 francs, Treasury deposits were reduced 30,955,000 francs and general deposits diminished 20,981,000 francs. A contraction of 64,835,000 francs in note circulation was registered; last week a contraction of 410,879,000 francs occurred in this item but was erroneously reported as an increase. The total outstanding is thus brought down to 37,444,362,370 francs, contrasting with 37,274,539,820 francs at this time last year and with 30,249,612,230 francs in 1918. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1914, the amount was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the figures of last week and corresponding dates in 1919 and 1918 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Dec. 23 1920.	Dec. 26 1919.	Dec. 26 1918.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France.....Inc.	933,000	3,551,610,769	3,600,244,876	3,440,459,374
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484
Total.....Inc.	933,000	5,499,977,825	5,578,523,292	5,477,567,859
Silver.....Inc.	1,300,000	265,768,495	268,034,658	318,348,246
Bills discounted...Dec.	2,177,000	3,253,756,298	1,031,133,391	1,046,274,834
Advances.....Inc.	21,599,000	2,230,536,000	1,462,331,396	1,215,714,631
Note circulation...Dec.	64,835,000	37,444,362,370	37,274,539,820	30,249,612,30
Treasury deposits...Dec.	30,955,000	79,120,000	76,496,859	111,683,670
General deposits...Dec.	20,981,000	3,521,482,894	3,127,095,829	2,366,197,097

To-day being a holiday the Clearing House and Federal Reserve weekly returns, usually issued on Saturday, were made public yesterday afternoon. The feature of the Clearing House statement was the large gain in reserves, so that the banks now hold no less than \$30,559,530 reserve above the legal requirements, this comparing with only \$8,222,200 surplus last Saturday. As is usually the case, the improvement followed mainly as a consequence of increased borrowing at the Reserve Bank, as a result of which the reserve credits at the Federal Reserve Bank were increased by \$20,929,000. There was also, however, a reduction in the loan item (after last week's heavy increase) of \$36,251,000, with a coincident reduction in demand deposits by \$21,303,000. The Federal Reserve Bank also submitted a fairly good return yesterday afternoon. Its ratio of reserves to deposits and Federal Reserve note liability combined was raised from 39.1% to 39.9%, while aggregate reserves also substantially increased. An unfavorable feature was a further large increase in Federal Reserve note circulation, which now is up to \$880,869,790, against \$863,560,000 two weeks ago. The total of bills held under discount stands at \$1,004,035,463, against \$942,603,000 last week and \$1,012,600,000 two weeks ago.

Last week's statement of New York Associated banks and trust companies reflected to some extent the heavy demands incidental to the December 15 payments. The outstanding feature of the statement was an increase in loans of \$115,576,000 and an expansion in Government deposits of no less than \$179,656,000, reflecting the putting out of the new issues of Treasury certificates. Net demand deposits gained \$12,454,000, to \$4,025,370,000, which was exclusive of \$188,064,000 in Government deposits, but net time deposits fell to \$242,220,000 against \$250,636,000 the previous week. A decline of \$4,174,000 was noted in cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank, to \$93,198,000 (not counted as reserve) while reserves of member

banks with the Federal Reserve Bank, were reduced \$2,869,000 to \$521,348,000. The reserve of State banks and trust companies in own vaults increased \$374,000 to \$9,641,000, and in other depositories \$842,000 to \$10,202,000. In aggregate reserve there was a reduction of \$1,653,000 to \$541,191,000 and in surplus of \$3,025,710, which carried the total of excess reserves to \$8,222,200. In the Federal Reserve statement considerable attention was attracted by the fact that notwithstanding the various shifting of accounts the ratio of cash reserve was exactly the same as the previous week. There was a moderate decrease in the Bank's cash holdings. Rediscounts of paper, however, with other Reserve banks were paid off in full for the first time since October 15.

Wall Street borrowers have experienced no difficulty this week in negotiating call loans at the prevailing rate of 7%. As was true last week, a 6% quotation was reported in the late afternoon of several days. It may be said, however, that the bulk of the business was done at 7%. Naturally, with the kind of stock market that we had until late Wednesday afternoon, and particularly on Thursday, the demand for call money was only moderate. During the first half of the week liquidation on a large scale was in progress. Brokers' loans, it was generally agreed, were reduced materially. The principal buyers of stocks during the slump were large interests who were able to pay for them outright and small investors, who, of course, also paid cash. There has been no real change in time money, bankers still being unwilling to do more than renew loans with customers of long standing and to make a few small new ones here and there. In view of the liquidation in stocks that was in progress the withdrawal by the Government of over \$30,000,000 at one time from local institutions naturally had no appreciable effect upon the rates for call money. So far the money market at this centre has not reflected the necessary preparations by the banks and corporations for the large dividend disbursements that will be made at the beginning of the new year. The general money market in the United States cannot help being easier by reason of the further curtailment of operations in many plants, and the complete shutting down of others. There are indications, on the other hand, of a more active demand for money in industrial commercial and mercantile lines early next year. The placing of large orders for steel rails by the Pennsylvania and New York Central Lines cannot help being regarded as significant.

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans this week ranged between 6 and 7%, the same as a week ago. Monday there was no range and all loans were put through at 7%, which was the high, low and ruling figure for the day. On Tuesday there was a decline to 6% for a brief period, but renewals were negotiated at 7%, and this was the maximum figure. For the remainder of the week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the rate was again "pegged" at 7%, the only figure quoted on each of these days. The above rates apply to mixed collateral and all-industrial loans without differentiation. Conditions surrounding the call market show very little change. Funds were plentiful but the demand, owing to the extensive liquidation on the Stock Exchange, was relatively quiet. For fixed maturities there is no

change to speak of. Time money is in light supply; hence no important transactions were recorded. The undertone was steady and quotations continue at 7¼@7½% for sixty and ninety days, and 7@7¼% unchanged. Dulness predominated the greater part of the time and the market was largely nominal. All-industrial money remains at about ¼ of 1% above the rates quoted above.

Commercial paper rates are still quoted at 7¾@8% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, with names less well known at 8%. Trading was quiet and featureless, with most of the business put through at the maximum figure. Local institutions seem disposed to hold aloof from the market and out-of-town banks are still the principal buyers.

Banks and bankers' acceptances figured for a fairly large turnover this week. Both local and country banks were in the market, which was more active than for quite some time. The undertone was firm with quotations still unaltered. Demand loans for bankers' acceptances remain as heretofore at 6%. Rates in detail follow:

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

* Market stagnant; rates ordinarily about 1% higher as compared with the rates on eligible bills, but in present circumstances every transaction subject to whatever can be done with it.

There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve bank 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 DECEMBER 24 1920.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (including member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live-stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Otherwise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	5½	6	7	--	7	7
New York.....	5½	6	7	6	7	7
Philadelphia.....	½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Cleveland.....	½	5½	6	5½	5½	6
Richmond.....	½	6	6	6	6	6
Atlanta.....	½	5½	7	6	7	7
Chicago.....	½	6	7	6	7	7
St. Louis.....	*5½	5½	6	5½	6½	7
Minneapolis.....	5½	6	7	6	6	6
Kansas City.....	½	6	6	5½	6	6
Dallas.....	½	5½	6	5½	6	6
San Francisco.....	½	6	6	6	6	6

* 5½% on paper secured by 5¼% certificates, and 5% on paper secured by 4¼% and 5% certificates.
 † Discount rate corresponds with interest rate borne by certificates pledged as collateral with minimum of 5% in the case of Philadelphia, Atlanta, Kansas City and Dallas and 5½% in the case of Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago and San Francisco.
 Note.—Rates shown for St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas are normal rates, applying to discounts not in excess of basic lines fixed for each member bank by the Federal Reserve Bank. Rates on discounts in excess of the basic line are subject to a ¼% progressive increase for each 25% by which the amount of accommodation extended exceeds the basic line.

Strength and activity again featured dealings in the sterling exchange market and price levels for the most part continue to show an upward tendency. In the initial transactions some irregularity developed and following the receipt of lower cable quotations from London, there was a decline to 3.48¼ for demand, chiefly on speculative selling. But, as was the case in the week preceding, an active buying movement was inaugurated, both on foreign and domestic account and rates moved sharply upward, touching at one time 3.53¾. This inquiry of course is incidental to the extensive preparations necessitated by the Jan. 1 disbursements and dividend payments, and when taken in conjunction with the marked falling off in exports and consequent lessening of bills offering, resulted in materially strengthen-

ing currency values. In the late dealings several of the largest buyers retired from the market temporarily, which was the signal for a fresh outburst of selling by speculative operators intent upon making profits on the decline. On Friday pre-holiday dulness set in and very little business was transacted. As a result prices sagged off to 3.50½ for demand at the very close.

Aside from these immediate factors, however, a general feeling of optimism seemed to prevail, based apparently on the belief that the new \$100,000,000 Foreign Trade Financing Corporation which is expected to commence operations with the advent of the New Year, will soon figure as an important factor in sustaining the market. In addition there is still some expectation that the Government will take steps to improve the international situation, while bankers confidently look forward to a continuation of the import movement of gold to this country. Rumors continue in circulation to the effect that negotiations are under way looking to the funding of Great Britain's floating debt outstanding in the United States into a long term dollar loan, but nothing definite on this point is as yet available. Announcement last week of an attempt to introduce open trading in foreign exchange on the floor of the Exchange, has aroused strong opposition on the part of foreign exchange brokers. Leading international banking houses who are believed to have favored the innovation are now expressing doubt as to the feasibility of the scheme. Certain bankers still hold to the theory that some system might be evolved through the Stock Exchange in which the issuing from that body of foreign exchange quotations might work satisfactorily in arbitrage dealings in such securities for instance as French Rentes, etc.

Reports that the British Government is now contemplating a measure intended to stabilize exchange, received only perfunctory attention here. Sir Robert Horn, President of the Board of Trade, is now said to be conferring with representative men on the subject. The understanding is that the measure will not in any sense be in the nature of protection, but will probably affect most directly imports of commodities from countries where exchange is demoralized, such as Germany, Austria and the like. In the opinion of careful market observers the pronounced easing in money market conditions at this centre is having much to do with the maintenance of exchange levels, since it is for the present at least no longer necessary for American bankers to press arbitrarily for funds upon their foreign clients.

As to the day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week showed an easier tendency and demand declined to 3 49½@3 50¼, cable transfers to 3 50¼@3 51 and sixty days to 3 42½@3 43½; a falling off in activity was noted and traders attributed the recession to a more or less natural reaction from last week's rapid rise. Monday's market was more active and after early weakness, prices turned strong so that the day's range was 3 48¼@3 52 for demand, 3 49@3 52¾ for cable transfers and 3 42@3 47 for sixty days. Sterling rates moved up sharply on Tuesday in the early dealings on good buying, but later there was a decline almost as marked on selling for speculative purposes, with the result that demand ranged at 3 50½@3 53½, cable transfers at 3 51¾@3 54¼ and sixty days at 3 45¼@3 48¼. On Wednesday buying was resumed and quotations again steadied; although the high for demand (3 53½)

was slightly under the maximum figure of the day previous, the low was $3\ 51\frac{1}{8}$, with cable transfers at $3\ 51\frac{7}{8}$ @ $3\ 53\frac{7}{8}$ and sixty days $3\ 45\frac{1}{8}$ @ $3\ 47\frac{1}{8}$; preparations for the heavy year-end disbursements were held responsible for the brisk inquiry for sterling bills, while lighter offerings and speculative operations also figured in the rise. Increased activity marked Thursday's dealings and for a time demand went up to $3\ 53\frac{3}{4}$, a new high on the current movement; later there was a reaction to $3\ 52\frac{1}{4}$; cable transfers ruled at $3\ 53$ @ $3\ 54\frac{1}{2}$ and sixty days $3\ 47$ @ $3\ 48\frac{1}{2}$. On Friday the market was very quiet, the usual pre-holiday dulness having set in; hence quotations were easier with a decline to $3\ 50\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 51$ for demand, $3\ 52$ @ $3\ 52\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers and $3\ 46\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\ 47$ for sixty days. Closing quotations were $3\ 46\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty days, $3\ 50\frac{1}{2}$ for demand and $3\ 52$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3\ 50\frac{1}{4}$, sixty days at $3\ 43\frac{1}{2}$, ninety days at $3\ 40\frac{1}{2}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at $3\ 43\frac{1}{2}$ and seven-day grain bills at $3\ 48\frac{1}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3\ 50\frac{1}{4}$. The week's gold movement included \$2,000,000 on the Olympic and \$2,500,000 on the Imperator from London. A consignment of \$1,300,000 in gold, English bars, has been received here from the Sveriges Riksbank, the Government bank of Sweden, via the American S. S. Drottningholm. More gold is expected shortly, \$550,000 on the Caronia and \$3,575,000 on the Lapland.

Continental exchange was somewhat in neglect, most of the activity centring in sterling. As a result, movements were not especially significant and prices fluctuated within a few points of last week's closing figures. French francs exhibited some irregularity, with an advance of $6\frac{1}{2}$ points, a drop of 10 points and a final rally of $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, all in a single day. The extremes, however, were 5.83 to 5.94 for checks. Lire followed much the same course, declining to 3.37 for sight bills, with the high point $3.47\frac{1}{2}$. Antwerp francs moved in sympathy with French exchange. German currency ruled alternately above and below last week's closing figures, but Austrian kronen displayed a slightly firmer trend, rallying several points to $00.25\frac{3}{4}$, on what appeared to be a broader demand. Trading was moderately active, and a fair amount of buying was reported, which with the relative scarcity of offerings had a hardening tendency. On the other hand, speculative manipulation served to counteract to some extent the good effects of the buying movement and repeatedly forced prices to lower levels; though, as noted above, changes were not particularly important. At the extreme close preparations for the Christmas celebration almost completely stopped business, and quotations, which were largely nominal, sustained fractional losses.

Announcement that the ban against trading with Russia has been removed excited only mild interest, for the reason that opinion among bankers generally is that very little in this direction is advisable or even possible for a good while to come. To emphasize the action of the Department in removing restrictions in the way of trade resumption with Soviet Russia, all rules and regulations governing the exportation of coin, bullion and currency to Bolshevist Russia, transfers of credit or exchange transactions have now been suspended. Some comment was heard on this step among foreign exchange dealers, but a majority of the international banking houses continue to re-

fuse to quote ruble exchange. Nominally, the rate is said to be 67 cents per 100 rubles. Business in Russian exchange, it is asserted, will not be openly resumed until trade relations with that country are firmly re-established. Scattering transactions are reported with Russia by some American merchants, but these are mainly through the medium of Scandinavian countries. The Dutch Government is reported to be ready to trade with Bolshevist Russia, with the understanding that whatever terms are made between private interests, the Government will accept no responsibility for those relations or their possible outcome. Greek affairs appear to be still in a state of flux and quotations on the drachma continue at sensationally low levels. A factor which is said to have had considerable influence on Greek exchange is the volume of remittances to the mother country by Greeks living abroad, which is said to have exceeded all previous records. From the United States alone were sent through the National Bank of Greece, it is claimed, 350,000,000 drachmas, which at the par value of the drachma is \$17,500,000. In 1918 remittances of this kind totaled 114,761,740 drachmas and in 1914 only 32,991,587 drachmas. The reason given for this great increase is that a far larger sum in drachmas can be purchased for a given amount of American dollars than in 1914.

The official London check rate on Paris finished at 59.95 against 58.05 a week ago. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5.86, against $6.04\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers 5.87, against $6.05\frac{1}{2}$; commercial sight at 5.84, against $6.01\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sixty days 5.78, against $5.95\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday the preceding week. Closing quotations for Antwerp francs were 6.19 for checks and 6.20 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 6.39 and 6.40. Reichsmarks finished at $1.37\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and $1.38\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against $1.36\frac{1}{4}$ and $1.38\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Austrian kronen closed at $00.25\frac{1}{2}$ for demand and $00.26\frac{1}{2}$ for cable remittances, in comparison with $00.20\frac{1}{2}$ and $00.21\frac{1}{2}$ last week. For lire the final range was 3.37 for bankers' sight bills and 3.38 for cable remittances, against 3.46 and 3.47 the week before. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia closed the week at $1.15\frac{1}{2}$, against 1.17; Bucharest $1.26\frac{1}{2}$, against 1.13; Poland $17\frac{1}{2}$, against $17\frac{1}{4}$, and Finland at 2.60, against 2.30 last week. Greek exchange finished at 7.32 for checks and 7.33 for cable transfers. This compares with 7.35 and 7.45 the week previous.

In the neutral exchanges movements were largely in sympathy with other Continental centres. Guilders ruled steady, as also did Swiss francs. Scandinavian rates were well maintained, particularly Copenhagen which continues in good demand. On the other hand, Spanish exchange was heavy pretty nearly throughout and there was a decline at one time to 12.89 on liberal offerings and a restricted inquiry.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam finished at 31.30, against 31.34; cable transfers 31.40 (unchanged); commercial sight bills 31.34, against 31.20, and commercial sixty days 30.98, against 30.85 a week ago. Swiss francs closed at 15.19 for bankers' sight bills and 15.22 for cable transfers, in comparison with 15.14 and 15.15 last week. Copenhagen checks finished at 15.25, against 15.10, and cable transfers 15.35, against 15.15. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.65 and cable transfers 19.75, against 19.84 and 19.94, while checks on Norway finished at 15.25 and

Cable transfers 15.35, against 14.82 and 14.92 the week previous. Closing figures for Spanish pesetas were 12.89 for checks and 12.91 for cable transfers, which compares with 13.10 and 13.12 a week earlier.

With regard to South American rates, increased weakness developed with a further decline in the Argentine check rate to 34.12½ and cable transfers to 34.25, against 34.37½ and 34.50. For Brazil there has been a drop to 14.00 for checks, with the close 14.25, and cable transfers 14.37½, against 14.15 and 14.62½ a week ago. From a report received at Washington recently it is learned that the steady rise in the value of the American dollar at Brazil in terms of milreis is causing grave apprehension among Brazilian exporters, since it is expected to result in widespread cancellations of merchandise arriving from the United States. Chilean exchange was also easier, closing at 13.69, against 14.08, with Peru at 4.23, against 4.22 the preceding week.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 57@57¼, against 56@56¼; Shanghai, 74@74¼, against 74@74¼; Yokohama, 50¼@50½, against 50¾@50¾; Manila, 45¼@45¾, against 45½@46; Singapore, 40½@41 (unchanged); Bombay, 26¼@26½, against 26@26½, and Calcutta, 26¼@26½ (unchanged).

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$8,460,406 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Dec. 24. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,857,481, while the shipments have reached \$1,397,075, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending Dec. 24.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$9,857,481	\$1,397,075	Gain \$8,460,406

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations on the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

DAILY CREDIT BALANCES OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AT CLEARING HOUSE.

Saturday, Dec. 18.....	\$80,002,959	Wednesday, Dec. 22.....	\$51,791,543
Monday, Dec. 20.....	102,979,916	Thursday, Dec. 23.....	60,382,409
Tuesday, Dec. 21.....	64,001,114	Friday, Dec. 24.....	73,981,109

Aggregate for week..... Cr. \$433,139,050

The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank, from all parts of the country, in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, show nothing as to the results of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions. They represent only one side of the account, as checks drawn upon the Reserve Bank itself are presented directly to the bank and never go through the Clearing House.

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

Banks of—	Dec. 22 1920.			Dec. 24 1919.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	127,761,033	£	127,761,033	91,391,566	£	91,391,566
France a	142,064,433	10,600,000	152,664,433	144,009,795	10,720,000	154,729,795
Germany	54,578,050	345,100	54,923,150	54,474,850	1,059,100	55,533,950
Aus-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	11,201,000	2,374,000	13,575,000
Spain	98,209,000	23,324,000	121,533,000	96,895,000	25,103,000	122,004,000
Italy	32,768,000	2,999,000	35,767,000	32,200,000	3,006,000	35,206,000
Netherl'ds	53,012,000	1,713,000	54,725,000	52,679,000	563,000	53,242,000
Nat. Bel.	10,650,000	1,115,000	11,765,000	10,658,000	1,046,000	11,702,000
Switz'land	21,676,000	4,813,000	26,489,000	20,737,000	2,661,000	23,398,000
Sweden	15,682,000	—	15,682,000	16,155,000	—	16,155,000
Denmark	12,644,000	145,000	12,789,000	11,787,000	190,000	11,977,000
Norway	8,115,000	—	8,115,000	8,140,000	—	8,140,000
Total week	588,113,516	47,423,100	635,536,616	550,332,211	46,708,100	597,040,311
Prev. week	586,521,884	47,299,500	633,821,384	550,376,372	46,697,550	597,073,922

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France th. e.r are exclusive abroad 477,734,6

UNWRITTEN CONTRACTS IN BUSINESS.

If profiteering is as prevalent as many seriously believe, big business is on fully as ethical a plane as small. In fact, there is reason to declare that it sets the standard of equity and fair dealing. At least its inveterate detractors must admit that in matters of "readjustment" it has shown the greater readiness to accept conditions and to strive to return to "normal." Undoubtedly big business has responded first to public opinion by lowering prices. With its wider vision, it has moved to meet the returning laws of supply and demand. The resolve to institute personal economies has been met by a desire to manufacture goods more cheaply, in order that there may be saving. Though the omnipotent laws of trade may have forced the movement, there is willingness displayed. At the same time it is generally felt and believed that the retail trade, small business, is the laggard in readjustment and resumption.

We do not here consider the equities involved in cancellation of contracts, though vital to the ethics of general business. We are concerned with what we term the unwritten contracts of business, and these are of paramount importance at the present time. It is true that the merchant is licensed to do business in a given city and place. But as instituted usually for the purposes of municipal and State taxation, this carries with it little weight in moral obligation. A stronger rule of ethics governs if we can unfold its nature. And it is this: The merchant must not only sell good goods at prevailing prices, must not only show himself amenable to service as he is to profits, but he must stand between producer and consumer as a reliable exponent of the best interests of both.

The middleman thus occupies a representative place in the business world. If he is to continue to exist he must do business in this representative character. He cannot abruptly terminate order-contracts for goods because he fears a loss. Though conditions indicate a loss these written contracts must stand. But in what we term his unwritten contracts, in that middle position which he occupies, wherein he is the bridge over which traffic must pass, he cannot avoid the duty of keeping himself strong and safe, but he is bound to carry trade safely over the chasm of war and its receding floods of destruction and waste. This is the real reason for his being at the present time. If he does not respond, more direct routes will be found. The law of the middleman's business life is in serving the people by lowering living expenses.

If we confine ourselves to present conditions he cannot hold back for higher prices against inviolable tendencies and laws without destroying the producer and defeating the consumer. The test is an ethical one, though there are specific details of operation which might be stated. The middleman must buy goods as well as sell them. His duty to buy is as great as his duty to sell. He must buy "right" if he would sell right. As so often said in current discussion, he must "take a loss" when necessary. He must vitalize production by serving consumption; and he must energize consumption by serving production. He cannot rest upon his oars and idly float with the current hugging the shore, he must "do business," "play ball," strive to keep the momentum of trade at its full, though he venture into danger and row against the tide.

Figures of speech are often inadequate and subject to false interpretation. We are aware that large capitalistic enterprises may pass a dividend to conserve cash or to husband strength, while small business must have profits to sustain itself from year to year. But what we are striving to impress is that present conditions for middlemen in trade require an about-face in not only conduct of trade but basic principles. The outlook five years ago was for war, confusion, scarcity, high prices, for an indefinite time. The outlook now that actual war of world-wide character is over, and not soon of possible return, is for order, plenty, low prices for an indefinite time. To strive to be a connecting link between these two periods is the duty of middlemen or small business.

To take any other ground is to prove the middleman to be a leech, and to lay his work open to the charge that he is a prey upon producer and consumer. Practically it is almost certain to result in innumerable organizations to "sell direct to consumers." Now the merchant class are indispensable to the democracy of business. These men succeed by being "good buyers," and in this they become regulators of manufacturers' prices, the drawing and selecting power that increases production. The consumer can never, we feel assured, buy as well as the merchant. But the merchant who refuses the obligation of giving to the consumer the full benefit of his skill, knowledge and service, by selling him not only good goods, but cheap goods, defeats the prime reason of his existence.

He must be first to discover changed conditions, the new trend, and to act thereon. It matters not what the effect of his new energy may be upon inactive stocks, there cannot be full, fair and favoring resumption until the even flow of trade is resumed, through him, and he adjusts himself thereto. He is the seller for the producer and the buyer for the consumer. Not one without the other. And he must now see that his whole policy and endeavor must be to do business on smaller margins and upon enlarged volume. The longer he hesitates, and makes a stop-gap of himself, the longer he will be without safety and profits. He becomes thus the exponent of the two factors in trade, and these in turn respond to his ethical standards.

SUNDAY BLUE LAWS.

We refrain from discussing, per se, the proper observance of the day commonly called Sunday. There is such need in the world, so many mouths to be fed, so many hands to be employed, that, perchance, if poor mortals were to work a little on Sunday, or play a little that they may work better week-days, they would not plant new machine-guns on the battlements of Heaven to receive us when we die. As for the movies, so aroused over the possible curtailment of revenues, we might ask why they charge more for admission on Sunday than on other days, but let that, too, pass. We are moved to ask, however, for a truce in this endless effort to rule one another now that the war is over. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven—seeing that there is no place for them on earth. Earth is a small speck in the vast distances of stellar space, but it seems to take a prominent part in the "music of the spheres," whether for harmony or discord other and super-beings must judge.

Justice no less than art is inspired by a sense of proportion. They tell us that this "movement" was to be expected after "prohibition." They drag forth the old question of the separation of Church and State. They rattle the bones of race antagonism and beat the cymbals of social alarm. But is there to be no peace for the weary mind while man strives to attune the soul to peace? Conduct on the one sacred day of the week—what matters it, in these individual different estimates, beside the will to "love one another," and to "do good" to those who "despitefully" use us. The springs of true morality lie deeper than these surface contentions, the continents of eternal right are not washed away by rivers of doubt, the strength and wisdom of an Infinite Purpose is not shattered by the delays and dangers that beset the human way. But there is so much to do, so very much, there is such anguished desire for respite and rest from turmoil, that may we not suffer a few of the lesser evils, if such they are, to remain; while, in the big things of life, in all the deeds of all the days, may we not, for a little while, enter the true House of God to rest and meditate and even pray?

It would be easy, and the inclination tempts to enter this discussion on its merits. We refrain. We would look on as an observer, striving to place its meaning and worth, to the needs of the hour. Let the present Sunday observance be what the Lord's Day Alliance claims, an ever-increasing danger. When the week days are filled with comfort, plenty, brotherly love and rejoicing, need we fear then the decay of civilization because people relax on one day commonly, but not always, called Sunday? Why try to blow the foam off of life, while the dregs are stirred, and the wine in the cup is insipid and bitter? Why rouse the world over worship, when there should be work, while children are crying for food in one continent and men, women and children are starving in another, when only more work will bring relief? Pass this by and think only on the larger aspect. Why whip the minds of opinion to fury over this minor religious question, while the tremendous tasks of justice to peoples, and liberty to oppressed individuals, and law and order out of the aftermath of war, are yet unfinished? Of what use this "reform," if the world perishes?

If pleading were of avail, might not the good heart of The Good plead for a cessation of argument, a lessening of desire, that there might be concentration on the essential and the possible? Sometimes, in the quiet brightness of a summer's day, a little whirlwind gathers in the dusty roadway, to sweep over the laden fields and luscious fruits—only to dissipate into thin air. The mighty persistent work of Nature goes on, and in a day, it may be, a gentle shower comes to wash away all traces of the frail tempest that left its fleeting stain upon the golden harvest. How needful it is in this world, yet groaning with the evil legacy of clashing forces, to cultivate calm, to temper the passions, to curb even the aspirations, that there may be recovery, and yes, "reconstruction" of the material basis of civilization?

This so-called "movement" is but one of many that seem of good intent to some and of tyrannic portent to others. We do seem intent on ruling each other, rather than serving and helping each other. All days are Christian that are filled with love and sacrifice, and they glorify pagan beliefs no less. There never were such opportunities for doing good as

now. True religion cannot be forced on the soul by the power of law, more than patriotism and civic righteousness can be forced on men by the exercise of the powers of Government. If true religion *could* so be fostered and maintained, could it flourish and bear fruit where men hate one another and where personal liberty crying for expression is confined by the brutal tyranny of the few over the many, be they the dreamers of dreams, the fanatics of class, or the accidents of fortune tossed for a moment of time to the surface of that stream of life that ever broadens to the sea? The heart and mind of humanity needs rest. Let the "reforms" wait a little for a more appropriate time. Let the choppy waves of receding war settle down into the sea of peace, the sea that is still. Let the growing vigor of a reborn humanity gather one mighty effort, out of brief respite and truce to theories and discussions, that there be plenty through work. The humble and thankful heart alone approaches the Giver of all Good!

**MR. WELLS CONCLUDES HIS STUDY OF
BOLSHEVISM.**

There has been abundant criticism of the Wells articles in the "Times." Their discursive quality, their lack of logical unfolding, seems apparent to all the critics. In his fifth and last paper he tells of his visit to Lenin. Yet here there is meagreness and obscurity. He engaged in an argument with this "creative" mind. He was "filtered in" to his presence, and found his desk littered with papers, his windows looking upon ample spaces. The argument we are informed ended in a draw. Neither convinced the other. But it occurs to the visitor that this directing mind is a sort of "shut in" in the Kremlin, and thus is shut out from conditions in the wide plains of this vast land of the former Czar. Again, in his story, as also, it appears, in the view of this directing head of what is really a ghastly experiment in actual "overturn," the peasant on the soil is a negligible quantity, an ignorant, boorish tiller of the soil, who must be educated and lifted up by the light of the power and liberty that is in Communism.

Mr. Wells suggests that the large cities of the former Empire seem doomed. Lenin sees no disadvantage in this, and smiles confidently over it. Communities will be less congested. There will be huge upbuilding notwithstanding. How commerce can avoid its distribution centres we are not told. How factory life can be scattered far and wide in agricultural regions, independent of transportation and the sources of supply, we are not told. But Lenin has a plan. It has made a little progress, he says: "The electrification of Russia." Light, heat, and power for the masses! And to this so-called practical scheme we will return in a moment. Lenin, however, it is conveyed to us, believing that the downfall of capitalism must be complete before the new system of social and economic life can rise, is impatient of delay in other countries of Western Europe. Still, if this experiment does not reveal the right way, others must be tried, the supreme object is the abolition of capitalism.

Mr. Wells concludes with a summary. And in this he tells us he reveals himself, his own opinion of the way out for a burdened world. He has said he is not a Communist. He has said that Marxism in its fidelity does not exist in Bolshevism. He declares that unless there is outside recognition of this

Government of iron rule and gross tyranny, the only possible foundation upon which to build a new Russia, the backbone of the present condition, albeit one that cannot bend and must break if it have not aid—unless there is recognition in a national way and the reopening of practical trade, Bolshevism will speedily go down, and only a swamp remain in which a hopeless civilization will wallow for an age to come—and this to the detriment and decay of States that may fall into the abyss because of sheer nearness to its crumbling and corroding nature.

We discover in this summary what Wells *does* believe in, and wherein he differs with Lenin. Wells believes in collectivism, Lenin in communism. Wells would mould capitalism to his theory of human relations slowly and without war or overthrow. Lenin finds this not feasible, and would build from chaos up. Both would destroy the private ownership of property, and with it the current individualism of to-day. And the thinker and observer will ask of each where the directing and energizing power of each is to be lodged. We know as far as Bolshevism is now existent it is lodged in the tyranny of a few fanatical dreamers, in whom Mr. Wells alone can find even a modicum of practicality. Work under the Commune is the slave toiling under military precision and by militant ordering, and the chief seat of power essaying to unfold the advance for the millions is in Lenin himself.

How this water-power is to be developed, how this electrification is to be assembled and distributed without money, without the means of trade, without any protection from any form of Government than his delegated power from the whole people, aye, without capital, since that is, or is to be, destroyed, we are not told.

Nor does Wells favor us more than Lenin in this behalf. He would not have revolution, he would not have forcible seizure of industry, but he would somehow reach the same goal of no private ownership of property. Where, it must be asked of him, as of Lenin, is the directing and energizing power to lodge that toil and production may continue? If it is to be put into the State, then we would have one form of socialism. Yet we are led to believe that this is not to the taste and thought of Mr. Wells, for *his* State is imperialistic and he is in opposition to this. Collectivism is something different, yet much the same. From some mysterious source, direction and control is to emanate. Collectivism would seem to be communism without seizure or freedom from restraint. If it were proposed to electrify England, capitalism still being in existence, but under the transformation of collectivism, capital would or could set up the water control and the dynamo and then retire. And the thing would run itself—a sort of Utopia, with the god of the machine absent. Any Government that *perpetuates* capital by *protecting* private ownership does not seem to be within the scheme of Mr. Wells. There would, consequently, be no need for skill and intelligence, a sort of intellectual tyranny, since without supervision, without the feeding in of profits, without Governmental control as in socialism, industrial life in the hands of groups, we presume groups of collectivists, would function, and foster men!

Evidently Mr. Wells goes home from his hurried visit trailing "the shadow" after him. The only thing that is clear to the reader is the confusion of

two theories fighting in the dark. And now could it by any means be possible that in the United States, where progress for a century has been more rapid than elsewhere, there is a remedy and a solution in the present status quo of industrial life? Could it be possible that in the corporation there is all the benefits to accrue from collectivism, none of the disintegration and dispersion in communism, and yet the preservation of private ownership of property, the energizing of industry, the open way for creative power, the guaranty of initiative and the results of thought and toil to the individual? It is not only possible, it is a fact. It is true. And one of the latest consummations of a century of progress is a hundred-million-dollar corporation for foreign trade, supervised by a Government founded on and maintained by individualism, reaching its culminating power by the delegation of direction and operation by votes of political freemen, even as the corporation receives direction and operation through the voting of shares of stock individually owned and collectively operated. And, as a matter of cold fact, in the presence of Lenin and Wells, may it not be asked what better plan for industrial and social relations has ever been evolved than right here in the United States under our Constitutional Government?

"LABOR LIQUIDATION."

As the year closes, not one of the problems which so distress and perplex this and other leading countries shows unmistakable signs of successful and early solution. The industrial problems, which underlie and permeate all others, are no nearer pacification, so far as the best foresight can penetrate. Day by day through this week have come news items announcing short-time orders, or closing down, short-time for avoiding closure, reductions of wage, protests against reductions, conferences held or asked between mills and operatives, and so on, the number of such pieces of news being too great to allow particularizing. Clothing unions agree to mediate, says one tale; clothing unions are raising a huge fund to fight employers, says another; a 22½% cut is urged as a necessity in Fall River and is accepted under protest in New Bedford, says another. The same stricture and the same contested but inevitable yielding are reported from all directions and all industries.

Speaking, on Wednesday, to a hundred representatives of the American Woolen Company in Lawrence, Mr. William M. Wood, head of the company, said, with unquestionable sincerity, that the company is very reluctant to make any move towards wage reduction and is holding back for more light. But, he said, the selling agents in New York say there is no hope for any substantial business from clothing makers, nor for them in turn from the retailers, until it is learned and clear "that not only have the raw material markets been liquidated but all other things going to make up the cost of cloth, which, of course, includes labor; to-day, orders are not obtainable."

This is a grim statement of a fact which has existed ever since man began to work and to trade: when prices are high and are looking up, demand is brisk, each person in the line from producer to consumer being alert to secure expected increased profit; when prices look down and are surely slipping down, each person draws up his lines, lest losses

catch him. Commodities, proceeded Mr. Wood, have receded until many are on a lower basis than they should be, because below cost of replacement, "yet there has still been something wanting to invite the full confidence that is necessary to start the public buying." He who produces the best goods at the lowest prices, added Mr. Wood, will get the business; "we cannot secure orders against both domestic and foreign competition that pays lower wages than ours, nor can our operatives have constant employment if we pay higher than our competitors. So, we are holding back to get more light."

All eyes and minds, he also said, are turned upon one item which is just now undergoing reduction; of course that is labor. "With the liquidation of labor, along with that of other commodities, the raw materials, confidence in lower prices would probably induce a buying movement."

This brings the problem home, and to the spot of pinch. The unpleasant term, "liquidation," both familiar and suggestive to the business world, does not invariably mean commercial failure; but it does mean bringing calculations and appearances down to correspondence with facts. He who marks up his stocks on hand or freely orders more may be indulging in very pleasant dreams; he who marks his stocks down, or declines or tries to cancel new orders is awakening to realize where he stands. A bitter truth is always better for body and soul than a pleasant falsehood. The bloom is gone from the general outbreak of spendthrift buying, when we thought we were riding aloft on a prosperity wave which would never turn. We buy now for necessary consumption, and we are all watching and waiting for value to "liquidate" themselves.

As labor represents nearly the entire cost of consumable articles, Mr. Wood has at least given to organized labor a phrase for consideration at once disagreeable and wholesome. Unionism protests, for it wants to share prosperity with the counting-room, but to leave the counting-room to wrestle alone with adversity. Mr. Gompers is still determined that "we will not tolerate" any wage reductions, and the central governing council of the Amalgamated Textile Workers in Lawrence has sent Mr. Wood an abusive letter. They disbelieve his sincerity, and tell him they are not deceived by his "pretense of waiting for others to cut wages first; we recognize you as the directing mind of the mill barons, and hold you responsible for their acts." They accuse him of inefficiency, and add a threat that "any more inefficiency will make it necessary for the workers to relieve you and your class of the control of industry."

It is difficult to give up a cherished notion, especially when it is agreeable and has been dinned by leaders whose leadership largely depends on their saying "smooth things." It is hard to accept a situation when it comes close home to ourselves and demands sacrifices. Yet it is immovably true that no employer is wholly independent of conditions or can control them. In 1914, organized labor gleefully recognized and proclaimed its hour and opportunity, and took full advantage. Now liquidation is in order and in progress. Labor is as powerless to halt it as capital is, and can gain nothing by angrily blaming and cursing capital. Labor may better understand that the employer is himself an employee, and that the more patiently and bravely each takes his part in getting back to hard-pan the sooner we shall get there and with the least suffering.

THE COAL INVESTIGATION—DISREGARD OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS IN SEIZURE OF BOOKS AND PAPERS.

The Washington representative of a prominent morning journal reported, on the 19th, that Senator Calder's committee on reconstruction had taken "drastic action" in its attempts to halt alleged profiteering in coal and reduce the price of that necessity. The Senate's special officer, armed with a subpoena from the committee, had "suddenly swooped down on the offices of the National Coal Association in this city, and seized all the books, papers, correspondence and other records of the Association he could find," the stuff seized being loaded on vans and carried to the Capitol for leisurely inspection by the Calder Committee. The correspondent added that the Association's officers will be "summoned before the committee at once to explain the transactions recorded in the books and papers," this Association being supposed to represent all the bituminous coal operators in the country.

It is said that coal costs the consumer five times or more the cost of mining. The difference is large, doubtless too large, but it may be attributable to some other causes than a profiteering which probably exists more or less. The coal operators may not be impeccable, the coal retailers may not be indifferent to the rate of profit, the coal miners themselves may not be such virtuous and injured persons as their quite constant protests assert. In this time of upheaval and dissatisfactions, the custom is to gather and concentrate blame and hurl it (so to speak) at some specific object, which is always a corporation or association of some kind; to accurately dissect down to and justly apportion the blame is probably beyond even the real ability of any legislative committee or inquiry.

But apropos of the "drastic" act by order of Senator Calder's committee, when the Federal Constitution was adopted the conventions of a number of the colonies "expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added"; and in the belief that "extending the ground of public confidence in the Government will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution," the Congress which began in this city on March 4 1789, submitted, by a two-thirds vote, twelve amendments upon matters either originally omitted or not quite distinctly covered. The fourth of those provides that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." The difference, and the distance, between such a reasonable and orderly procedure as here described as the only permissible course and a wholesale seizing and carting away of the office property of some alleged offender against fair dealing, in order to make a fishing excursion at leisure through his records and thereby discover something on which to make and sustain specific charges, could not be shown by words, if not plain enough to reasonable minds without them. There is also a very ancient rule that no person is to be compelled to give evidence against himself.

There has long been a tendency towards summary procedures, and even such "drastic action" as this is not without precedent; in the '70s, during a time of "protection" pushed to extremes, one of the oldest and most reputable importing houses was visited by raiders under an official order, and its books were carted off for a hunt through them for evidence of attempted fraud on the revenue. But the Federal Trade Commission law of 1914 does not go so far as this, and the rules of practice of that Commission, promulgated a little more than five years ago, provide that "subpoenas for the production of documentary evidence" will issue only on written application, "which must specify, as near as may be, the documents desired and the facts to be proved by them," thus following the intent of the constitutional safeguard. Even that extraordinary and unprecedented interference scheme, the Lever "control" law, does not authorize seizing business records in order to search them for evidences of wrongdoing.

Constitutions and statutes, like the Sabbath, are made for man and must conform to his welfare; man makes them, and in part or entirety they are within his power to alter. No constitution can be higher than an instrument of expediency; it may be interpreted, disregarded, put on the shelf and forgotten, or cast away in favor of some imagined improvement, at any time; the people must control themselves, for Governments have been unable to control them, after bloody centuries of effort.

This is true, because unavoidable, and under stress of emergencies restrictions which hold in normal times are pushed aside, no constitution being an "altar" of refuge when sought by an offender of exceeding dangerousness; for example, the usual freedom of the press yields after prolonged abuse of it, and searches and seizures of material may be made, when the public safety requires, though the seized material is to be searched for evidence. This has been done, and with approval, and it may be done again; only "unreasonable" searches and seizures are constitutionally prohibited, and it will remain true that extreme emergencies make their own laws.

Yet we cannot live in and under emergencies alone, and the quasi-martial law which emergency orders is in a dangerous class. In the bonus bill, the New York Legislature has undertaken to do what the State's Constitution, in express terms, says shall not be done, and in the housing trouble has passed laws which the Federal Constitution declares that "no State" shall pass. But, said Judge Hough of the Federal Circuit Court:

"It cannot be too often said that a Constitution is not a code, nor a statute, and that it declares only fundamental principles and is not to be interpreted with the strictness of a private contract. To this doctrine we owe the rulings that even the contract clause of the Constitution does not over-ride the power of the State to establish regulations reasonably necessary to secure the health, comfort, or general welfare of the community. That is, to exercise the police power of the State."

The first sentence is incontrovertibly sound and is well said, yet does not the second amount to declaring that when a constitution is found inconveniently in the way it may be stepped over, or a way around it taken? We can never deny (because our conduct declares) that a supreme emergency requires and justifies extremes; we have all known instances, and we can all see that they may arise at

any time. And yet—and yet? Insist, and insist again, that the extraordinary measures shall be “reasonable,” meaning thereby appropriate, indispensable, and temporary. A too self-conscious and hypochondriacal person can get any disease desired, and if he notes and watches for “symptoms” he will certainly have them. The analogy is fairly close, for emergency action is liable to prolong and even to create emergencies, because a concentration of the power of the mass upon one particular spot, in response to the cry of one spot or class for “relief,” is very liable to cause distortion and a distress somewhere else, when the cry is again raised and the forcible process must be repeated. Another danger is even worse, because more under the surface and so more insidious; it is that we may acquire a habit of treating constitutions lightly, as a kind of social-political convention; thus we insensibly drift farther and farther from law and order, according to things established and unquestioned. Constitutional Government means stability, and stability means growth and progress; on the other extreme, emergency and political surgery mean nothing valuable left, except possibly Hope. Are not Mexico and Russia examples vivid enough?

The greatest emergency the world has ever had to bear has ended its most immediate stringent phases. Recovery and gradual restoration are now the proper order. It behooves us to be patient, to avoid kill-or-cure nostrums, to hold fast to things that were well-framed and have long stood, to be very slow and careful about alleged “reconstructions.”

THE TRANSPORTATION ACT AND LABOR ADJUSTMENT BOARDS.

One of the features of the Transportation Act of last winter, and one of those which organized labor probably officially disapproves, is that in addition to the elaborate general Labor Board “local boards of labor adjustment may be established by agreement between any carrier, group of carriers, or the carriers as a whole, and any employees or subordinate officials of carriers, or organization or group of organizations thereof.” This provision for minor and local boards means that management and employees may come together, lay their cards upon the table, and compose their own differences without outside intervention. A movement in this direction was started on the 21st, when a meeting was held at the call of Vice-President Atterbury of the Pennsylvania, attended by a large number of operating officers of the system and several hundred representatives of the brotherhood membership. The object was to talk the situation over. Mr. Atterbury has been waiting, he said, to see if the employees would of their own motion recognize that the change in the system organization must bring a change in the manner of handling questions between management and employees. It had been clear to him that the men must recognize the change in the situation, and would “voluntarily organize themselves to provide regional committees to correspond with our regional organization.” He would willingly have waited, but his hand is forced by the decision of the General Labor Board that the minor adjustment boards can be formed only by voluntary action of management and men.

So he called the meeting, having in mind the three principal points of regional committees; next, the principles of schedules; third, machinery for

promptly handling matters in dispute. If by “collective bargaining,” he said, “is meant sitting down together to discuss and dispose of working conditions, the system has had it for at least 17 years, and the meeting now assembled is in continuance of that policy.” In the whole term there has never been a strike, although some threats have been made, for “we have always been able to compose our difficulties.” “You represent,” he told the men, “nearly 30% of the entire working force, and of all in train service the most responsible, the most highly organized, and generally the most highly paid. No strike has ever been called; the closed shop is neither practiced nor advocated, nor is the sympathetic strike favored. There are doubtless many petty grievances on both sides. Forget them for the time being,” said Mr. Atterbury; “let each put himself in place of the other, and see if he cannot understand the other’s side. Act upon this, and not only will there never be a strike, but there will never be even a strike vote taken on the system.”

This is the policy of “come, let us reason together.” It banishes that old falsehood that capital and labor are natural and irreconcilable enemies. It substitutes belief in a community of interests, not an opposition, and agrees with the first postulate of calm reason that in genuine service and honest trading the advantage is with both parties, even though that be not quite equal. It proposes an attitude of friendship and agreement, instead of suspicion and antagonism. It is the get-together attitude, and is the natural one when the parties are left to themselves; it is the practice, or the policy, or the desire at the very least, of the largest corporations and of the largest of private employers. When both sides are encouraged (or permitted) to sit down together and talk things over, their grievances shrink to real dimensions, or disappear, and conciliation and mutual concessions naturally follow; when outside organizers and intervenors get in, disturbance is as natural as that mud should make clean water turbid. The outsider does not intimately know the case; he comes to it with a pre-judgment, and (what is vastly more disturbing) under the necessity he thinks he sees that he himself shall live comfortably in good clothing and with only the labor of the tongue, which is far pleasanter than to wear an apron and use tools at a work-bench. That he may live and be happy, he deliberately foments dissensions and losses among others.

A grand central union of all industrial workers is a dream which can never become accomplished, because it seeks to mass elements too distinct and conditions naturally individual; moreover, it is too colossal in scope. It can no more be accomplished than there can be one centrally-controlled single “family” of all the people. But this impossible undertaking can produce unrest and industrial waste, and it does so with each renewed attempt, as proven by many and recent instances. The ideal industrial scheme and the only peaceful scheme—until the day when worker and owner become the same person—is that industrial plants shall be “closed” as to outside meddling and the parties shall in each instance discuss and compose their own grievances. That a conviction to this effect is surely making its way among employers is indicated anew by a Chicago news item of Dec. 22, that a call just issued by the National Conference of State Manufacturers’ Associations for a convention of merchants, manufactur-

ers, railway executives and shippers, to be held on Jan. 12, mentions; as a matter for earnest protest, the expected demand of the four railway brotherhoods for a national adjustment board for all cases, instead of the individual treatment of each case by the parties immediately concerned. Acquiescence in such a national and central plan, declares this call, "would mean the opening wedge for collective bargaining and the closed shop in all branches of American industry."

CANADA'S UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 24 1920.

Canada is passing through an experience of industrial unemployment more or less common to the whole Continent. Conferences of Cabinet Ministers, manufacturers and labor leaders have failed to develop any plan whereby a country in the grip of world deflation can do much more than open relief stations for workless and starving people. The Provincial Governments have ordered the initiation of public works, and the Dominion Government will maintain ship construction and other enterprises, but the manufacturing industry is practically helpless to accelerate its pace in the presence of a canny public and cautious bankers. As a dole to assist the movement of goods from factory to consumer, the Minister of Finance this week removed the luxury tax from scores of articles, including silks, furs, higher-priced clothing, jewelry and automobiles, but retained the tax upon candy, liquors, and some other materials deemed to rank as unquestionable luxuries. This move will cross out perhaps twenty million dollars annual revenue, but, in the Minister's opinion, the action was preferable to distributing a like sum from the Federal Treasury in unemployment relief.

British Columbia reports the most aggravated condition of unemployment, contingent upon dullness in the lumber trade, and the curious fact that many thousands of returning soldiers, when offered railway transportation to any point in Canada, selected British Columbia for its climatic and scenic advantages. The Province has asked the Dominion Government to shoulder responsibility for these misplaced veterans. Other provinces, in addition to an emergency program of road building and such like, have undertaken to share equally with the Dominion and the municipality the cost of providing food and shelter for destitute men and families.

No one has more exactly summarized the composite opinion of Government and business leaders in this country as to the necessity of taking lean times with the fat and bearing up with confidence and caution than Sir Vincent Meredith, when addressing recently the directors of the Bank of Montreal. "It has been difficult," he said, "to make men who had grown accustomed to high prices realize the fact that economic conditions, which no artificial means can alter, alone are the cause of price decline. The demand for intervention through Government control is insistent in some quarters. Canada alone cannot control world-wide conditions, and it is idle to turn to the Government for relief from falling prices. This applies to wheat as to other commodities.

"The situation in Canada at present, as I see it, is that while there does not appear to be any cause for apprehension, there is every reason for the exer-

cise of the utmost measure of caution. Canada cannot dissociate herself from world conditions and world conditions are not satisfactory. On this continent the two years supervening upon the Armistice have been marked by unexampled trade activity and prosperity, a circumstance common to the conclusion of all great wars, but the reaction has set in and may not yet be in full play. Happily, Canada is well buttressed on many sides and the exercise of prudence and sagacity should enable her to meet the shock of falling prices, restricted credits and deflated currency without serious impairment of her commercial and financial vitality."

NEW INTRA-STATE RAILROAD RATES—OVER RULING OF LOCAL OPPOSITION—CONSTITUTIONALITY STILL TO BE DETERMINED.

Some progress has been made of late in the matter of removing, at least temporarily, the various legal obstacles which were raised by local Public Service Commissions in a number of the States of the Union to prevent the enforcement as regards intra-State traffic—especially passenger traffic—of the order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, issued on July 29 advancing railroad rates of the country. This order was to become effective on Aug. 26 and as regards inter-State traffic it was put in operation on that day.

In the matter of intra-State rates there has been much opposition to the proposed setting aside of State rates by a Federal Board. The extent of this opposition appears from the following compilation of data presented by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in its 34th Annual Report, showing the position of the various States on the question of the new intra-State rates:

Intra-State Rate Increase—Number of States Assenting and Dissenting.		
New Intra-State Rates—	Freight.	Passenger.
Increased approved in full.....	24	23
Increases approved with exceptions.....	17	7
No increase allowed because statutory provisions prevent action by State commissions.....	--	13
Smaller percentage increase approved.....	5	--
Increases denied.....	2	3
Increases denied in part.....	--	2
Total.....	48	48

The contest has focused in New York and Illinois. Justice Hasbrouck, in the Supreme Court at Kingston, N. Y. on Dec. 18 vacated the temporary injunction which was granted to State Attorney-General Newton and the New York Public Service Commission by Justice Cropsey at Brooklyn on Nov. 27. This injunction was intended to restrain all the railroads of the State, except the Long Island R.R. Co. and the Staten Island Rapid Transit Co. (which were made the subjects of a separate injunction) from collecting higher passenger rates on Intra-State traffic.

The New York State authorities immediately expressed their determination to continue the fight to the highest court. On Dec. 21, however, Judge John C. Knox, in the United States District Court at New York in a suit brought by the New York Central R.R. Co., as an inter-State carrier, issued a temporary injunction returnable Dec. 31, restraining the aforesaid State authorities from starting any new actions or proceeding with any actions already started and also from "harrassing and threatening to harrass the New York Central R.R. Co., for the purpose of preventing it from carrying out the orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission."

The way having been cleared by Judge Hasbrouck's action vacating the injunction of Nov. 27, the New York Central, and the Delaware & Hudson on Dec. 20, lost no time in increasing their intra-State passenger rates from 3 to 3.6 cents per mile, and also their local milk and Pullman rates (the latter for the benefit of the road and not the Pullman Company) to correspond with the inter-State rates already in force.

The case of the Long Island R.R. and the Staten Island Rapid Transit Co. came before Justice Benedict of the Supreme Court, the application having been presented as in the other case by Deputy Attorney-General Griffin, but supported as intervenors by the City of New York and the Queens Chamber of Commerce as well as the Public Service Commission.

The decision of Justice Benedict, handed down yesterday, enjoins both roads from advancing their passenger rates pending the determination of an action at law for a permanent injunction. The Court expresses its disapproval of the proposed assertion of Federal authority, in the following vigorous words:

The present case involves a drastic assertion of power on the part of the Federal Government. It seeks to lay its hand on purely intra-State carriers and to exercise over their rates for intra-State transportation the same authority it has exercised over the intra-State rates of inter-State carriers.

If it shall succeed in establishing its right so to do the last vestige of State authority over carriers' rates will be destroyed.

There has been some surprise expressed that the New York Central should have been able to increase its rate between Albany and Buffalo to 3.6 cts. per mile in the face of the decision handed down by the Court of Appeals on Dec. 10 which appeared to order a restoration of the 2 cent rate fixed for that division under the old statute.

On inquiring we learn that the suit before the court of Appeals was brought after the roads were returned to private control but before the order of the Inter-State Commission was filed. The decision of the Court merely had to do with the construction of the statute and now that the Inter-State Commerce Commission have acted, it is expected the Court will hold that their action is final. The question whether the order of the Commission upsets the old State rate of 2 cents per mile was not passed upon in the opinion, but the railroad was "given permission to present the record taken before the Commission to the Supreme Court at a special term where the constitutional questions may be properly presented, none of them appearing in the record before the Court of Appeals." (From report by "Journal of Commerce & Commercial Bulletin").

In Illinois fourteen roads obtained an injunction from the Federal Court to prevent the State officials from interfering with the 3.6 cent passenger rate (See "Chronicle" of Dec. 4, p. 2187). This case it has been said will probably be the test case on which the constitutionality of the Federal action as to intra-State rates will be determined. Hearing on the application of the roads centring at Chicago for a 20% increase in commutation rates has been postponed until Jan. 13, in Washington.

On Dec. 22 the Inter-State Commerce Commission proceeding with its action against the several dissenting States, ordered the raising of passenger fares in Minnesota and Arkansas to the inter-State level.

On the other hand, in Ohio opposition to the increased rates has shown new strength. The Utilities Commission has again suspended, until Jan. 18, the higher coal rates asked by the railroads on intra-State traffic, and Attorney-General John G. Price has instituted a suit in the Court of Common Pleas to restrain the roads in the State from putting into effect the higher rate schedule.

The hearing on the petition of the New England roads for a larger share of the rates on through inter-State traffic a matter of much importance for these roads, has been adjourned until Dec. 28.

A RAISE?

[From the December issue of the "Hibernia Rabbit," published by the Hibernia Bank Club of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans.]

A young Gentile working for a Hebrew asked for a raise. This is the Hebrew's reply:

In der year der is	365 days
You work 8 hours a day, consequently you work only 1/3 of the time, or	121 days
Den der is Sundays each year	52 days
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Vich leaves	69 days
Den you haf 1/2 day off each Saturday	26 days
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Or vich leaves	43 days
Den you haf one hour off each day for dinner	13 days
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Vich leaves	30 days
Each year one gifs you two weeks' vacation	14 days
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Vich leaves	16 days
Den der is in der year, holidays	12 days
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Vich leaves	4 days
Und any fool knows der ish Jewish holidays in der year	4 days
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Vich leaves	0 days

Now vy in der devil do you want a raise?

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 December 20.

RATE ON FRENCH TREASURY BILLS CONTINUED AT 6 1/2%.

The French ninety-day Treasury bills were disposed of this week on a discount basis of 6 1/2%—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 December 24.

CENTRAL RESERVE BANK IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The following cablegram from London was published in the "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 18:

To-day the South African Currency and Banking Act, establishing a central reserve bank, comes into operation. This is the first central bank in the British overseas dominions, as it differs in constitution from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, which the Government controls.

The South African Act provides for the withdrawal of gold from circulation, the Treasury issuing gold certificates against gold deposited at the mint. Price certificates will be unconvertible so long as the market price of gold exceeds the mint price.

The Central Reserve Bank will have eleven directors, three nominated by the Government, three by commercial banks and three by commercial, agricultural and industrial interests. The governor and deputy will be Government appointees. The capital is £1,000,000. The bank may not entertain commercial banking solely. The central bank will have a monopoly of note issues, which are to be secured, 40% by gold and the balance by approved bills.

BELGIUM'S DEBT REACHES 30,500,000,000 FRANCS.

Details regarding Belgium's finances were furnished in a cablegram to the daily papers from Brussels Dec. 22, which we quote herewith:

Colonel Theunys, the new Minister of Finance, made a deep impression in the Chamber of Deputies when he presented the Government's financial statement. He said the public debt now amounted to 30,500,000,000 francs, of which only 9,500,000,000 was consolidated. The deficit in the 1921 budget, the Minister declared, would be 6,500,000,000 francs, due chiefly to unfavorable exchange, losses on the railroads and expenses on public works.

The inadequacy of the revenue, Colonel Theunys added, made fresh taxation and rigid economics inevitable. He said he hoped by the introduction of improved methods to reduce the losses sustained by the railroads, which amounted to 322,000,000 francs. The war budget had been pruned of 400,000,000 francs.

The Minister appealed to the people of the country to pay their taxes promptly and to curtail expenditures. This, he said, was the only way to solve the financial problem and restore Belgium's credit at home and abroad.

FOOD CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY AUSTRIA

The daily press in cablegrams from Vienna Dec. 15 said:

The Finance Commission of the National Assembly today authorized a bill granting the Government an additional credit of 8,000,000,000 crowns to cover extraordinary expenses for the first three months of 1921, of which sum 4,000,000,000 crowns will be used in payment for foodstuffs which will be sold to the public at a loss. Last week a credit of 6,000,000,000 crowns was granted the Government.

Newspapers of all shades of political opinion make pessimistic prophecies as to the future of the country. The Neues Abendblatt says: "How long will this shower of billions last? The State will soon collapse. The Entente must hurry and furnish credits, otherwise it will be faced by chaos, causing the collapse of all its neighboring countries."

BUSINESS CRISIS IN TURKEY—BANKS REFUSE GREEK BONDS AS SECURITY

The daily papers published on Dec. 23 the following cablegram from Constantinople Dec. 22:

Commerce here is suffering an acute crisis on account of the inability of importers to meet their obligations owing to the extraordinary rise in foreign exchange. It will be necessary to import supplies for the winter from Europe, Anatolia being closed. A panic on the exchange because of the slump in commercial dealings has resulted in numerous bankruptcies.

The banks are refusing to accept Greek bonds as security for loans. Unless commerce with Anatolia is reestablished soon there will be a commercial catastrophe. The rise in exchange was provoked by the needs of Constantinople, which has been importing \$10,000,000 worth of commodities monthly. The Turkish pound has dropped from 72 to 52 cents.

SOVIET ARMENIA ANNULS FOREIGN LOANS.

A London cablegram to the daily papers Dec. 22 said:

The Armenian Soviet in a proclamation has annulled all foreign loans, "especially the American loan," which the Armenian workers have been toiling to repay, says a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK RECEIVES \$1,300,000 OF SWEDISH GOLD.

A shipment of gold amounting to \$1,300,000 was received on Dec. 21 by the National Bank of Commerce in New York.

The metal, in English bars, came from the Sveriges Riksbank, the Government Bank of Sweden, on board the Swedish-American Line SS. Drottningholm. It was transported during the afternoon from the steamship company's dock to the Assay Office.

SUSPENSION BY U. S. OF RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING RUSSIAN RUBLE DEALINGS AND EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS.

The Treasury Department at Washington announced on Dec. 20 the suspension of rules and regulations restricting the exportation of coin, bullion and currency to Bolshevik Russia, as well as the restrictions against dealings or exchange transactions in Russian rubles, and transfers of credit or exchange transactions with Bolshevik Russia. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in making known as follows the Treasury Department's announcement, indicated in italics what was effected in this week's action.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK. [Circular No. 329. December 21 1920.] Transactions with Bolshevik Russia.

To all Banks and Trust Companies and Others Concerned in the Second Federal Reserve District:

The following announcement, which we submit herewith for your guidance, was issued by the Treasury Department yesterday:

"The Secretary of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board announce that, with the approval of the Department of State, and in order to give force and effect to the action of that Department in removing restrictions in the way of trade and communication with Soviet Russia, as announced by that Department on July 7 1920, all rules and regulations restricting the exportation of coin, bullion and currency to that part of Russia now under the control of the so-called Bolshevik Government, or restricting dealings or exchange transactions in Russian rubles, or restricting transfers of credit or exchange transactions with that part of Russia now under the control of the so-called Bolshevik Government, have been suspended, effective Dec. 18 1920, until further notice."

Very truly yours,

J. H. CASE, Acting Governor.

Press dispatches from Washington Nov. 20 had the following to say in the matter:

Removal of the final restrictions, on trade with Soviet Russia, Treasury officials explained, in no way means government sanction of commercial relations with that country, but merely gives full effect to the State Department's announcement of July 7 that trade would be permitted at the trader's risk.

Mint and assay offices will continue to refuse to accept Soviet gold, Treasury officials declared, as the Government may only acquire the lawful moneys of a recognized foreign Government. Little is expected to be accomplished in the way of opening up trade with Russia through the removal of the financial restrictions, Treasury officials added. Because of the absence of official relations between the two Governments, all business transaction will be at the risk of the contracting parties.

In reporting the action of the Treasury Department, the "Journal of Commerce" in special advices from Washington Dec. 20 said:

Treasury officials said to-night that the action taken would in all probability have no effect whatever on the status of Russian gold in this country. The idea prevails that the Russian gold that has been shipped to the United States bears the mint stamp of the Czar's Government, and that a lien is claimed by the Government of France and others Powers against such gold. The United States Government could not, therefore, undertake to act in any manner to deny this claim.

There is in the situation, however, no bar to any private concern that desires to do business with the Nationals of Russia taking gold in payment for commodities and disposing of such gold in bullion form after melting it down.

Since the President's proclamation of June 27 1919, removing restrictions on export of bullion coin and currency with all countries except the territory of Soviet Russia and the order of the State Department of July 7, this year, trade with Russia has been in charge of the War Trade Board section of the State Department and numerous orders have been made to govern efforts at the restoration of trade with Russia.

This has been continually embarrassed by exchange conditions, and payments for goods have been forced into indirect channels through other countries. Hereafter exchange transactions may proceed without restrictions and in a normal manner. It is expressly stated, however, that the action taken does not in any degree operate as a recognition of the Soviet Government of Russia. It is not expected that removal of the war restrictions will have any very great apparent effect on trade for months to come.

There may be some slight effect on the speculative operations in progress in the United States in Russian rubles, which have been coming into the country steadily in consequence of the willingness of the American investors to buy them to hold for the ultimate recognition of the present Government of Russia.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED BY COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE FINANCING CORPORATION.

John McHugh, Chairman of the Committee on Organization of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation, announces the following members of the Executive Committee of the Organization Committee:

Fred I. Kent, Vice-President Bankers' Trust Co., New York City.

Julius H. Barnes, Barnes-Ames Co., Duluth, Minn.

Paul M. Warburg, New York City.

Thomas E. Wilson, President Wilson & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board, Irving National Bank, New York City.

Herbert Myrick, Treasurer Orange-Judd Co., Springfield, Mass.

Charles A. Hirsch, President Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati, O.

George Ed. Smith, President Royal Typewriter Co., New York City.

Mr. McHugh, as Chairman of the Organization Committee, was empowered at the first meeting of that committee, held at Chicago Dec. 11, to name an Executive Committee of nine members, including himself as Chairman. This Executive Committee, to which we referred in our issue of

Saturday last, page 2377, and which has actively taken up its duties, is charged, under the Organization Committee, with the working out of various important matters relative to the proposed corporation. The Organization Committee of thirty members was constituted by the conference held at Chicago by five hundred bankers, business men and producers from all parts of the country. As indicated by us a week ago, the conference unanimously went on record as approving and recommending the immediate formation of the corporation.

PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION FOR REVIVAL OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The resolution for the revival of the War Finance Corporation, which passed the Senate on Dec. 13, was ordered favorably reported on Dec. 16 by the House Committee on Banking and Currency, and on the 18th inst. was passed by the House by a vote of 212 to 61. The House materially amended the resolution by eliminating the preamble and Section 2, and the Senate on the 20th inst. concurred in these changes, thus placing the resolution before the President for approval. The resolution as it passed the Senate last week, was printed in our issue of Saturday last, page 2381. The preamble referred to the existence in the agricultural sections of the country of "unprecedented and unparalleled distress on account of the inability of the farmers to dispose of the corn, wheat, cotton, wool, live stock and other commodities now in marketable condition at prices that will pay the cost of production," and to the inability of the banks "to extend credit to the farmer in order that the farm products may be held until they can be sold in a fair and reasonable market." Section 2, which has also been eliminated in the resolution as finally adopted by Congress, had read:

Section 2. That it is the opinion of Congress that the Federal Reserve Board should take such action as may be necessary to permit the member banks of the Federal Reserve system to grant liberal extensions of credit to the farmers of the country upon the security of the agricultural products now held by them, by permitting the rediscounting of such notes of extension at a reasonable rate of interest.

As a result the only portion of the resolution enacted is the following:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Treasury and the members of the War Finance Corporation are hereby directed to revive the activities of the War Finance Corporation, and that said corporation be at once rehabilitated with the view of assisting in the financing of the exportation of agricultural and other products to foreign markets.

On Dec. 18, when the resolution was before the House for action, Representative Luce of Massachusetts and Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania both voiced their opposition to the proposal to revive the corporation, and in an endeavor to block action on the resolution a point of order was raised by Representative Luce as to whether the resolution was within the scope of revenue producing bills, which under the Constitution must originate in the House. In the lengthy argument which ensued, a point of order was raised against the motion of Representative Luce to the effect that the resolution was not a question of special privilege, and in the vote taken on this, the House decided, by 142 against 28, that it was not a question of privilege. With this question disposed of the House adopted a resolution limiting debate on the War Finance resolution to three hours. The amendment to the War Finance resolution eliminating Section 2 was agreed to by the House, sitting in committee of the whole, by a vote of 132 to 20, this being followed by the submission of the resolution, as thus approved, to the House, which struck out the preamble and passed the bill by the vote indicated above, namely 212 to 61. The House amendments were concurred in by the Senate without a record vote. Representative Luce, in voicing his opposition to the resolution in the House on Dec. 18, said in part:

Mr. Chairman, last week the gathered in the city of Chicago a conference assembled at the invitation of the president of the American Bankers' Association. The purpose of that conference was to develop a corporation with a maximum financial capacity, under the Edge law, of \$1,000,000,000. As a result of that meeting, I find in the Chicago Tribune of Dec. 12, Arthur M. Evans writing the article:

"The billion baby in the world's markets was born yesterday. The project to form a corporation of \$100,000,000 capital and \$1,000,000,000 capacity was adopted by the conference of finance, agriculture, industry, and business interests. A committee of thirty was appointed, and \$100,000 to meet the expense of launching the project was raised in 10 minutes.

Upon the following day the Chicago News, in an editorial said:

"Herbert S. Hoover described the Chicago conference of bankers, manufacturers, and farmers, which authorized the formation of a \$100,000,000 corporation to help finance American foreign trade, as the most momentous since the armistice."

"The most momentous since the armistice! At the very time when this corporation is in process of formation the Congress of the United States is asked to do precisely the same thing, with precisely the same limitation on investment—\$1,000,000,000.

I desire to call to the attention of the committee the contrast between these situations, and ask them to consider if they ever had a more definite or clear chance to choose between progress by the Government and progress by individual initiative. Mind you, these corporations, one a Government corporation the other a corporation started by private citizens, have the same

limitation upon their possibilities—\$1,000,000,000. What is the contrast in the raising of their capital? Here you contemplate putting your hand into the Public Treasury and taking from the taxpayers of the country, or adding to the country's debt, to raise a capital of \$500,000,000. That is the way the Government proceeds, or the way you direct your Secretary of the Treasury to proceed, namely, to take the money of the taxpayers for your capital. That involves no exertion whatever, it requires no initiative, no personal activities on the part of those soliciting subscriptions. Did any gentleman ever engage in starting a corporation find himself confronted by a more attractive method of raising capital than by passing a law in the House of Representatives and in the Senate and have it signed by the President? All you have to do is to draw from the Treasury your capital. On the other hand, the private citizens organizing for such a purpose have to go out and get the capital subscribed.

What happens next? You say to the public corporation, "Your shares and your bonds shall have tax exemptions," and you say to your private corporation, "If you succeed in inducing people to invest money in your enterprise, they shall pay taxes." In other words, you give a bonus at the very outset to your public corporation, you put a handicap on your private corporation.

It is known by those on the inside that the bonds of your public corporation are not to be guaranteed by the United States. The \$500,000,000 of capital is a guaranty, but there may be \$500,000,000 without guaranty by the Government. Almost every small buyer of bonds will think them guaranteed. Indeed, your Secretary of the Treasury has pointed out that the bonds can not be sold unless they have behind them the guaranty of the United States Government. Your private corporation has no such guaranty. Your private corporation has the guaranty of the money paid in as capital stock, but beyond that none, as I understand it.

Under these circumstances, gentlemen, let us next confront the element of risk. Let us next ask ourselves whether we may prudently hazard the money of the people in this emergency.

Let me call your attention to the facts of the condition in Europe, to which most of this exportation is to be made. Let me ask you solemnly to reflect as to whether you believe you are warranted in your official capacity in extending the public credit further to the consumers of Europe—for that is what this means in the last analysis.

Of course it goes through the form of being loaned to the exporter and accrues to the benefit of the producer, but in the last analysis the money is loaned to the consumer in Europe; and what has Europe been doing in these two years since the armistice to show that we ought to intrust to her another billion dollars of credit? The statisticians inform us that the additions to the debt of the world—and that is for much the greater part European—were \$44,000,000,000 in the first year after the armistice, and that they were \$42,000,000,000 in the second year after the armistice, so that they have increased in these two years from \$212,000,000,000 to the stupendous figure of \$300,000,000,000. At the same time these countries to which it is proposed to extend this credit have been working the printing presses to their utmost capacity in grinding out paper currency. At the conclusion of the armistice the paper money of the world, nearly all European, amounted to \$43,000,000,000. A year later it was \$55,000,000,000, and two years later it was \$82,000,000,000. At the present moment the paper money of the world has behind it only 9 cents in gold for every dollar in paper.

May not that give pause to gentlemen who think that we might, offhand, hastily, without great reflection, hazard a billion dollars more of our credit in these investments? But it may be—it may well be—that private individuals, private exporters, may desire to take the risk and be willing to take the risk which, as holders of a public trust it would be unwise and improper for us to take. Why not leave this to the men who are willing to take the risk and stake their own money rather than make it perhaps impossible for them to function by putting in competition with them an organization based upon the taxpayers' money in part, with the taxpayers' guaranty in part, with the advantage of tax exemption and functioning as a Government institution?

Representatives Luce and McFadden, were among those who presented a minority report against the resolution, to which we refer in another item.

MINORITY REPORT ON RESOLUTION FOR REVIVAL OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

In another article we refer to the passage by Congress of the resolution for the revival of the War Finance Corporation. A minority report, dissenting from the views of the majority of the House Banking and Currency Committee, was presented to the House on Dec. 17, and the arguments of the minority against the proposal, are given herewith.

Views of the Minority.

This resolution is intended to compel the War Finance Corporation, an agency of the United States, to take action which will result in lending up to \$1,000,000,000 to persons in foreign countries, chiefly on the Continent of Europe, who may want to buy American products and have not the money with which to pay.

This is not deemed prudent by the War Finance Corporation itself, by the Secretary of the Treasury, by the Federal Reserve Board, and by others who have an intimate knowledge of the financial situation.

The first objection springs from doubt as to whether this money will ever be repaid. Security apparently good will prove of little avail if the countries where the loans are made are conquered directly or indirectly by bolshevism.

The seriousness of the risk has been shown by the hesitation of American financiers to take advantage of the Edge law and organize for the purpose of doing the very thing this resolution contemplates. Because private capital will not do the thing in any important degree we are asked to hazard the public capital.

The use of public credit, however, is to be in the first instance the bait for alluring private credit. The admission is that the corporation will have to sell bonds. The hope is that thereby investors will be induced to make the European borrowers loans that cannot be negotiated by processes already available.

However the end is accomplished, it will mean up to a billion dollars of addition to outstanding credits. This means further inflation up to a billion dollars. No juggling of words can overcome the fact that credit cannot be extended without either taking from credit in existence or creating credit, and that what may be taken from credit in existence will be replaced by created credit.

The great majority of men versed in finance believe this is not a time for adding to the enormous volume of credit already available for the business of this country. They believe that the huge increase in this volume in the

two years since the end of the war has been chiefly responsible for the industrial depression from which we are now suffering. They would view any addition to this volume as a calamity, threatening the precipitation of a financial panic, and delaying our return to sound conditions for agriculture, industry, and commerce.

Rehabilitation of the War Finance Corporation means further inflation. Further inflation means higher prices. This is an avowed object of the supporters of this resolution. In face of the fact that the whole country has been crying for a reduction in the cost of living, we are now urged to legislate so that certain classes of the people may get higher prices for their products. Once enter on legislation of that sort, where shall we stop?

The re-entry of the Government into the banking business, a function wholly objectionable of itself in times of peace, is to be accomplished at the cost of embroiling still further a most delicate and difficult financial situation. So far as the bonds of the Corporation could be sold they would displace a corresponding amount of Treasury certificates, Liberty bonds and Victory notes, and result in depreciating still further the market value of these securities, while adding to the difficulties of Government financing.

These bonds would have to be short-time obligations, and experts say the Corporation could by their use borrow no sum whatever at less than 6½% and no considerable amount at less than 7%.

Inasmuch as there is plenty of private capital available for all safe export business, if public credit were to compete with private credit, it could offer no better terms to foreign borrowers unless it lent the money at below the market rate or accepted poorer security. Since the armistice it is estimated that private credit has been able to finance foreign lending through commercial channels to the huge extent of between three and four billion dollars. There is no proof that its resources are exhausted.

To hazard the public credit under these conditions offers but a vain hope to the classes of producers suffering from the fall in prices. It is folly or worse to delude the producers of food with the pretense that this really means any relief for them. Leaders in the live-stock industry, with most intimate knowledge of conditions, squarely declared that this measure could not directly save or even affect the situation in the matter of meat or meat products, including wool. Only as it might contribute to the general welfare could it do any good. The trouble is not that we can't sell meat and meat products to the foreigner but that he can sell to us.

The same thing is true with nearly every other variety of food. There is no world shortage of food, but, on the contrary, an apparent overproduction. No resolution of Congress will lead people to eat more than they want. To those famishing in a few regions we can lend money wherewith to buy, but that is not the purpose nor would it be the result of this resolution.

Of certain raw materials of commerce, notably cotton, we could doubtless export more, and it is eminently desirable that we should, but if it is necessary to resort to any public agency in order to accomplish this, which has not been shown, we do not believe the course contemplated by this resolution to be the prudent or justifiable method.

Attention should be directed to the improprieties and uncertainties of the resolution itself. By the law concerned we have entrusted to the corporation and to the Secretary of the Treasury certain discretionary powers. The Attorney General has declared that the corporation exercised one of these powers in suspending operations. We now contemplate substituting our judgment for that of the corporation, which we have the undoubted right to do if we proceed by a legislating process, but not otherwise. Assuming that this resolution meets that need, which is far from clear, two things remain evident:

First, the resolution does not permanently destroy the particular power involved, from which it follows that the corporation may at any time again suspend operations; and

Secondly, the resolution destroys no other discretionary power of the corporation or of the Secretary of the Treasury, from which it follows that what may be supposed to be the wish of Congress may at any time be nullified by the executive branch without any violation of duty. On the contrary, as long as these discretionary powers exist, it will be the duty of the executive agency to exercise judgment, and any official who failed in this would be false to his oath of office. If by reason of changed political conditions abroad or changed financial conditions at home it became manifestly unwise to continue lending our public credit to foreign borrowers, would any public official concerned be forgiven for refusing to exercise the discretionary powers lodged in him by law?

The resolution breathes the hope that officials still possessing these powers and sworn to use their best judgment in the exercise thereof will in fact not use their own judgment at all, but accept what may be supposed to be the judgment of Congress, though not set forth in this resolution save in one particular. The resolution says the activities of the corporation are to be revived, but gives no intimation as to how long they are to be continued. Assuming that the present administration might try to conform to what it might infer to be the legislative will, however imperfectly expressed, would the resolution in its present form impose any obligation whatever on the next administration? If it should then be apparent that the resolution had accomplished no useful purpose, but on the contrary had deluded the public, had led to inflation, had made our condition worse, had postponed the day of reckoning only to our greater hurt, could this corporation as it might then be officered honorably exercise the discretionary powers that this resolution does not touch?

If they could be exercised three months from now, why not three weeks from now, or three days after the resolution became law?

Is anything further necessary to show the folly of a resolution so loosely and ineffectively drawn? It does not embody the will of those by whom it is favored. It adds to uncertainty. It embarrasses the public officials who are trying to help carry the country through a most intricate and perplexing situation by the exercise of the soundest judgment they can command. It announces to the world our belief that this judgment is unsound. It swells our peril.

LOUIS T. McFADDEN L. S. ECHOLS.
PORTER H. DALE ROBERT LUCE.
E. S. BROOKS.

SECRETARY HOUSTON IN OPPOSITION TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION AND OTHER PROPOSALS.

Opposition not only to the proposed revival of the War Finance Corporation, but to other projects in the interest of the farmers which would tend to increase the tax burdens, was lodged with the Senate Committee on Finance by Secretary of the Treasury Houston at a hearing before the committee on Dec. 23. At the same time Secretary Houston declared himself against the suggestion to extend a billion dollar credit to Germany (to which we refer in another item), and in emphasizing the need of economy he predicted a deficit of approximately \$2,000,000,000 in the Government's

finances at the end of the current fiscal year, and a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 for the fiscal year 1921-22. The enactment of a soldier bonus bill was strongly disapproved by Secretary Houston, on account of whose remarks, as given in a special Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" we append.

The passing of much of the legislation which has been suggested, the Secretary pointed out, would mean additional taxes on the people, increase in the cost of living, and the impairment of the Treasury Department's ability to meet existing obligations. Persons, said the Secretary, who hold out to the farmers of the country a promise that war-time prices can be restored, are, in his opinion, the worst enemies the farmers have. Nothing of the kind, in the opinion of Secretary Houston, can or will happen.

The Secretary also disclosed that the Treasury Department is now trying to effect an understanding of some sort between the United States and the Allies regarding the debt of billions owed this country. The plan now under discussion involves a deferment of the payment of principal and some arrangement which will make possible the payment, in the meantime, of the interest.

Senator McCumber, Acting Chairman of the Committee, asked Secretary Houston to cover the whole field of Government finance and if possible to outline to the committee any propositions the Senate may have as to how best to meet the situation confronting the Treasury Department.

"I have had this matter," said the Secretary, "under consideration for a very long time. The problems confronting the Government in the field of finance are not insuperable, but they are difficult. They are not, of course, as difficult as the financial problems that faced us during the period of war. At the present time our expenses are running low and for the most part our anticipations as to tax receipts have kept up."

Secretary Houston said that the floating debt in the form of certificates approximates \$2,300,000,000. On Jan. 1 1923, about \$800,000,000 in war savings certificates will mature, and in the spring of the same year approximately \$4,250,000,000 of Victory bonds will mature. The total obligations to be met by the Government in the next two and one-half years, Secretary Houston placed at about \$7,500,000,000.

"In addition to meeting these obligations," continued Secretary Houston, "we shall, of course, have to finance the Government and I may point out that the estimates for the fiscal year 1920-21 are in round numbers \$4,800,000,000, and for 1921-22 about \$4,400,000,000. The estimated excess receipts, excluding the public debt, are about \$880,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30 next, and for the following year, again excluding the public debt, about \$556,000,000. But including the public debt the deficit at the end of the present fiscal year will approximate \$2,000,000,000, and for the fiscal year 1921-22 it will approximate \$1,500,000,000. It is therefore, obvious that if the program is followed and the estimates submitted are approximately correct, we shall go forward into 1922-23 with a deficit of about \$1,500,000,000, and we would face, in addition, the funding of \$4,250,000,000 in Victory bonds and war saving certificates. At the same time some sources of our revenue are tending to dry up and unless something is done to reduce our expenditures we shall have to look about for additional means of carrying on the Government, and we should realize that there is a growing reluctance on the part of the people to a continuance of high taxes.

"You have just stated," said Senator Watson, "that some sources of revenue are tending to dry up. Would you mind indicating what those sources are?"

"Principally income and profits taxes," answered Secretary Houston, who pointed out that the number of persons paying income taxes is steadily decreasing, while the estimated collection of back taxes and profits taxes for the fiscal year ending June 1922 is expected to yield about \$800,000,000, as against \$1,250,000,000 for the year ending June 30 1921, and over \$2,000,000,000 for the fiscal year 1919-20. On the other hand, customs receipts are climbing, and are expected to total for the present fiscal year \$350,000,000, as against \$323,000,000 for the fiscal period 1919-20.

"The indications," the Secretary continued, "are for a decrease in these figures given and a greater deficit."

Secretary Houston repeated previous arguments for a rearrangement of the taxation schedule, especially the excess profits tax, which, he pointed out, has not worked out equitably and has been practically impossible to administer.

"This provision also encourages the buying of non-taxable bonds, thereby further depleting the Government income. Is that not true?" asked Senator Smoot.

"Yes, that is true," answered Secretary Houston.

Referring to Government estimates now before Congress for action, Secretary Houston suggested that certain of these estimates might be subject to reduction. He added that the largest of the items are those for the army and navy, these two departments asking a total of approximately \$1,600,000,000.

"As to what Congress will deem wise in the matter of these estimates, it is a question for Congress itself to answer," added the Secretary.

Against Reviving War Finance Board.

In answer to a question by Senator McLean as to what effect the revival of the War Finance Corporation, a resolution for the revival of which organization has passed Congress and now awaits the approval or veto of President Wilson, will have on the export trade of the country, Secretary Houston again announced his opposition to reviving the corporation. After the armistice and up to the time the corporation was suspended in May, Secretary Houston said that the corporation aided the export trade to the extent of about \$46,000,000, and of this amount about 50% went to finance business for the General Electric Co., the Bethlehem Steel Co., and the Harvester organization. Secretary Houston called the attention of the committee to the fact that where the foreign commerce of the United States totaled \$3,300,000,000 before the war, it totaled about \$6,000,000,000 in 1918, \$7,900,000,000 in 1919, and that it is expected to reach approximately \$8,100,000,000 for 1920. He said that it was true that the exports of agricultural products, which in 1919 totaled about \$4,000,000,000, will fall below that total this year.

Exports of meat products have fallen off and there has been a decline in cotton exportations said the Secretary but the total value as well as the physical volume of our exports has increased. In the last three years we have exported approximately \$2,000,000,000 worth of commodities and have imported, roughly speaking, about \$12,000,000,000 worth, which leaves an apparent balance in our favor of about \$10,000,000,000, which does not include the debt due us by certain of the European countries. I have no doubt that it will be shown that there is a considerable offset applicable to these figures due to shipping activities on the part of the nations concerned and also the expenditures and other activities of our citizens in those countries. The best estimate as to the balance of trade in our favor would seem to be between \$3,500,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000.

It will be some time before Europe again reaches the full productive stage, Secretary Houston said, although, he added, that production has shown some increase in practically all of the European countries. Referring to

proposition made in some quarters to extend a credit of \$1,000,000,000 to Germany, Secretary Houston said he was against any such action. Until the amount of indemnity Germany must pay is definitely determined and fixed, he added, neither the German Government nor the German people individually, will be in a position to determine what security they can offer. "One way," added the Secretary, "to extend our foreign trade is to extend credits to the nations that want to trade with us. But I have assumed that this Government did not care to resume extension of credits to these Governments. However, if Europe can discover a basis for credit, I imagine that Europe will take more of our products and will be able to negotiate its transactions through the ordinary channels of finance.

"My own judgment is that the revival of the War Finance Corporation will not materially change the export situation. In my opinion, it would simply result in shifting the financing of these operations from the ordinary commercial agencies for such purposes to the Treasury of the United States. It is true that the War Finance Corporation has a credit on the Treasury books of about \$375,000,000. There seems to be an impression, quite common, that this \$375,000,000 and other sums people are discovering, are lying loose in the Treasury. That is not true. If the War Finance Corporation operates, it will have to go out and sell bonds, or else go out and borrow the money it will need, and in this way compete with the regular financial activities of the Treasury. With all the problems confronting us and the burdens now shouldered by the Treasury, it does not seem to me that we should at this time put this additional burden on the department.

"Any person" added the Secretary, "who holds out to the farmers of this country a promise of wartime prices is, in my opinion, the worst enemy of our farmers."

Secretary Houston said that one reason why agricultural products were not now so greatly in demand in Europe was due to the fact that when the war ended the first thing the European soldiers and those dependent upon them thought about was "something to eat," and as a result they planted crops to ease the situation. Those crops are now coming in and as a result exportations to those countries of foodstuffs are falling off.

Secretary Houston in answer to a question by Senator Watson said that the Treasury Department is now at work on the foreign debt problem, trying to work out some plan by which the payment of the principal may be deferred and the payment of interest made possible.

"These negotiations to date" said Secretary Houston, "have not proceeded to my entire satisfaction."

REPORT OF GOVERNOR HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ON REDISCOUNTS ON FARM PAPER.

In a report furnished on Dec. 22 to Senator Gronna, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board estimates that nearly two billion dollars worth of paper, based on production and sales of farm products, has been rediscounted by the Federal Reserve banks this year. The figures were supplied to Senator Gronna in response to a resolution adopted by the committee on Dec. 14, asking the Reserve Board to make a complete statement as to its credits, separating the amount of credit now outstanding by major industries so the exact amount of credit now being absorbed by agriculture might be ascertained. The request grew out of the statement made by Senator Glass that the Federal Reserve banks in the agricultural States were over-extended.

In his report Governor Harding estimated the rediscounts of agricultural paper in 1919 at \$719,266,000. It was explained that there was no report from the New York Reserve Bank because of the small amount of farmers' paper rediscounted there. Figures from the other districts are given as follows:

	1919.	1920.	1919.	1920.
Boston	\$2,642,000	\$4,976,000	St. Louis	\$220,000,000
Philadelphia	2,971,000	3,580,000	Minneapolis	75,000,000
Cleveland	612,000	1,753,000	Kansas City	123,481,000
Richmond	102,000,000	325,000,000	Dallas	28,997,000
Atlanta	91,300,000	230,000,000	San Francisco	25,000,000
Chicago	47,263,000	128,408,000		89,000,000

In furnishing the information Governor Harding said:

In compliance with the request made in your letter of Dec. 14 for information regarding the amount of actual agricultural paper rediscounted during the years 1919 and 1920 (to date) based on agricultural production and sales of the respective years. I have the honor to submit copy of a tabular statement compiled from telegraphic data received from all Federal Reserve banks excepting the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and San Francisco. Figures from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco have not yet been transmitted to the Board but will be sent you separately as soon as received. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York states that it has never classified its discounted paper with reference to industries represented by makers of notes rediscounted, and is, therefore, unable to furnish the information desired promptly, even approximately. In view, however, of the very small amount of farmers' paper discounted in the New York district, it is not believed the omission of the New York data seriously impairs the value of the statement.

The special figures furnished by the Federal Reserve banks in accordance with your request are in all cases estimates, no exact figures of the total volume of loans for agricultural purposes being available at the Federal Reserve banks. In the first place, most of the borrowing at Federal Reserve banks by member banks during 1919 and a considerable proportion of these borrowings during the current year has been in the form of the borrowing banks' own notes, secured by Government obligations or by commercial, industrial and agricultural paper. It is known that member banks throughout the country, and it is reasonable to suppose that part of the proceeds of loans have been applied by the borrowing banks for agricultural purposes, but it is impossible to state the amount.

The same is true with respect to loans made by member banks in Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, New Orleans and other financial centres throughout the country. Non-member State banks lend large sums in the aggregate for agricultural purposes, but as they have no dealings with the Federal Reserve banks their loans to farmers are not reflected in the figures furnished by the Federal Reserve banks, although it is a fact that all Federal Reserve banks have been lending a large amount to member banks, which have in turn rediscounted paper for non-member banks.

It should be borne in mind also that the total amount of farmers' notes rediscounted by Federal Reserve banks gives no indication of the amounts

advanced by the Federal Reserve banks to finance the production and sale of farm products, since large amounts advanced to member banks in other districts on commercial and industrial paper are used by these banks for loans to agricultural interests.

Senator Gronna is quoted as saying:

This does not answer the information asked for by the committee. "The statement I made in the Senate stands, namely, that the Board does not know the amount of money loaned to farmers."

WILLIAM G. McADOO ADVOCATES MORE LIBERAL CREDIT POLICY FOR FARMERS.

In a statement regarding the position of the farmers of the country and the business situation generally William G. McAdoo, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, expresses himself as "frank to say that I think that the policies thus far pursued with respect to credits have been too drastic." According to Mr. McAdoo, "a more liberal policy about credits should be put into effect immediately." The Federal Reserve Bank rates, he thinks, could be prudently reduced, and "member banks could be safely encouraged to make loans on agricultural products and to do business generally on reasonable time to those who can give adequate security," the whole situation, he contends, being beneficially affected by this procedure. In an effort to prevent further distress and suffering, and bring about a revival of industry and confidence Mr. McAdoo suggests: "That a more liberal policy about domestic credits ought now to be pursued; that our foreign trade should be stimulated and enlarged; that the War Finance Corporation should be revived to assist it; that the German indemnity should be defined as quickly as possible, so that the Central European markets may be opened to our farmers, manufacturers and business men; that trade relations with Russia should be resumed as promptly as possible; that a large part of the floating debt of the Treasury should be funded, and that taxation ought to be reduced and readjusted at this session of the Congress." Mr. McAdoo's statement embodying these suggestions was issued as follows on Dec. 20:

As I see the situation, the country cannot look with indifference upon the distressing situation in which the farmers find themselves because of the tremendous shrinkage in the value of agricultural products. We cannot excuse inaction nor dismiss the matter with a mere observation that deflation is necessary, and that farmers must take their medicine along with the rest of the country. The farm industry is basic to the life of the nation, and possesses a superior claim to consideration, not alone because its prosperity is our best protection, but also because the farmer, by the very nature of his business, is more exposed to adverse influences and has less protection against them than any other class. The bulk of his crop matures at the same time and if forced upon the market all at once or in a short period he may not realize even the cost of production.

To have a chance to make a fair profit he must have credit to carry his crop for a reasonable time. He must have ample, economical and prompt railroad transportation to get his crop to market at the times when he can sell advantageously, and he must have sufficient convenient and reasonably cheap storage facilities for the conservation of his crop while waiting for a favorable market.

It is in the highest degree to the interest of the people as a whole that the farmers shall have these facilities and opportunities so that speculation and greed may not thrive on his misfortune on the one hand and that the consumer may not suffer from the extortion of profiteers on the other.

When colossal losses like those the farmers are now sustaining overtake them, every line of industry suffers, factories close, business shrinks, labor is thrown out of employment, and confidence is seriously shaken. We are already experiencing these unhappy consequences.

Of course prices in the United States could not be kept permanently on an inflated and artificial basis. Deflation was necessary and inevitable, but the processes of deflation are frequently more dangerous than the processes of inflation. It is easier to climb a tree than to come down. For this very reason the readjustments through which all industry and business are now going must be dealt with intelligently, and eased in every reasonable way. It is the imperative duty of those in civil authority and of those who control credit to exercise their powers so as to prevent needless distress and preserve confidence.

I am frank to say that I think that the policies thus far pursued with respect to credits have been too drastic, but whether or not I am right, I am sure that the situation should now be reviewed in the light of existing conditions. A more liberal policy about credits should be put into effect immediately. I think that the Reserve Bank rates could be prudently reduced, and that member banks could be safely encouraged to make loans on agricultural products and to business generally on reasonable time to those who can give adequate security and that the whole situation would be beneficially affected by this procedure.

Every intelligent person sympathizes with the effort to prevent speculation and the use of credit for purposes not beneficial to the general interest, but a wise discrimination should be exercised, and certainly the primary producer like the farmer should not be forced to bear the brunt of the sacrifices.

In many parts of the country, especially in the agricultural districts, credit is almost entirely wanting and in many lines of legitimate business and industry great losses are being sustained because of the restriction of credits.

The point I wish to impress is that deflation has been carried so far and with such rapidity that we must now reconsider the situation, make an effort to prevent further distress and suffering, and bring about a revival of industry and confidence.

With this in view, we should make every effort to stimulate and enlarge our export trade. This is especially important to the farmers because approximately 50% of our export trade represents agricultural products. European nations desire our cotton, grain and other products, but have no credit. It is to our interest to supply that credit. I therefore think that the revival of the War Finance Corporation is highly desirable. I believe that it can exercise an immensely beneficial influence upon the export trade if it is operated on a sound and liberal scale.

The recent action of the League of Nations at Geneva for the establishment of an international commission to consolidate the credits of some of the Central European powers and utilize them in the purchase of American commodities, is an important step and offers a new opportunity for helpful service by the War Finance Corporation.

Every influence of this Government should be promptly exerted to secure a prompt determination of the amount of the German indemnity. So long as this question remains unsettled, it is undoubtedly true that there can be no economic rehabilitation of Germany and of the Central Powers, and so long as this continues their credit and buying power is reduced to a minimum.

If the German indemnity were fixed to-day, it would enormously help the economic situation throughout the world, and an immediate market would be opened for American food, cotton and manufactured products which would not only relieve great suffering in Europe, but rebound to our own prosperity. It is a great pity that the Peace Treaty was not ratified promptly, as this would have put an American representative on the Reparation Commission and would have enabled our Government long since to have brought about a settlement of the German indemnity with benefit to the entire world.

I have long been convinced that we ought to re-establish trade relations with Russia. It is not necessary to recognize the Soviet Government to do this. Why should we refuse to let people in distress in Russia or elsewhere buy our products, if they can pay for them, no matter what form of Government they may choose for themselves? We have always stood for the right of peoples to determine their own form of Government and I must say that I have never been able to see any reason for our stand that we must not trade with Russia because we do not like or do not recognize her existing Government. The opening up of Russian trade—and I am sure that it can be accomplished under conditions that will reasonably protect our citizens—would be very helpful to our business situation.

Of course, taxes ought to be readjusted and reduced. Last March I publicly advocated funding a large part of our floating debt. This could be done, and should be done, so that its pressure may be taken off of the American people, and especially off of business at this time of unavoidable readjustment. The tax burden should be lightened, and can be by funding two billion dollars of the floating debt during the next two years. Why should we continue high taxes merely because a relatively few people think it sounder policy to compel the present generation to pay still more of the war cost than to pass a reasonable amount of it on to future generations?

Unfortunately the present Congress has refused for two years to do anything to relieve the tax burden or to prepare for this inevitable period of readjustment. Taxes should be reduced at this session of the Congress. There is no excuse for delay. It is essential that the business interests of the country know at the beginning instead of at the end of the year the basis upon which business must be conducted so far as taxation is concerned, and be able to go forward with certainty and confidence. One of the grievous faults of the tax legislation of the last several years was its enactment by the Congress at the end of the year with retroactive effect for the entire year.

The Congress should address itself unsparingly to economy in expenditures. Genuine economies can be affected by intelligent investigation and legislation. The responsibility, however, rests upon the Congress itself, because it controls the purse-strings and therefore has the power to limit expenditures. The Congress should no longer make gifts or authorize loans directly from the Public Treasury to any class or business in this country. I refer particularly to the gift of \$654,000,000 made by the present Congress to the railroad corporations and to the three hundred million dollars which the present Congress directed the Treasury to lend to railroad corporations at 6% interest. Why should the people of the United States be taxed to make gifts and loans to railroad companies, aggregating \$954,000,000, when we are already overburdened with taxes for purposes which we cannot escape. There is no justification for policies like these.

The only way to effectively reduce our tax bill is to cut down our army and navy appropriations. If we had joined the League of Nations, that promised the most immediate and successful way of reducing armaments with safety to all nations concerned. But since we have not joined the League, I think Senator Borah's suggestion for an immediate agreement with England and Japan for a limitation of naval expenditures is valuable and that such an agreement ought to be reached, if possible. This would be a practical step in the right direction, even though not a thoroughly satisfactory one. The fact that the suggestion emanates from a Republican who has been a consistent opponent of the League and that it is utterly inconsistent with his previous assertion that agreements of this kind are a surrender of sovereignty, makes no difference.

I am opposed to increased taxes on moderate incomes. Already these incomes are bearing a larger proportion of taxation than is justified. A radical revision of the war income taxes is essential to the prosperity of the country, and in that revision the moderate income tax payer must have his burdens reduced instead of increased.

To sum up, I should say that a more liberal policy about domestic credits ought now to be pursued; that our foreign trade should be stimulated and enlarged; that the War Finance Corporation should be revived to assist it; that the German indemnity should be defined as quickly as possible so that the Central European markets may be opened to our farmers, manufacturers and business men; that trade relations with Russia should be resumed as promptly as possible; that a large part of the floating debt of the Treasury should be funded; and that taxation ought to be reduced and readjusted at this session of the Congress.

If these steps are taken promptly, I believe that they will greatly relieve the present distressing situation.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION— ADVANCES TO RAILROADS, &c.

The third annual report of the War Finance Corporation, for the year ended Nov. 30 1920, shows total advances of \$353,061,404 as having been made by the Corporation, with total repayments of \$235,334,580, leaving a balance outstanding of \$117,726,824. Of the amount advanced to the railroads, namely \$204,794,520, there has been repaid \$151,906,310, leaving still outstanding \$52,828,210. The following is the report of the directors as made public Dec. 8:

Washington, November 30 1920.

Sir In compliance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Act approved April 5 1918, creating the War Finance Corporation, the directors of the Corporation submit the following report for the year ended Nov. 30 1920:

The signing of the armistice caused the Corporation to discontinue consideration of advances for purposes "necessary or contributory to the prosecution of the war," except to carry out commitments made prior to Nov. 30 1918. A relatively small amount was advanced in this connec-

tion up to March 24 1920. The Corporation has been concerned during the past year principally with advances under Section 21 of the Act authorizing advances to assist in the financing of the exportation of American products, and in collecting outstanding loans.

Advances to Bankers—Section 7.

At the beginning of the year there was outstanding \$400,792 49 under Paragraph 1, and \$1,275,450 under Paragraph 2 of Section 7; at the close of the year all outstanding advances under this section had been repaid.

Advances to Savings Banks and Building and Loan Associations—Section 8.

All advances under Section 8 of the Act were repaid during the previous year.

Public Utilities.

There was outstanding on Nov. 30 1919 \$22,536,632 15 in advances to public utilities under Section 9. This was increased early in the year to \$22,672,632 15 by an additional advance on account of a previous commitment of \$136,000. Of these advances \$1,539,636 63 was repaid during the past year, reducing the amount outstanding on Nov. 30 1920 to \$21,132,995 52.

Railroads.

On Nov. 30 1919 the Corporation had outstanding advances to railroads amounting to \$70,358,210. This has now been reduced to \$52,828,210, \$40,155,270 of which is payable on demand, the balance, \$12,672,940, maturing on Jan. 1 1921 and April 1 1922.

The Corporation has persistently endeavored to bring about an early liquidation of outstanding demand loans to railroads, and each of the companies whose demand notes are held by the Corporation has been notified that final payment will be expected not later than Dec. 1 1920. It is hoped that negotiations now pending will result in the early collection of the greater part of these loans.

Industrial Corporations—Section 9.

At the end of the previous year the amount of outstanding loans to industrial corporations under Section 9 was \$1,033,093 75. This has been reduced by repayments to \$948,881 30.

Cattle Loans.

During the past year the Corporation has made every effort to liquidate its outstanding cattle loans without entailing undue hardship upon borrowers. At the beginning of the year the amount of these loans outstanding was \$1,459,244 39. This has been reduced through repayments to \$793,096 03. These advances are shown in detail in Exhibit B attached to this report.

Export Loans—Section 21.

By the Act approved March 3 1919, which added Section 21 to the War Finance Corporation Act, the Corporation was authorized to make advances to assist in the exportation of domestic products to foreign countries. Such advances could not exceed \$1,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time, and were to be made either directly to American exporters or to American banks which had made advances to exporters for the purposes stated in the law. The maximum maturity of such loans was five years.

From Dec. 25 1919, when the first loan to promote exports was made, to Nov. 30 1920, the Corporation had made total advances in this connection of \$46,347,654 27, of which \$4,324,012 78 had been repaid, leaving outstanding at the close of the year under review \$42,023,641 49. The Corporation exercised its power under Section 21 until May 10 1920, when, at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, further advances in aid of exports were suspended, except pursuant to commitments theretofore made. This action was announced by the Secretary of the Treasury in the following public statement on May 10 1920:

At my request the War Finance Corporation has suspended the making of further advances in aid of exports, except pursuant to commitments heretofore made. The general powers of the Corporation expire six months after the termination of the war, and the special powers conferred upon it under the Victory Loan Act expire one year after the termination of the war. The continuance of a technical state of war loan after the time contemplated when this legislation was enacted and when the conditions which gave rise to it have ceased to exist, has presented a problem of no small concern. The Act creating the Corporation was passed during the war. In general terms, it was intended that the Corporation should assist business and agencies in activities for the successful prosecution of the war. After the armistice, when business had suffered a recession in consequence of the cancellation of war orders, and when there was a fear that exports might decline and unemployment exist, an amendment to the Act was passed authorizing the Corporation to assist in the financing of exports. Now, more than a year later, and after direct Government loans to European Governments have for all practical purposes been discontinued, business is prosperous and involuntary unemployment is negligible. The export business not only has not declined, but has actually increased. In the calendar year 1918 total exports amounted to \$1,149,000,000. They rose in the calendar year 1919 to \$7,922,000,000, and for the first quarter of this year they greatly exceeded those of the first quarter of last year.

Obviously, private interests are not failing to finance exports. In the circumstances it does not seem necessary now that the Government should continue to intervene to stimulate exports, particularly as it is compelled to resort from time to time to temporary borrowing in part to meet its present obligations. In existing circumstances it seems clear that the Government should enter the borrowing field as seldom as possible and then for the lowest possible sums. It would be a question whether the Government should continue to aid and stimulate exports, considering their present volume privately financed, even if the Treasury had surplus funds. It seems clear to me that it should not continue to do so when the Treasury has to resort to borrowing from time to time. The entire capital stock of the War Finance Corporation, \$500,000,000, has been issued and is held by the Treasury. This and its reserve fund of about \$25,000,000 are invested to the extent of about \$422,000,000 in United States bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness, and to the extent of about \$103,000,000 in other loans and investments. Consequently, if the Corporation continues to make loans in aid of exports, it can do so only by calling upon the Treasury of the United States to redeem securities of the United States in which the capital furnished by the United States is invested, or by selling bonds of the War Finance Corporation to the public. These bonds, although not guaranteed by the United States Government, would nevertheless be marketable only on account of the ownership of the entire capital by the Government.

The directors of the Corporation, at a meeting on May 10 1920, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury and pending further action by this Board, the making by the Corporation of further advances for export purposes, except pursuant to existing commitments, be suspended.

Steps were immediately taken to advise all applicants having no definite commitments that there had been a change in policy and that their applications could not be given further consideration. This action terminated negotiations with respect to possible additional commitments. On the date these activities were suspended the total loans and commitments of the Corporation under Section 21 of the Act were \$69,201,920. Some of the applicants voluntarily waived advances to which the Corporation had been committed, while other proposed loans were canceled because the applicants did not fulfil certain conditions as to time, &c. This resulted in a reduction of the total amount of loans and commitments to \$48,149,574 27. As stated above, \$46,347,654 27 of this amount has been advanced, of which \$4,324,012 78 has been repaid, leaving \$42,023,641 49 outstanding

on Nov. 30 1920. The remaining commitment, \$1,801,920, is to be advanced, if at all, not later than March 1 1921. Of the outstanding loans \$12,175,179 49 will be due prior to July 1 1921; \$10,051,925 between July 1 1921 and Sept. 15 1922; \$9,000,000 during the calendar year 1923, and \$10,796,537 during the calendar year 1925; total, \$42,023,641 49.

The following summary shows the amounts advanced for financing the exportation of domestic products under Section 21 of the Act, classified by commodities and countries to which the exportations were made:

Commodities.	Countries.	Amounts.
Agricultural implements	Great Britain, France & Belgium	\$4,000,000 00
Condensed milk	England and France	5,000,000 00
Cotton	Czechoslovakia	9,322,117 27
Electrical equipment and supplies	Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, France, Belgium, Italy	10,796,537 00
Grain, flour & foodstuffs	Belgium	12,229,000 00
Locomotives	Poland	5,000,000 00
Total		\$46,347,654 27

Transactions in Government Obligations.

Up to the middle of April the Corporation was the chief agency through which the Treasury purchased Liberty bonds and Victory notes for the bond purchase fund. On April 18 1920 the Secretary of the Treasury announced in the following public statement that purchases on account of that fund would cease after June 30 1920:

The authorization conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by Congress to make purchases of Liberty bonds and Victory notes for the 5% bond purchase fund expires one year after the termination of the war. The continuance of a technical state of war beyond the period contemplated at the time the authority was conferred has presented to the Secretary of the Treasury the practical problem of determining what his future course should be with respect to the bond purchase fund. Secretary Glass, in his annual report, said: "Purchases of bonds under authority of Section 6 of the Act of April 4 1918 (bond purchase fund) are not included as an item of estimated expenditure (for the fiscal year beginning July 1 1920); this authority expires one year after the termination of the war, and the Secretary reserves decision with respect to such purchases after July 1 1920." Congress created in the Victory Liberty Loan Act a 2½% sinking fund to commence July 1 1920. In view of the fact that on July 1 more than a year will have elapsed since the flotation of the last Liberty loan, and of the further fact that unless Government expenditures should be greatly decreased or taxes increased, continued purchases for the bond purchase fund could only be financed by the issue of additional certificates of indebtedness, thus increasing floating debt while decreasing the funded debt, my present intention is not to treat the two funds as cumulative, but to discontinue purchases for the bond purchase fund on and after July 1 1920, and to make purchases thereafter only for the sinking fund created under the Victory Liberty Loan Act. The approximate amount of the bond purchase fund quota for the period ending June 30 1920 will be taken over from the War Finance Corporation, or, to a limited extent, purchased in the market, and in either case canceled and retired.

Hereafter such purchases as the Treasury may have to make for the bond purchase fund or the sinking fund under the general program above announced will be occasional and not habitual.

I am confirmed in the determinations above set forth by the fact that the natural market in Liberty bonds and Victory notes has now reached such dimensions that the purchases for the bond purchase fund have ceased to be a dominating factor. The recent liquidation which has brought the bonds and notes to new low levels seems to find its chief source in selling by industrial and other corporations which were large purchasers during the Liberty loan campaigns and which are now, under pressure to find funds for their current business, in a period when necessary measures of credit make further expansion of bank loans both difficult and expensive. This offers a unique opportunity to investors, large and small, the quotations for the bonds and notes being extremely attractive to investing institutions and private investors. I believe that the time has come when the disappearance of the Government from the market, except as an occasional purchaser within the limitations above outlined, will have a beneficial effect upon the market for the bonds and notes, both by reducing the Treasury's current borrowings on Treasury certificates and stimulating the interest of investment bankers and the public in the market for Liberty and Victory securities.

The Corporation accordingly terminated its relation with the Treasury in this connection on June 30 1920, when \$65,849,650 par value of Liberty bonds and Victory notes were sold to that Department for the bond purchase fund, at average cost plus accrued interest. At the same time, pursuant to the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Corporation sold to the Treasury \$301,204,000 face amount of United States certificates of indebtedness, receiving as a result of such sales a cash credit with the Treasurer of the United States amounting to \$365,434,563 94, including principal and accrued interest.

On July 19 1920 the Corporation, in accordance with the mandatory provisions of the Urgent Deficiency Act, approved May 8 1920, purchased from the United States Railroad Administration at par plus accrued interest \$37,146,450 of Liberty bonds, as follows:

Third Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	\$10,234,050
Fourth Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	26,912,400
Total	\$37,146,450

On Nov. 12 1920 the Corporation, under like authority and direction made a further purchase of \$6,123,650 of Liberty bonds and Victory notes, from the Railroad Administration at par plus accrued interest, as follows:

Second Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	\$95,100
Third Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	137,850
Fourth Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	515,400
Victory Liberty loan 3¾% notes	1,100
Victory Liberty loan 4¼% notes	5,374,200
Total	\$6,123,650

On Sept. 22 1920 the Treasury purchased from receipts on account of repayments of loans by foreign Governments the following Liberty bonds, acquired by the Corporation from the Railroad Administration:

Fourth Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	\$26,912,400
Third Liberty loan 4¼% bonds	8,407,550
Total	\$35,319,950

The proceeds of this sale, including principal and interest, amounted to \$35,826,871 32, the Corporation receiving from the Treasury Department a special United States Treasury certificate of indebtedness in the face amount of \$32,854,450 for its reserve fund account, and a cash credit with the Treasurer of the United States amounting to \$2,972,421 32 for the balance.

On Nov. 15 1920 an additional amount of \$515,400 par value of Fourth Liberty bonds, purchased by the Corporation from the Railroad Administration at par plus accrued interest, were likewise sold to the Treasury Department. The proceeds of the sale, including principal and accrued interest, amounted to \$517,265 49, for which the Corporation received a cash credit with the Treasurer of the United States.

The following summary shows the Liberty bonds and Victory notes purchased by the Corporation from the Railroad Administration, the sales of Liberty bonds to the Treasury Department, and the amount of bonds and notes on hand Nov. 30 1920:

Class—	Amount Purchased (par value).	Sales (par value).	Balance on Hand (par value).
Second 4 1/4 % Liberty loan bonds...	\$95,100	-----	\$95,100
Third 4 1/4 % Liberty loan bonds...	10,371,900	\$8,407,550	1,964,350
Fourth 4 1/4 % Liberty loan bonds...	27,427,800	27,427,800	-----
Victory 3 3/4 % Liberty loan notes...	1,100	-----	1,100
Victory 4 1/4 % Liberty loan notes...	5,374,200	-----	5,374,200
Total	\$43,270,100	\$35,835,350	\$7,434,750

The above balance of \$7,434,750 of Liberty bonds and Victory notes held in the general investment account and a special Treasury certificate of indebtedness due Sept. 22 1921, in the amount of \$32,854,450, carried in the reserve fund account, constitute all of the Corporation's holdings of Government obligations at the present time.

On Nov. 4 1920, at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Corporation sold to the Treasury Department for account of the sinking fund \$4,479,000 par value of Victory notes previously purchased in the open market and held in its general investment account, receiving a cash credit with the Treasurer of the United States of \$4,396,716 12.

A detailed statement of condition of the War Finance Corporation at the close of business Nov. 30 1920 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

War Finance Corporation Bonds.

The \$200,000,000 One-year 5% Gold Bonds issued by the Corporation on April 1 1919 matured April 1 1920. To date \$199,885,000 of these bonds have been redeemed, leaving \$115,000 outstanding, awaiting presentation for payment. Interest on the unredeemed bonds ceased at maturity.

Organization.

During the past year numerous changes in the organization of the Corporation have occurred. Secretary Glass, who resigned on Feb. 2 1920, was succeeded on that date by Secretary Houston as Chairman of the board of directors.

Eugene Meyer Jr. resigned as Managing Director on May 31 1920, and was succeeded by Angus W. McLean.

George R. Cooksey was appointed a director on Feb. 2 1920, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Clifford M. Leonard. Mr. Cooksey was reappointed upon the expiration of his term on May 17 1920.

W. P. G. Harding resigned as director on March 8 1920 and was succeeded on that date by Franklin W. M. Cutcheon. Mr. Cutcheon retired upon the expiration of his term on May 17 1920.

The directorate of the Corporation consists of David F. Houston, Secretary of the Treasury, Chairman; Angus W. McLean, Managing Director, whose term expires May 17 1922; and George R. Cooksey, whose term expires May 17 1924.

The official staff consists of the following: L. B. Wehle, special counsel; M. C. Elliott, consulting counsel; C. B. Hughes, assistant counsel; R. Reburn Burkin, Secretary-Treasurer.

The clerical staff, which has never exceeded 30, consists of 13 employees, including one whose resignation becomes effective on Dec. 15. After the end of the calendar year it is expected that this number will be reduced to 9.

The monthly pay roll, including directors and the employees at the Dallas Cattle Loan Agency, has been reduced since April 1 1920 from \$12,153 94 to \$5,913 65, which will be further reduced by the end of the calendar year.

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Managing Director and consulting counsel have served as members of the Railway Loan Advisory Committee to the Federal Reserve Board, under Section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, and have also assisted the Secretary of the Treasury in the performance of the duties incumbent upon him under Sections 206 and 209 of that Act. The Managing Director of the Corporation has had occasion to use counsel and members of the clerical staff of the Corporation to a considerable extent from the time this work was undertaken on May 25 1920. These duties likely will continue for some months to come.

Conclusion.

The following statement shows the total amount of advances made by the War Finance Corporation under all sections of the Act, total repayments and the total amounts outstanding on Nov. 30 1920:

Classification—	Total Advances.	Total Repayments.	Balance Outstanding.
	\$	\$	\$
To banks, bankers and trust companies.....	5,268,377 61	5,268,377 61	-----
To railroads.....	204,794,520 00	151,966,310 00	52,828,210 00
To public utilities.....	39,797,400 00	18,664,404 48	21,132,995 52
To industrial corporations.....	23,814,674 24	22,865,792 94	948,881 30
Warehouse receipts.....	25,211,500 00	25,211,500 00	-----
Cattle loans.....	7,827,278 36	7,034,182 33	793,096 03
Export loans.....	46,347,654 27	4,324,012 78	42,023,641 49
Total	353,061,404 48	235,334,580 14	117,726,824 34

A detailed statement of all advances and repayments since the organization of the Corporation, and of the amount outstanding on Nov. 30 1920, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Since the last report made to the Congress the books and accounts of the Corporation have been examined and audited by certified public accountants, whose report is now on file in the office of the Corporation.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, there is also attached hereto, as Exhibit C, a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, covering the period from Dec. 1 1919 to Nov. 30 1920.

D. F. HOUSTON,
Chairman.
ANGUS W. MCLEAN,
GEORGE R. COOKSEY,
Directors.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EUGENE MEYER, JR., ON TESTIMONY OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY HOUSTON REGARDING WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

Eugene Meyer, Jr., formerly Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, issued the following statement on Dec. 20:

There is some misunderstanding in the newspaper reports on the subject of the War Finance Corporation which may be cleared up by the following extract from the testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on Dec. 3 at the Joint Hearings before the Committees on Agriculture and Forestry of the House and Senate:

Senator Harrison—Mr. Secretary, you do not have any doubt that under the law now the War Finance Corporation could function if you and those who work with you saw fit to allow it to function?

Secretary Houston—No; I think it could borrow money.
Senator Harrison—Now, if the Congress should differ with you and your conclusions touching the operations of the War Finance Corporation, what could they do to get the thing set in motion and assist, if they thought it wise?

Secretary Houston—It could direct it by legislation to do so.
Senator Harrison—The Congress could direct it?

Secretary Houston—Yes; by legislation.
Senator Harrison—And then it could function speedily, notwithstanding any views you may have had in the past?

Secretary Houston—Certainly. If a law is enacted directing the corporation to function, it goes without saying that it would function.

Senator Harrison—The reason I say that is that someone has intimated that your past views might interfere with its functioning.

Secretary Houston—I could have no discretion as to carrying out a direct mandatory act. I can exercise discretion only where the law makes it possible and where in my judgment it would be against the public interests to do a certain thing, and I have discretionary power I would decline to do it, as in the present instance.

NATIONAL BANKS ASKED NOT TO DISTRIBUTE GOLD AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It was made known on Dec. 18 that National banks have been requested by the Treasurer of the United States, John Burke, not to distribute gold coins for holiday purposes. The request, it was explained, is in line with the policy of the Treasury to conserve the gold reserve, but when gold is demanded upon gold obligations the demands will be met. Old gold will be paid, however, and no \$2.50 gold pieces will be issued, as the coining of these pieces has been stopped. In its issue of Dec. 21 the "Wall Street Journal" had the following to say in the matter:

Inquiries as to where gold coins may be obtained for Christmas distribution bring out the importance at this time of maintaining the gold reserve. It is, of course, true that the Federal Reserve banks have paid in gold on demand at all times, even during the war, and will continue to do so.

However, the Treasurer of the United States, John Burke, in issuing his request to national and other banks not to pay out gold for holiday purposes is following the policy set by the Federal Reserve Board since the war to maintain the gold reserve on as high a level as possible.

Gold withdrawals during previous years for Christmas distribution have reached a considerable amount, and it has taken some time for these coins to find their way back to the banks. For this reason it is considered by bankers unwise and unpatriotic to withdraw gold from the banks at this time, except for necessary commercial purposes.

GOVERNOR HARDING DECLARES FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S OPPOSITION TO SENATOR MCLEAN'S BILL LIMITING DISCOUNT RATES.

In submitting to Senator McLean the views of the Federal Reserve Board on Mr. McLean's bill fixing 5% as the maximum rate of interest which Federal Reserve banks could charge member banks in any transaction, W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, places the Board on record as "unalterably opposed to this bill or any other bill which in any way attempts to limit the power now vested in it and the Federal Reserve banks to regulate the rates of discount which those banks may charge. Governor Harding asserts that "if this bill should become a law it is the Board's firm belief that the Federal Reserve banks would find it impossible while functioning in a normal way to protect their gold reserves; that the Federal Reserve system would within a very short time cease to be in any sense a reserve system and would become a mere instrument for the acceleration and perpetuation of expansion, and that a wholesale scramble for the funds of the Federal Reserve banks would ensue, which would leave those banks only two alternatives—one to lend their funds at the rate prescribed until the exhaustion of their reserves had been completed, and the other to fix a definite limit upon their total volume of loans, thus adopting a rigid system of credit rationing." "In the one case," says Governor Harding, "they would reach a point where they would be unable to make further rediscounts, no matter how insistent or meritorious the demands might be, and in the other they would find it necessary to place all applications for discount accommodations on a waiting list, until repayment of prior loans made new funds available." The following is the letter addressed to Senator McLean by Governor Harding:

Dec. 16 1920.

Dear Mr. Chairman—You have requested the views of the Federal Reserve Board with regard to Senate Bill No. 4560, which, if enacted, would fix the maximum rate of interest or discount which Federal Reserve bank could charge member banks in any contract, agreement, or any other financial transaction had with them at 5% per annum.

The Federal Reserve Board desires to put itself on record as unalterably opposed to this bill or to any other bill which in any way attempts to limit the power now vested in it and in the Federal Reserve banks to regulate the rates of discount which those banks may charge.

It is essential to the proper functioning of any central banking system that the central bank or banks of discount shall have complete control over their rates. This control over rates in normal times is the usual and most effective means of protecting the gold reserves of a country against withdrawals for foreign account, and in domestic transactions it insures the accumulation in normal times of a reserve sufficient to meet the seasonal and emergency demands of the central bank or banks; It is the genera

practice of central banks to fix their rates slightly above the market rates. This is particularly true of the Bank of England and in view of the frequent references which are made to this institution in public discussions it may be of interest to review its experience in the matter of discount rates since the passage of the Bank Act of 1844, as shown by the table on page 33 in a book entitled "Bank Rate and the Money Market" by R. H. Inglis Palgrave, F. R. S. The annual average bank rate of the Bank of England during the years 1845 to 1871, inclusive, was higher than the annual average market rate in sixteen of the twenty-six years and was lower than the annual average market rate in the other ten years, but from the year 1872 to the end of the period covered by the table, 1900, the average bank rate was higher than the average market rate in every year. From 1900 down to the present time the average bank rate has continued to be higher than the average market rate.

Up to the year 1833 the Bank of England was subject to the usury laws. In his book entitled "Essai Sur La Fondation Et L'Histoire de la Banque D'Angleterre, 1694-1844" Dr. A. Andreades, of the University of Paris, refers, on page 361, to the release of the bank from the application of the usury laws and describes the conditions which led to this action by Parliament. The conditions then existing in England were not altogether unlike present conditions in this country, and it is noteworthy that instead of attempting to impose restrictions upon the bank, Parliament liberalized its powers and relieved it from the old restrictions which had seriously impaired its efficiency in dealing with the situation.

In explanation of the fact that the discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks are at the present time below the market rates it may be appropriate to quote the following from an address which I made to the American Farm Bureau Federation at Indianapolis on Dec. 7 1920:

"Normally the discount rate of a Federal Reserve bank should not control the rates at which member banks loan money to their customers. In the countries which have central banks there is a well-established policy that the central bank discount rate should be maintained at a figure slightly in excess of the current market rate. The wisdom of such a policy is apparent for it eliminates all consideration of profit in rediscount transactions and gives the central bank better control over its own reserves and causes the banks which deal with the public to rely to a greater degree upon their own resources in extending accommodations while still affording them an outlet for any undue accumulation of loans. Because of the exigencies of war financing, it has not been practicable for the Federal Reserve banks up to this time to adopt this policy and as a rule Federal Reserve bank discount rates are lower than the rates charged by member banks. It is believed that conditions are gradually adjusting themselves so that Federal Reserve bank rates may be maintained at a level slightly higher than current rates not only without any disturbance to commerce and business but to their distinct benefit. In fact, this adjustment has already begun in some cities where member banks have reduced their rates on commercial paper."

The enactment of a law fixing the maximum rate to be charged by Federal Reserve banks at 5% would, of course, make it impossible to bring this necessary corrective principle into permanent operation, for it would be effective only at times when current market rates for money might fall below 5%. The Board desires to call your attention to the fact that only three States—Illinois, Louisiana, and Michigan—have a legal rate of interest as low as 5% and in each of these States a higher contract rate is permissible—Illinois and Michigan, 7%; Louisiana, 8%. In thirty-two States the legal rate of interest is 6%; seven States have a legal rate of 7% and in six States and in the District of Columbia the legal rate of interest is 8%. In eleven States—Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin—a contract rate of 10% is allowed, and in ten other States—Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming—12% is the contract rate. In seven States—Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and South Carolina—having a legal rate of less than 8%, a contract rate of 8% is allowed. Four States—California, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island—permit any rate to be charged under contract, and in New York any rate agreed upon in writing is legal on collateral demand loans of \$5,000 and over.

The theory that discount transactions should yield a profit to the member banks is a fallacy which owes its wide credence in part to the fact that the Federal Reserve banking system, which has some of the attributes of a central banking system, is comparatively new, and partly to the abnormal times through which we have passed, the inevitable effects of which are now being experienced. The fact is, however, that the potential profits of the member banks should not be permitted to influence the determination of the Federal Reserve bank rates. On the contrary, member banks should rely mainly upon their own resources in normal times in order that when seasonal and emergency demands do arise the reserves of the Federal Reserve banks may be available to meet those demands and sufficient to prevent the emergencies from developing into panic conditions. In this connection your attention is invited to an editorial which appeared in the Dallas (Texas) "Morning News" of Friday, June 11 1920, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

If Federal Reserve bank rates were fixed at 5% at the present time there would undoubtedly be a very strong incentive to the member banks to utilize to the utmost the rediscount facilities of the Federal Reserve banks, because in an 8% money market there would be a spread of 3% between that rate and the Federal Reserve bank rate which would represent a profit to be derived by the member banks on rediscount transactions. In States which have no important financial centers but in which rates as high as 10 and 12%, are authorized by law, the incentive to rediscount with the Federal Reserve banks would be even greater. It is the opinion of the Federal Reserve Board, confirmed by past experience, that the lowering of the Federal Reserve bank rates to 5% would have but very little if any effect on the market rates which could not be fixed by legislative enactment but which are determined by the inevitable operation of the law of supply and demand. Nor are banks generally inclined—particularly banks in agricultural sections—to give their customers the benefit of Federal Reserve bank discount rates. It should be borne in mind also that with Federal Reserve bank rates at 5% the incentive to speculation would increase the demand for credit and the net result would be that borrowers for legitimate commercial and agricultural purposes would find it difficult and expensive to obtain credit. Ultimately, of course, the limit of expansion would be reached, and in the Board's opinion it would be reached within a very short time, for it must not be forgotten that there are about \$25,000,000,000 of Government obligations available as collateral for loans eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve banks. If the limit of expansion should be reached, the Board believes that a condition of depression infinitely more serious and more widespread than that now existing would follow.

The Board calls the attention of the Committee to the fact that the bill under consideration would operate as a repeal of the provisions of Section 11 (c) of the Federal Reserve Act which requires the Federal Reserve Board to impose a graduated tax upon a Federal Reserve bank whenever its reserves fall below a specified minimum, the Federal Reserve bank being required "to add an amount equal to said tax to the rates of interest and discount fixed by the Federal Reserve Board." If the bill under consideration were enacted, 5% would be the maximum rate a Federal Reserve bank could charge even if its reserves were rapidly dwindling to the vanishing point.

In conclusion and by way of summary, if this bill should become a law it is the Board's firm belief that the Federal Reserve banks would find it impossible while functioning in a normal way to protect their gold reserves, that the Federal Reserve system would within a very short time cease to be in any sense a reserve system and would become a mere instrument for the acceleration and perpetuation of expansion, and that a wholesale scramble for the funds of the Federal Reserve banks would ensue which would leave those banks only two alternatives—one, to lend their funds at the rate prescribed until the exhaustion of their reserves had been completed, and the other to fix a definite limit upon their total volume of loans, thus adopting a rigid system of credit rationing. In the one case they would reach a point where they would be unable to make further rediscounts no matter how insistent or meritorious the demands might be, and in the other they would find it necessary to place all applications for discount accommodations on a waiting list until repayment of prior loans made new funds available.

Very truly yours,

W. P. G. HARDING, Governor.

Hon. George P. McLean, Chairman, Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate.

T. W. LAMONT'S SUGGESTION FOR BUSINESS POLICY DURING READJUSTMENT PERIOD.

An outline of a policy which might be followed by business men during the present "temporary process of contraction and readjustment" was furnished by Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. in a statement read at a convention in this city on Dec. 10 of the clients of the George Batten Company. Mr. Lamont, who expressed the opinion that "fundamentally, in the way of business, there is not very much wrong with America," said in his statement:

We are all feeling the discomforts of this process. No one can foretell the duration of this process or estimate accurately its immediate and final results. Necessarily this period of uncertainty renders it most difficult in business to make to-day decisions that have a bearing upon the long future. Fixed formulas of conduct, policy and future engagements are hard to write. There are, however, some things every man engaged in active business can do:

We can resolve not to be frightened into panic by the wolf that may not come.

We can meet our contracts to the utmost limit of our resources.

We can take our losses like good sportsmen.

We can unfailingly be fair to our clients and customers.

We can adhere just as rigidly as ever to good ethics and fair business practices.

We must be just to our fellow workers and employees and consider their welfare as an integral part of our own.

E. W. LANE OF JACKSONVILLE ELECTED TO ADVISORY COUNCIL OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

Edward W. Lane, President of the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., was elected a member of the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board at a meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta on Dec. 11.

"Times Union" of Jacksonville, commenting on the election said:

This is the highest official position to be obtained in the Federal Reserve system by any one who is an officer of a member bank, and the first time since the organization of the system that Florida has been recognized in any capacity.

Mr. Lane, in his new official position as a member of the advisory council, will represent all banks in the Sixth Federal Reserve district, which embraces the States of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and parts of Mississippi and Tennessee.

Mr. Lane's election to the council is a signal honor, and he is receiving the congratulations of his many friends. The personnel of the Council includes many of the leading financiers of the United States.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE INQUIRY INTO REPLOGLE STEEL AND VANADIUM STEEL.

Following a severe break in prices on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday, Dec. 21, in which Replogle Steel and Vanadium Steel suffered the heaviest declines, the Stock Exchange undertook an investigation into dealings in both these stocks; under date of Dec. 21 Secretary E. V. D. Cox, at the instance of the Committee on Business Conduct, requested the members of the Exchange to report their transactions in these issues on Dec. 20 and 21. The letter follows

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Office of the Secretary.

New York, December 21 1920.

Gentlemen—I am instructed by the Committee on Business Conduct to notify you to report to it a full list (omitting odd lots of purchases and sales or clearances made by your firm on Dec. 20 and Dec. 21, both dates inclusive, of Replogle Steel and Vanadium Steel.

Please give the date of transactions, the prices at which they were made, the name of the firm with whom they were made, and the name of the customer for whom the orders were executed, or the name of the individual or firm for whom they were cleared.

Also furnish to this office the following information in connection with your position in said stocks at the close of business Dec. 21 1920, including transactions made on that date:

How many shares long and for whom?

How many shares short and for whom?

Please send this information in a sealed envelope to the Committee on Business Conduct, Secretary's office, not later than 12 o'clock on Thursday, Dec. 23 1920.

Respectfully,

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

The New York "Times" of Dec. 22 in its reference to the declines witnessed on the previous day in Replogle Steel and

Vanadium, two issues which, it noted, were in the spectacular class earlier in the year, said:

In the case of the former the decline amounted to 19 points, while Vanadium, the second of the J. Leonard Replogle properties, lost 6½ points. The weakness of these two issues unsettled the entire list and brought on the heavy liquidation which continued almost up to closing time. On Feb. 26 Replogle Steel made a low of 34¼, but by July 8 it had attained 93¼, the high for the year. Yesterday's close was at 50. The high for Vanadium, 97, was made April 16, and a new low was made yesterday at 28½. These figures indicate the scope of the speculation that has been going on in the two issues.

INQUIRY OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE INTO HOUSTON OIL.

Notice of an inquiry begun by the New York Stock Exchange into dealings in Houston Oil stock was contained in a circular letter addressed to members by Secretary Cox in which information regarding their transactions in the stock during the period from Dec. 14 to Dec. 20 is asked. We give the letter herewith:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Office of the Secretary

New York, Dec. 20 1920.

Gentlemen:—I am instructed by the Committee on Business Conduct to notify you to report to it a full list (omitting odd lots of purchases and sales or clearances of Houston Oil Company made by your firm on Dec. 14 to Dec. 20, both dates, inclusive.

Please give the date of transactions, the prices at which they were made, the name of the firm with whom they were made and the name of the customer for whom the orders were executed, or the name of the individual or firm for whom they were cleared.

Also furnish to this office the following information in connection with your position in Houston Oil Company at the close of business Dec. 20 1920, including transactions made on that date:

How many shares long and for whom?

How many shares short and for whom?

Please send this information in a sealed envelope to the Committee on Business Conduct, Secretary's Office, not later than 12 o'clock on Thursday, Dec. 23 1920.

Respectfully,

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

The New York "Herald" of Dec. 22 had the following to say regarding the gyrations of the stock:

Action of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday in asking its members to report all transactions that they conducted in Houston Oil stock from Dec. 14 to Dec. 20 was considered in the financial district to be another step in the direction of lessening the activities of big operators who have been forcing prices down. It has been known for some time that the Exchange has been much opposed to the efforts of some of these plungers.

While no official of the Exchange would talk yesterday, or even admit that the members had been called upon to make a report of their Houston Oil dealings, it was learned that such an order had been sent out to the various member houses by Secretary E. V. D. Cox.

The tumultuous career of Houston Oil on the Exchange for the last week has been a feature of the market. In the latter days of last week sudden attacks on the stock broke it sharply from a high point of 84 to a low of 65. Subsequently it recovered 2½ points and closed the week at 67¼ for a net drop of 15 points. On Monday the raiding was resumed and on transactions of 4,200 shares a break of more than 11 points occurred in the stock.

That the Stock Exchange will call for similar information regarding recent transactions in Replogle Steel was expressed yesterday as the result of the violent break of that issue. Coming on the heels of the Houston episode the drop bore what was believed to be the earmarks of a bear raid.

Opening at 69, at which it closed on Monday, Replogle was quiet and inactive throughout the morning. Just after the lunch hour, however, there was a sudden burst of activity in the issue, and breaking sometimes more than 2 points between sales, it sold down to 47¼, a net loss of 21¼ points. At this point there was a let-up in pressure and the stock jumped back several points, only to come down again to around 50, where it remained for the rest of the session. The closing figure was 52¼, off 18¼ points from Monday's final figure.

REPRESENTATIVE McFADDEN'S BILL ABOLISHING OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY—ALSO AFFECTS RESERVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

A bill proposing the removal of the Secretary of the Treasury from membership in the Federal Reserve Board, and abolishing the office of Comptroller of the Currency, was introduced in the House on Dec. 10 by Representative McFadden. Reference to his bill was made by Mr. McFadden at a convention of clients of the George Batten Co., held in this city at the Hotel Biltmore on Dec. 10. In a statement made with the introduction of the bill in Congress, Representative McFadden said:

The bill proposes to remove the Secretary of the Treasury from membership in the Federal Reserve Board. The bill also provides for the abolishment of the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and provides for the transfer of all of the duties and functions of that office to the Federal Reserve Board, thus eliminating completely the Treasury Department domination and control over the Federal Reserve banking system. The bill also provides for the building of a building for the sole use and purpose of the Federal Reserve Board and provides an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to be raised by an assessment on the twelve regional banks of the system, thus providing for a complete physical separation of the Federal Reserve Bank system from the Treasury Department.

The bill also provides that in the future the Federal Reserve system, out of its earnings, shall pay all of the expenses of the operation of the system, which were formerly paid by appropriations of the Government for expenses of the Comptroller's office.

The bill provides also for the payment out of the earnings of the Federal Reserve system, of all of the salaries and expenses incurred in the examination of national banks. This expense is now borne by an assessment levied by the Comptroller of the Currency on the banks examined and is based on the amount of their capital and surplus accounts. The bill also will

simplify the examination of banks in co-operation with the legal requirement of the present Federal Reserve system and will avoid much duplication of authority and effort. In short the bill provides for a complete separation of the Government from the Federal Reserve banking system and carries out the original intention of the framers of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 and is the most important that has ever been made in the Federal Reserve laws.

The following is the text of the bill:

A BILL

To amend Section 10 of the Act approved Dec. 23 1913, known as the Federal Reserve Act, as amended by the Act approved March 3 1919.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 10 of the Act approved Dec. 23 1913, known as the Federal Reserve Act, as amended by the Act approved March 3 1919, be further amended so that said section shall read as follows:

"Sec. 10. That the Federal Reserve Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member appointed by the President shall serve for a term of seven years unless sooner removed for cause by the President: *Provided, however,* that the terms of the present members of the Board and any successor appointed to fill any vacancy in an office created under the terms of this section as it was originally enacted shall expire as heretofore provided by law. In selecting the members of the Federal Reserve Board, not more than one of whom shall be selected from any one Federal Reserve district, and at least three of whom shall be persons experienced in banking or finance, the President shall have due regard to a fair representation of the different commercial, industrial, and geographical divisions of the country. The seven members of the Federal Reserve Board appointed by the President and confirmed as aforesaid shall devote their entire time to the business of the Federal Reserve Board and shall each receive an annual salary of \$12,000, payable monthly, together with actual necessary traveling expenses.

"The members of the Federal Reserve Board shall be ineligible during the time they are in office to hold any office, position, or employment in any member bank. The members of the Board shall elect from their members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for such term as they may designate. The person thus elected as Chairman shall be the executive officer of the Board, subject to its supervision. The Secretary of the Treasury may, at the request of the Federal Reserve Board, assign offices and vault space in the Department of the Treasury for the use of the Federal Reserve Board. Each member of the Federal Reserve Board shall, within fifteen days after notice of appointment, make and subscribe to the oath of office.

"The Federal Reserve Board shall have power to levy semi-annually upon the Federal Reserve banks, in proportion to their capital stock and surplus, an assessment sufficient to pay its estimated expenses and the salaries of its members and employees for the half-year succeeding the levying of such assessment, together with any deficit carried forward from the preceding half-year, and shall have power to provide itself with suitable offices and vaults in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and to levy assessments upon the Federal Reserve banks sufficient to cover the expenses thereby incurred: *Provided,* That in case of the purchase of property or the erection of a building, or vaults, the amount assessed for these purposes shall be limited to \$2,000,000: *Provided further,* That the title to, or the interest in any property acquired for these purposes by purchase, rental, or otherwise under the authority of this section, shall be in the United States, but the provisions of Section 10 of the Act of Congress approved March 1 1919, making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30 1920 shall not be applicable to such property. The amount assessed by the Federal Reserve Board against each Federal Reserve bank may be credited by said bank to an account which may be drawn upon by the Federal Reserve Board. All funds derived by the Federal Reserve Board from any assessment upon the Federal Reserve banks may be deposited with any Federal Reserve bank, any member bank, or with the Treasurer of the United States and shall be expended in accordance with the terms of the Federal Reserve Act, and all accounts of salaries and other expenses of the Federal Reserve Board shall be audited at least once every six months by a certified public accountant, in lieu of other audit, and a certified copy of each audit shall be transmitted by the Federal Reserve Board to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"No member of the Federal Reserve Board shall be an officer or director of any bank, banking institution, trust company, or Federal Reserve bank, nor hold stock in any bank, banking institution, or trust company; and before entering upon his duties as a member of the Federal Reserve Board he shall certify under oath that he has complied with this requirement. Whenever a vacancy shall occur other than by expiration of term among the members of the Federal Reserve Board, a successor shall be appointed within sixty days by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to fill such vacancy, and when appointed he shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member whose place he is selected to fill.

"The President shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen on the Federal Reserve Board during the recess of the Senate by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of the next session of the Senate.

"The Federal Reserve Board shall annually make a full report of its operations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall cause the same to be printed for the information of the Congress. No separate annual report need be made on account of those operations heretofore coming within the jurisdiction of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"Section 324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, creating a bureau of the Department of the Treasury, known as the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Sections 325 and 326 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the appointment of a Comptroller of the Currency to act as chief of that bureau, are hereby repealed, and all powers and duties heretofore conferred or imposed by law upon the Comptroller of the Currency or the bureau of which he is the chief officer are hereby transferred to the Federal Reserve Board. Such Board shall exercise all of those powers and duties, under such rules and regulations as it may prescribe, through its active executive officer, the Chairman, or through such other officers or employees as it may appoint or designate for that purpose.

"All acts of the Federal Reserve Board in the performance of the powers or duties transferred to it under the terms of this Act shall have the same force and effect as acts heretofore performed by the Comptroller of the Currency or the bureau of which he is the chief officer.

"Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any officer or employee of the Federal Reserve Board performing or exercising any of the powers or duties heretofore exercised or performed by officers or employees of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency shall be subject to all of the privileges, immunities, restrictions, and obligations in the performance or exercise of those functions or duties as are now conferred or imposed upon officers or employees of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency in the exercise of their duties as such: *Provided, however,* That the Federal Reserve

Board, in the exercise of the powers or duties conferred upon it by this Act, shall not in any way be subject to the jurisdiction, supervision, or approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

"All suits and proceedings arising out of the provisions of law governing national banking associations in which the United States, the Federal Reserve Board, or any of its officers or agents shall be parties, shall be conducted by the district attorneys of the several districts under the direction and supervision of the Attorney General of the United States. Any action at law or in equity brought by or against the Federal Reserve Board in connection with the exercise or performance of the powers or duties imposed or conferred upon it by law shall be brought in the name of the Chairman of the Board, under the same conditions and in the same court or courts as may now be provided for by law in actions brought by or against the Comptroller of the Currency.

"The Federal Reserve Board is hereby authorized to employ in its service under the same terms and conditions as others in its employ, any or all of the officers, clerks, and employees now in the service of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency, and all salaries and expenses incident to such employment shall be paid in the same manner as those of other persons in the service of the Federal Reserve Board. That part of Section 21 of the Federal Reserve Act which requires that each member bank, whether State or national, shall bear the cost of examination, is hereby repealed.

"The library, furniture, fixtures, records and other property belonging to or assigned to the office of the Comptroller of the Currency are hereby transferred to the Federal Reserve Board for its use in connection with the performance of the powers and duties placed upon it by law."

Sec. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the terms of this Act are, so far as inconsistent, hereby repealed.

GOV. VAN ZANDT, OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA, URGES LIQUIDATION OF LOANS.

A circular letter has been addressed to officers and directors of member banks on "Credit Condition and Loan Policy," by R. L. Van Zandt, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, suggesting payment or reduction of all loans wherever at all possible. "By all means," says Gov. Van Zandt's circular, "let's get all of our banks out of the 'brokerage-house' class and bring them back to their rightful and proper status of conservative banking institutions. As an indispensable precedent to this condition there must be a practically complete cessation of loans except for legitimate production and essential commercial needs, coupled with an orderly, determined, but not unnecessarily drastic liquidation." The following is the Governor's letter in full:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS.

December 15 1920.

CREDIT CONDITION AND LOAN POLICY.

To the Officers and Directors of the Member Banks Addressed—
Gentlemen:

At its last meeting our Board of Directors made a careful review of the credit and financial situation in this District and the future policy of this bank was the subject of considerable discussion and was given full and thorough consideration.

Following the discussion I was authorized and instructed to communicate to the member banks of the District the consensus of the views of the Directors, which action seems timely and appropriate as we are just entering upon a new year.

It must be understood that we are fully aware of the fact that many banks receiving this letter have their affairs in sound and liquid condition, requiring no special admonition at our hands, but it is hoped that the views expressed herein are so sound and helpful that they may be of some benefit to all our banks.

We believe that the financial condition of the District is intrinsically sound, although the heavy decline in the prices of practically all products makes it necessary to somewhat readjust business to meet these changed conditions.

In bringing about this readjustment we consider it indispensably necessary, and a matter of first importance, that all banks shall limit their loans to producing businesses and enterprises, absolutely declining all merely speculative loans and reducing to a minimum loans of an investment nature. It appears equally essential that all banks having rediscounts or owing borrowed money should immediately take effective steps to secure liquidation for, although we are in the midst and nearing the end of the period when our seasonal liquidation normally takes place, we are now carrying an unduly large amount of rediscounts and loans for our member banks, many of whose lines show little or no diminution from the maximum amount reached during the summer. Bearing this in mind, and also the fact that within a short while the banks will be called on for funds for crop planting and for other seasonal needs, it seems proper to suggest to the banks that, before making commitments for the new year, they should give careful attention to the above suggestions as well as consideration to their ability, within their own resources, to take care of any and all loans made without resorting to excessive borrowing from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act directs that in extending discounts, advances and accommodations to any one member bank, due regard must be had for the claims and demands of all other member banks. This provision should always be borne in mind by member banks for, under a rigid enforcement of this rule, the maximum limit of discount accommodation to any member bank would be in an amount substantially equal to two and one-half times the reserve of such member bank plus two and one-half times the amount of its paid-up capital stock in the Federal Reserve Bank.

We have not heretofore found it necessary to make this measure of borrowing the limit or rule in this bank, but if it becomes necessary to limit borrowings by our member banks we shall not hesitate to do so.

At the beginning of the present year many banks, in making their commitments, failed to give proper consideration to the fact that their unusually large deposits would prove unstable, and made loans with less conservatism than sound business prudence would suggest, with the result that they found themselves compelled to rediscount with us far more heavily than should have been necessary. In many of the banks too large a portion of their funds became tied up in investment loans and too frequently in loans for speculative purposes. This policy should and must absolutely cease, and banks should not and must not make such loans with the expectation that funds with which to carry them may be obtained by rediscounting with us. The course of safety lies in granting credits only for productive purposes, and then only in conservative amounts.

We have repeatedly attempted to impress on our member banks the fact that they should not consider this bank a mere source of supply for loanable funds to permanently increase their lending ability, but that the rediscount privilege should be held in reserve for temporary emergencies, or to meet unusual demands of a legitimate and strictly seasonal character. Such was the primary purpose of our rediscount facility.

It seems important that this fact should be emphasized and member banks are urged to bear it in mind in shaping their loan policy during the coming year. They should limit their offerings to us to the lowest amount possible and send us only such paper as there is reason to believe will be actually retired at its maturity.

We have no power to control the interest rates charged their customers by our member banks, but we do feel that when you are called upon to make loans out of your own resources, for essential and productive purposes, those loans should not be burdened by an increased rate simply to give your bank a margin of profit, should it become necessary for you to rediscount with us.

Again, it seems worth while to call attention of our member banks to what seems to be a practice too generally adopted by many of them of borrowing heavily and continuously against Government securities. The rates heretofore adopted by our Board on notes secured by this class of security has undoubtedly encouraged the practice mentioned. While we regard an obligation of the United States as the best security in the world, it must nevertheless be remembered that a loan by us against such securities uses up just as large a part of our resources as if secured by commercial paper, or livestock, or farm products. It seems timely, therefore, to suggest payment or reduction in all such loans wherever at all possible.

With courage to meet the future and a firm determination to do our part, let us all resolve to get our feet down to earth, and plan to build wisely for the future. It does not need to be said that we shall be quick and eager to render any assistance reasonably within our power to those banks which need and are entitled to same. But, by all means, let's get all of our banks out of the "brokerage-house" class and bring them back to their rightful and proper status of conservative banking institutions. As an indispensable precedent to this condition there must be a practically complete cessation of loans except for legitimate production and essential commercial needs, coupled with an orderly, determined, but not unnecessarily drastic, liquidation.

Such a policy generally and resolutely adopted and persevered in will, in a comparatively short time, work a wonderful change in this District. There are latent powers of liquidation in each community which can be discovered, which when worked out will reasonably insure not only safety to the bank, but credit availability for all legitimate demands.

Our Board earnestly requests that you read this letter to your Directors at their next meeting and that you write us their opinion of the views outlined and suggestions made herein.

Respectfully,
R. L. VAN ZANDT, Governor.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The Federal Reserve Board at Washington announces the following list of institutions which were admitted to the Federal Reserve System in the week ending Dec. 17 1920:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 6.			
Plains Bank, Plains, Ga.-----	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$62,000
Oglethorpe County Bank, Lexington, Ga.-----	25,000	25,000	50,000
Central Bank, Swainsboro, Ga.	25,000	-----	25,000
District No. 11.			
First Guaranty State Bank, Cross Plains, Texas-----	30,000	-----	30,000

INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

The Federal Reserve Board has granted permission to the following institutions to exercise trust powers:

People's National Bank, Elizabeth, N. J.
First National Bank of Thermopolis, Wyoming.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Subscriptions of \$790,449,500 to the two issues of Treasury certificates of indebtedness offered on Dec. 15 were announced by the Treasury Department on Dec. 17. The total amount of subscriptions allotted was \$589,680,500. A total of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts was offered in the two series, T J-1921 bearing interest at 5¾% and T D-1921 carrying 6% interest. The offering was referred to in our issue of Dec. 11, page 2287, and Dec. 18, page 2335. Subscriptions were allotted as follows:

New York-----	\$266,907,000	Chicago-----	\$54,167,000
Cleveland-----	68,250,000	Kansas City-----	14,803,000
Philadelphia-----	45,148,000	Minneapolis-----	9,225,000
Boston-----	45,490,000	Atlanta-----	6,321,500
St. Louis-----	20,856,500	Dallas-----	5,032,500
Richmond-----	17,894,000		
San Francisco-----	35,580,000	Total-----	\$589,680,500

The Federal Reserve District of New York subscribed \$412,866,000 to the two issues. In commenting on the results the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 20 had the following to say:

The final returns show some surprising results as pertains to certain Federal Reserve districts. Heretofore, Chicago has always ranked second to New York in amount of subscriptions, but this time Cleveland was the second largest subscriber. Cleveland subscribed for a total of \$102,555,500, and was allotted \$68,250,000, while Chicago ranks third with subscriptions of \$54,167,000 and allotments of a similar amount.

As was expected, subscribers favored the one-year issue bearing interest at the rate of 6%. The final allotments for the six months' issue amounted to \$188,123,000, while the allotments for the one-year certificates were \$401,557,500.

While the banks were liberal takers of the new bills, there were substantial subscriptions by corporations and other investors seeking attractive short-term investments. Government 6% Treasury bills have recently been selling at a slight premium in the open market.

EUGENE MEYER JR., ON OVERSUBSCRIPTION OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES AND IMPROVEMENT IN MARKET FOR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

In a statement, dated Dec. 22, Eugene Meyer, Jr., formerly Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation said:

In the midst of the present disturbed situation it is gratifying to observe a material improvement in the fundamental condition of the market for Government securities.

The issue of \$500,000,000 Treasury Certificates offered on the 15th of December, was oversubscribed by \$200,000,000 and subscriptions were refused after the first day. The Treasury Certificates of all issues are par bid and purchases are being made at small premiums.

The present condition contrasts most favorably with last year when the Treasury in November and December, through the War Finance Corporation was obliged to purchase over \$300,000,000 par value of Liberty bonds and Victory notes in order to steady to some extent the market for Government securities in the flood of liquidation that accompanied the increases in the Federal Reserve discount rates and generally tightening money market conditions.

From the report of the Secretary of the Treasury it appears that sinking fund purchases from July 1 until November 15 totalled only a little over \$15,000,000. The amount to be purchased for the sinking fund during the fiscal year ending June 30 1921, according to the report of the Secretary is \$253,400,000. It appears, therefore, that between the 15th of November 1920 and the 30th of June 1921, the Government will have to purchase over \$238,000,000 of Liberty bonds or Victory notes.

It is optional with the Secretary of the Treasury to determine when purchases for the sinking fund should be made, but it is not optional as to whether or not these purchases should be made before June 30 1921. The Treasury will therefore have to purchase in the last seven months and a half of the fiscal year ending June 30 1921, over 90% of the entire sinking fund quota of \$253,404,000 bonds.

HOUSE PASSES FORDNEY TARIFF BILL IN INTEREST OF FARMERS.

On Dec. 22 the House, by a vote of 195 to 85 passed Representative Fordney's emergency tariff bill, imposing temporary duties on certain agricultural products, designed to afford a measure of relief to the farmers, as well as to increase the revenues. The bill revises tariffs on wheat, cotton, wool, potatoes, corn beans, live stock, meats, &c. The House Ways and Means Committee completed the drafting of the bill on the 18th inst., and on the 20th inst. the measures was reported to the House. On the 21st inst. the House by a vote of 206 to 77 agreed to suspend the rules for calendar Wednesday, and to give the bill right of way. During the debate on the bill on the 22nd in the House those opposing the bill declared it would send the cost of living higher, while the supporters of the bill said it would save the agricultural industry.

Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, in opening debate declared the measure was not scientific and admitted it was hastily drawn, but asserted that it was the best that could be had at this time. In his remarks on the bill Representative Fordney said:

This bill has been reported by the Ways and Means Committee, prompted by the appeals that have been made by people from various parts of the country pointing out the distressed financial condition of the agricultural productions of the country.

First let me say that the sheep growers of the country—and, by the way, that industry is one of the most important industries of the country to all the people. The production of wool in this country before the war, in round numbers, was 300,000,000 pounds annually, while our annual consumption was a trifle more than 500,000,000 per annum. During the war we learned a lesson and have paid the penalty for many of the things used in this country that we can produce but do not. Wool is one of those articles.

Information was brought to the committee that 90% of all the sheep on the western ranges are mortgaged to-day for \$9 per head, more money than the sheep will sell for on the market to-day. Information was brought to the committee that 90% of the cattle on the Western ranges are mortgaged for \$45 per head, more money than they will sell for.

A statement was made, and it is printed in the hearings, of a shipment of sheep to the Chicago stockyards, where a farmer made a shipment that, after paying the freight the discount, allowances, and commissions, that shipment of sheep netted the farmer 33 cents a head, which he had sold at \$2.10 a head delivered.

The most striking illustration of the distressed condition the farmer finds himself in came to my notice last evening when I stepped into a restaurant and ordered some lamb chops. I received two small lamb chops, about two mouthfuls to each chop, and paid 65 cents for the two, twice as much as was received by the farmer for a whole sheep-carcass, hide, wool and all. Somewhere between the farmer and the consumer the value of the sheep got away. The farmer to-day is suffering because of the lack of a market for his products and a price for his products that would yield to him something like the cost of production. What is true of mutton and cattle is true of every article that the committee has included in this bill, or practically so.

Regarding the action of the House on the 22nd, the "Journal of Commerce" in its advices from Washington said:

The first struggle of any proportions came on the effort of the milling interests of Minneapolis to except from the 30-cent rate on wheat all wheat under contract for importation prior to December 20. Representative Newton urged that the millers stood to lose heavily because they had large contracts for the better Canadian wheat. Points of order against the amendment proved futile under the ruling of Representative Anderson of Minnesota, who was in the chair.

The debate, however, turned on the facts brought out that there were at Port Arthur and Port William in the terminal elevators 72,000,000 bushels of wheat ready for importation into this country. It was claimed that many orders had been placed over the telephone and to adopt the amendment

would open the door for a vast amount of fraud. The amendment was lost by 93 to 44.

Representative Rainey of Illinois, acting as the ranking member of the minority on Ways and Means, was in charge of the opposition to the bill and uniformly move to strike out paragraph after paragraph, with the result that the other side, with accessions of Democrats, continually supported Chairman Fordney in the policy of allowing no changes whatever in the bill.

When the cotton paragraph was reached Representative Ben Humphries of Mississippi made an effort to convince the House that an enormous competition occurs from cotton that was an inch and an eighth long, the limit the bill which was to receive the benefit of a rate of 7c. a pound being cotton an inch and three-eighths long. Humphries' speech came near passing an amendment to reduce the limit to an inch and an eighth.

This was offered by Representative Hayden of Arizona, whose long staple cotton crop is steadily increasing and beginning to demand protection. Mr. Hayden said the statistics showed that there were 65,000,000 pounds of long staple cotton coming into the United States from Peru and 200,000,000 of Egyptian cotton. If the length could be reduced, this importation, if it continued would produce a revenue of \$7,000,000 a year. He said the Department of Agriculture had standardized the length of long staple cotton at an inch and an eighth and this should be accepted by the House. Nevertheless the amendment failed by a vote of 34 to 42.

The next paragraph interested New England particularly. It put a tax of 7 cents a pound on goods made from the long staple cotton. Representative Walsh moved an amendment to strike out the paragraph. He said that the mills of his section were stopped and the industry was stagnant, and if the two items as to long staple cotton which was used in goods of cheaper grades should be adopted, it would still further stagnate the industry. The amendment was lost by a vote of 42 to 53.

The wool paragraph, which is usually the test schedule in a tariff bill, stood proof against the attacks of the Democrats, whose arguments here became very general. Western and Southern members where the sheep industry is strong described conditions and appealed for the passage of the paragraph and it was retained by a strong vote.

The New England members tried hard to rally strength against the bill. Representative Treadway, member of Ways and Means Committee, said that there had been no hearings and the Ways and Means Committee was trying to make a tariff bill between sunrise and sunset.

The provision of the bill as presented to the House respecting wool, read:

Wool, commonly known as clothing wool, including hair of the camel, angora goat and alpaca, but not such wools as are commonly known as carpet wools; unwashed 15 cents per pound, washed 30 cents per pound, scoured 45 cents per pound. Unwashed wools shall be considered such as shall have been shorn from the animal without any cleansing; washed wools shall be considered such as have been washed with water only on the animal's back or on the skin; wools washed in any other manner than on the animal's back or on the skin shall be considered as scoured wools. On wool and hair provided for in this paragraph, which is sorted or increased in value by the rejection of any part of the original fleece, the duty shall be twice the duty to which it otherwise would be subject, but not more than 45 cents per pound.

Wool and hair of the kind provided for when advanced in any manner or by any process of manufacture beyond the washed and scoured condition, and manufactures of which wool or hair of the kind provided for is the component material of chief value, 45 cents per pound in addition to the rates of duty imposed thereon by existing law.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S ADVICES TO PRESIDENT WILSON ON WHEAT SITUATION.

The decline in wheat prices appear to be in part due to country-wide and world-wide conditions according to advices to President Wilson presented by the Federal Trade Commission under date of Dec. 13 and made public Dec. 20. The Commission's advices to the President are in response to the latter's request of last October for an inquiry into the wheat situation, to which reference was made in these columns Oct. 16 page 1524 as part of its inquiry a preliminary statement dealing with the amount of Canadian wheat and wheat flour imported into the United States was made public by the Commission on Nov. 1, as was noted in our issue of Nov. 6, page 1805. In its presentments of Dec. 13 the Commission cites as one of the price depressing factors "the large importation of wheat from Canada which assumed unprecedented proportions in October." Apparently, it says, "the President of the United States has no power to shut out wheat imports by embargo, import duty or otherwise." Moreover, it adds "it is questionable whether such a proceeding would have the effect its advocates expect because the United States and Canada both have surpluses to export, and will meet each other in competition either here or in Europe." The Commission points out that "under the Lever Act of August 10 1917, the President of the United States has certain powers regarding the grain exchanges which would make it possible for him to stop future trading in wheat" and it says "while evidence is not available that future trading is responsible for the decline in wheat prices, it does not appear that future trading in wheat, as at present operating, is of indisputable service to the grain trade." The view is expressed that "a limitation on the volume of open speculative trades in wheat, similar to the limitations placed on corn speculation during the period of Government control would probably tend to reduce the possibility of manipulative trading." Without now expressing an opinion on the subject the Commission states that "it appears that there is a large volume of future trading that is mere gambling and involves a great economic waste." The remedy for this, it says, "lies in Congressional action to

prevent trading which is essentially gambling." Among other things the Commission says that "if foreign movements are to maintain, for some time to come, buying commissions with concentrated purchases, the desirability of the United States meeting them through a selling organization should be seriously considered." The letter of the Commission was made public at Washington as follows on Dec. 19:

The White House today authorized the release of the following letter from the Federal Trade Commission, responding to the President's direction of Oct. 12 1920, for an inquiry concerning the wheat situation, with a view to determine what, if anything, can properly be done:

December 13 1920.

Sir—Pursuant to your request of Oct. 12 1920, an inquiry was made concerning the cause of the recent decline in wheat prices and what remedial action properly could be taken:

Information has been sought from farmers and farmers' organizations, grain traders and flour millers, besides many others conversant with the facts concerning the situation. Pertinent statistical data were also examined.

The following conclusions, submitted with the report herewith, are reached:

In the matter of possible remedies:

First: The Commission believes, subject of course to the opinion of the Attorney General, that the President of the United States has no power under existing law to shut out wheat imports in the present situation by embargo, import duties or otherwise.

Second: The President of the United States apparently has certain powers under the Lever Act to stop future trading in wheat. In view of the divergence of opinions upon the possible efficacy of such action, and of the failure of the wheat futures market to perform satisfactorily the functions of stabilization and insurance which its advocates have claimed for it, if regulatory or other action is to be employed in the matter of future trading, consideration of the question by the Congress, and legislation not connected with war powers, are indicated.

Third: If foreign governments are to maintain, for some time to come, buying commissions with concentrated purchases, the desirability of the United States meeting them through a selling organization should be seriously considered.

In the matter of causes of the recent decline in price:

First: The world outlook of supply has played an important part. Although the yield for 1920 in the United States was considerably less than in 1919, the yield for 1920 in Canada was greater than in 1919, and the world yield for the crop year 1920 will probably be larger than that for 1919.

Second: Foreign governmental buying concentrated in commission, which previously met a single seller in the United States market and now does not have been characterized by heavy purchases in the spring of 1920 and by slack purchases later, and is thus involved in the decline.

Third: Unprecedented importations of wheat from Canada during the fall of 1920, following an unprecedented yield and a discount in rate of exchange, have contributed to the decline.

Fourth: The record-breaking yield of corn in 1920 and the large yield of oats have been factors in the depression of the price of wheat.

Fifth: The slackening in domestic demand for flour during the latter half of 1920 has also entered into the falling wheat market.

Sixth: The tendency to decline in many commodities has had its effect upon wheat prices.

Seventh: The change in credit conditions, with the resulting disposition of distributors to refrain from accumulating or maintaining usual stocks, has had its bearing.

An amplification of the conclusions above is appended:

(1) There was a marked decline in the prices of cash wheat in the terminal markets from prices slightly exceeding \$3 a bushel in May, 1920, to prices only slightly exceeding \$2 in October. During November a further heavy decline in cash prices has occurred. In arriving at a satisfactory basis of comparison it should be pointed out that terminal market prices in the spring of 1920 were stimulated by transportation difficulties.

(2) At the beginning of the harvest in the Southwest, prices were still comparatively high, although crop prospects for the United States were better than have since been actually realized. Rust in large sections of the Northwest caused a marked deterioration in the quality and reduction in the quantity of spring wheat.

(3) The wheat crop in this country proved to be of average size only, but that of Canada, which matured later, has proved unusually large. The news from India, Argentina and Australia also indicates improved crop conditions. Hence the world outlook indicates a larger supply than was expected a few months ago, and the world crop for the crop year 1920 will probably be greater than that for 1919, although the yield for the United States for 1920 is less by 190,000,000 bushels than the yield for 1919.

(4) The change noted in the price situation was also influenced by the course of export buying. Early in the summer purchases were being made on a very large scale, especially by the British Royal Commission and other foreign governments. At the close of July buying began to slacken, and the British buying ceased almost entirely. The buying policy of the British Royal Commission caused abnormal price movements. Viewed in retrospect, the policy of the Commission would seem to have had the result that its supplies have cost it more than if its purchases had been evenly distributed. The policy of the British Royal Commission, which involved a holding off from the market, doubtless accentuated the decline in prices between July and October.

(5) Another price-depressing factor was the large importation of wheat from Canada, which assumed unprecedented proportions in October. The information obtained indicates that the Canadian wheat has been brought in by millers. Most of it has gone to Buffalo and Minneapolis, and the comparatively small quantity going to Chicago has mostly gone to mills. Millers have imported it partly on account of the comparative prices (allowance being made for exchange rates), but also because the quality of the Canadian wheat was especially suited to their requirements.

(6) Whether the so-called statistical position of wheat is actually less favorable to high prices now than early in July 1920 is a matter about which there is difference of opinion. The exportable surplus of the United States for the 1920 crop has nearly all gone abroad, but exports may continue to be made from this country if the Canadian surplus continues to be imported.

(7) Another price depressing factor is the record-breaking corn crop, as well as a large crop of oats. The decline in the price of corn has had a direct effect on the price of wheat. The lower prices now current for mill feeds or flour by-products, partly because of the cheapness of corn, have tended to reduce the price of wheat.

(8) The domestic demand for flour has shown a marked slackening since July 1 1920, and this has been a depressing influence on the price of wheat. Jobbers and bakers appear to have been using reserve stocks of flour instead of buying, and families also are believed to have been drawing to a considerable extent upon previously accumulated stocks.

(9) Because of comparative ocean freight rates, which were more for flour than for wheat, and because it is the policy of foreign Governments to buy wheat rather than flour, the foreign demand for American flour has been small. Since this inquiry was initiated the Shipping Board has reduced the differential against flour from 25 cents per hundredweight to 5 cents.

(10) The tendency to a decline in prices for many commodities has been evident since the beginning of this summer. Wheat has declined less than many commodities, and less than most agricultural products, on the basis of wholesale prices.

(11) Credit and business conditions are not the same as they were a year ago or even a few months ago. This is not merely a matter of psychology. There has been doubtless a decrease in the inclination to purchase, and there has been some decrease in purchasing power. Credit conditions apparently have caused distributors and dealers in wheat and flour to refrain from accumulating or maintaining the usual stocks, and to operate on a hand-to-mouth basis. Included in the credit conditions referred to are a high rate of interest and an unavailability of loanable funds.

(12) Restriction of credit has followed a period of expansion and high prices. The policy of the banks in granting credit is not controlled by the Federal Reserve Board. Its advice has been of the nature of a warning as to conditions in pursuing a conservative policy with respect to rediscount rates and the protection of the banking reserves of the country.

(13) Prices of wheat futures, the decline in which has been especially the subject of criticism, are susceptible of manipulation. Wide fluctuations in prices and large discounts of the future price below the cash price have prevailed. This has made it unsatisfactory for "hedging," and hedging sales may also appear to be manipulative, because, if they are large, they may cause sharp depressions. Wheat futures are not functioning well, even according to the standards of their advocates.

(14) The wheat futures market is comparatively narrow. There is a relatively limited quantity of pit scalping and speculation, and also probably a smaller quantity, though a larger proportion, of hedging. Trades in the important futures at Chicago during the past few months have been approximately as follows:

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Three Combined.
Bushels—				
August	86,000,000	892,000,000	256,000,000	1,234,000,000
September	196,000,000	1,022,000,000	292,000,000	1,510,000,000
October	420,000,000	780,000,000	237,000,000	1,437,000,000
Per Cent Distribution—				
August	7.0	72.3	20.7	100.0
September	13.0	67.7	19.3	100.0
October	29.2	54.3	16.5	100.0

Total trading appears to be not much less than for corresponding months in periods of heavy trading before the war, but prior to the war wheat usually accounted for at least half of the total future trading. Since July 15 corn has ranked first as regards volume of future trading and wheat has not yet quite reached 30% of the total for the three long established grain futures. It does not appear, therefore, that the wheat futures market could be made to work better by merely limiting the quantity of future trading.

(15) The Commission has not had the opportunity to obtain directly the figures which would determine conclusively whether large transactions in futures of a manipulative nature have occurred. It has sought but has not been able to secure the cooperation of the officers and directors of the Chicago Board of Trade deemed necessary for the collection of pertinent information in this matter. The limited evidence available does not establish manipulation of wheat prices by large operators in futures, nor that the recent low average, or downward trend of wheat prices, has been due to speculative manipulation.

(16) The sudden fall in the price of wheat, before there was a decline in the cost of producing it, has caused great hardship to many farmers, especially to those who did not harvest a full crop.

(17) Apparently the President of the United States, has no power to shut out wheat imports by embargo, import duty or otherwise. Moreover, it is questionable whether such a proceeding would have the effect its advocates expect, because the United States and Canada both have surpluses to export, and will meet each other in competition either here or in Europe. This also appears to be the view of some leading representatives of farmers' organizations.

(18) Under the Lever Act of August 10 1917, the President of the United States has certain powers regarding the grain exchanges which would make it possible for him to stop future trading in wheat. While evidence is not available that future trading is responsible, for the decline in wheat prices, it does not appear that future trading in wheat, as at present operating, is of indispensable service to the grain trade. A limitation on the volume of open speculative trades in wheat, similar to the limitations placed on corn speculation during the period of government control, would probably tend to reduce the possibility of manipulative trading.

After the proclamation of peace the above-mentioned act expires, and then any prohibition or regulation deemed advisable would have to be provided by new legislation.

(19) Concentrated buying by foreign governments may be deemed necessary especially where such governments have fixed prices for flour irrespective of the price of wheat. If such government buying is manipulative, however, and if it is to be continued for some time to come, it would seem desirable that it should be counteracted by government selling organization in this country. Even if such foreign buying is not intentionally manipulative, there is no reason why producers in this country should be subjected thereby to loss through unnecessarily fluctuating prices.

(20) The decline in wheat prices would appear to be in part due to country-wide and world-wide conditions. Abrupt changes in prices and comparatively low prices have occurred following changes in volume of production, variations in demand from year to year and marketing unevenly distributed through the seasons. An improvement in the situation would follow from greater regularity of production from year to year in so far as such regularity is subject to human achievement, and a more even marketing of grain through the year.

(21) While the Commission believes that speculation in wheat futures is not an indispensable part of the marketing process and may sometimes be highly injurious, the Commission is not in this report passing upon the whole subject of future trading. Future contracts may have a legitimate use for "hedging." In this connection it is claimed that future trading performs an insurance function where ordinary insurance methods would not be practicable and that undue restriction of future trading such as would deprive the grain trade of this service might result in grain dealers requiring larger margins and consequently result either in lower prices to the farmer or higher prices to the consumer. Without now expressing an opinion on this subject, it appears that there is a large volume of future trading that is mere gambling, and involves a great economic waste. The remedy for this lies in Congressional action to prevent trading which is essentially gambling.

The matter of future trading in grain is to be given extended treatment in a forthcoming volume of the report upon the grain trade.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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

REMOVAL OF ARGENTINE EMBARGO ON FLOUR.

"Commerce Reports of Dec. 15 states:

A cablegram from Ambassador Simpson, Buenos Aires, under date of Dec. 14 1920, states that the Argentine embargo on the exportation of wheat flour and its derivatives was lifted by an executive decree of Dec. 9. Exports will probably not be made until an export tariff is fixed.

[Law No. 11,014, of June 10 1920, prorogued until Dec. 31 1920 the enforcement of the Law No. 10,349, which imposed a duty on the exportation of a number of commodities and fixed an export duty of 5 pesos paper money per 100 kilos on wheat flour, with an additional duty of 20% of the value at the time of embarkation. This tax was to continue in effect until Nov. 30 1920.]

HIGH PRICES DEMANDED BY GRAIN HAULERS IN ARGENTINA.

Under date of Dec. 15 the Department of Commerce at Washington made public the following:

The transportation of grain to the railway stations in Argentina is done generally by means of two-wheeled massive carts drawn by 12 horses and carrying as much as eight tone of grain in sacks. The following tariff, based on a load of 5 tons, has been announced by the carters' unions for the central districts around Buenos Aires and Santa Fe; prices for the Patagonian territories are still higher: For 1 league (3.1 miles), 3.30 pesos per metric ton; 2 leagues, 4.60 pesos; 3 leagues, 5.60 pesos; and 5 leagues, 8 pesos. The value of the peso is \$0.425.

These prices are 60% above those for 1919-20, and at such rates it will cost a farmer located 25 miles from a station as much to get his grain to the cars as the freight from Buenos Aires to New York.

U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOT OF OPINION THAT U. S. WILL BE DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR FOOD SUPPLIES.

Pointing out that the United States exports approximately twice as much essential foodstuffs as it imports, the Committee on Statistics and Standards of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in a report issued on Dec. 23, takes issue with the contention that this country will be dependent in the near future upon foreign countries for food supplies. The question of the ability of the United States to feed itself came up by reason of the increase of imports of food products, accompanied by a corresponding decrease of exports of these commodities. The Committee says:

The conclusion reached by some statisticians and experts is that our industrial development is proceeding at such a rate, and so obviously at the expense of our agricultural growth, that it is only a question of time until we must import more and more food products for our constantly growing population. It is not a new story, having bobbed up and died away many times since Malthus started the original trouble a century ago; but it is just as foolish and unfounded now as it was then, and as it will be for generations to come.

The possibilities of food production in this country and the abundant harvest of 1920 in the face of the most unfavorable conditions of weather and an unprecedented shortage of labor makes it difficult to understand how anyone can take seriously the alarmist cry that we must look elsewhere for food products, says the committee. The committee made a study and analysis of the relation of food exports and imports from 1910 to 1919. Charts making a comparison of exports and imports of different food products during that period are contained in the report. One chart demonstrates that the United States exported last year agricultural products to the value of \$3,500,000,000, while its imports were just half that figure.

"One of the especially foolish and unknowing statements in regard to our exports of foodstuffs," says the committee, "is that we drew so heavily on our food resources during the war that we are now forced to call upon other countries to supply our needs. As a matter of fact, we have more cattle and hogs now than when the war began in 1914, and as many sheep."

It is shown that among the foodstuffs imported in largest quantities are sugar, coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate. "To some extent," says the committee, "we shall gradually increase our domestic supply of some of these articles. We will grow more sugar beets, and probably more sugar cane; we are experimenting with tea in South Carolina; the production of pineapples is increasing in Florida; but, in the main, our dependence for these luxuries must be on the Tropics. "The real crux of the question," says the committee, "lies in the nature of food imported, as to whether it is a thing of necessity or merely a matter of taste and fancy. In the answer to that lies the ability, or lack of ability, of this country to feed itself. Bread and meat, grains and meat animals are the elemental essentials of food with us, and in these essentials we have always been the best nurtured people in the world."

STATE CONTROL OF PRICES IN MONTANA AND INDIANA SUBJECT OF STUDY BY U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

State control of prices as provided in statutes now in effect in Montana and Indiana is to be made the subject of study by a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, appointment of which was announced on Dec. 22 by Joseph H. Defrees. The constitutionality of both statutes involved is being tested before the Supreme Court. Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, formerly Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is chairman of the committee. Other members are Max W. Babb, Allis-Chalmers Co., Milwaukee; John M. Crawford, Parkersburg Rig & Reel Co., Parkersburg, W. Va.; Clyde C. Dawson, Dawson & Wright, Denver; and Theodore F. Whitmarsh, Francis H. Leggett Co., New York. The Chamber in its announcement says:

Although the same in principle, the two statutes differ considerably. The Montana law is much more general in its application. It made of the State's railroad commissioners a Montana trade commission and gave the board power to license all persons engaged in buying and selling commodities in the State. The power to regulate carried with it the power to establish maximum prices or reasonable margins of profit.

The Montana Trade Commission thereupon ordered that all articles offered for sale be marked with the invoice price and the sales prices per unit. The State Merchants' Association of Montana took the case into the Federal District Court, which held the law in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution. The Attorney-General of the State appealed. The United States Supreme Court will hear the case in April.

The Indiana statute referred chiefly to coal and expires in the spring. Immediately after enactment, this law was taken before the Federal District Court by Indiana coal operators. The decision of the court was that the case was brought too soon, as the operators had not yet reason to complain against any attempt of the Coal Commission, created by law, to deal with their business. From this dismissal of the complaint the coal operators appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

RATIFICATION OF CANADA WEST INDIES AGREEMENT BY BRITISH GUIANA.

A cablegram to the Department of Commerce at Washington from the American consul at Demerara, British Guiana, dated Dec. 13 1920, states that the Legislature of British Guiana on Dec. 11 ratified the Canada-West Indies trade agreement. The preferential rates granted to goods of Canadian production are extended to those from the United Kingdom.

GREEN RIVER TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION FORMED TO POOL CROP DISBANDED.

The Green River Tobacco Growers' Association plans for the formation of which had been inaugurated at a meeting in Owensboro, Ky., on Dec. 11 by about 1200 farmers of the Green River tobacco district, which includes Daviess, McLean, Hancock, Breckenridge and Ohio counties, Ky., has concluded, according to announcement made Dec. 23, to disband. This step was taken following a report of its Executive Committee of failure to arouse sufficiently the interest of farmers in a contemplated tobacco pooling arrangement. Regarding the new organization, press dispatches from Owensboro on Dec. 12 had said:

The association will endeavor to pool the tobacco crop, and work for higher market prices, which are at present the lowest in about five years.

Under the proposed marketing plan the pooled tobacco would be offered for sale at a certain price. If not bought at this price, the tobacco would be stored until there is a better market.

Local interests have offered financial aid to the growers in the move, according to organizers of the association.

Meantime managers of the warehouses announced that they will continue to receive and sell tobacco.

As to the failure of the plans, the Owensboro press dispatches Dec. 23 said:

Reports of the committee showed that tobacco pledged to the pool was 3,000,000 pounds short of the amount required before the association would attempt to handle sales. After submission of the reports, the Executive Committee resigned.

Meantime prices on the market here have reached an average of \$11 per hundred pounds, compared with \$4 the opening day a month ago. In this period only 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco has been sold, bringing an average of \$7.91 per hundred pounds. About 6,000,000 pounds had been sold at this date last year for a \$19 average.

In a special dispatch to it from Lexington, Ky., Dec. 18, the New York "Evening Post" said in part:

The tobacco situation in Kentucky where the leaf is the "money crop" and where in 1919 it forced land values up to \$400 and \$500 an acre, is the most serious in history. Thousands of farmers who bought land at high prices last year with the expectancy of making the second payment out of the returns of the 1920 tobacco crop are threatened with the loss of the farms and homes.

Banks are heavily loaded with notes, and growers owe millions of dollars to merchants that they cannot expect to pay this year; warehousemen of Lexington, the largest loose leaf tobacco market in the world, expect to lose considerable money the coming sales season, and tobacco men expect serious trouble, with a possibility of violence before the end of January.

The 1920 tobacco crop cost an average of 30 cents a pound to produce. The "Big Four" manufacturers are now offering an average of 17 cents a pound for all grades.

Tobacco is sold over "the breaks" in Kentucky. It is graded and laid out in lots in massive glass-roofed warehouses, and buyers bid for it.

Markets Are Monopolized.

The Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Co., R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., American Tobacco Co. and Lorillard interests, which buy through the J. P. Taylor Co., purchase about 80% of all burley sold. Their buyers monopolize the loose leaf markets.

Thousands of growers are banding themselves together in the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association, of which John W. Newman, former State Commissioner of Agriculture in Kentucky, and a large grower, is President. Mr. Newman asserts that if farmers do not receive "a fair price" for their leaf, only a half crop will be grown in 1921.

Kentucky has not forgotten the "night-rider" troubles of 1908, when barns and warehouses were burned, crops destroyed and men lynched, and is taking serious notice of the situation.

The loose leaf warehouses of Lexington were to have opened Dec. 1. They are certain not to open until Jan. 3, and man not begin to offer tobacco for sale until February. Meanwhile banks are pressing farmers for their money, merchants are demanding their money, the tobacco held in the farmer's barns is losing weight by evaporation, and the farmer is acquiring an ugly mood.

Burley, or "light" tobacco, is used almost entirely in cigarettes. A few years ago it could be used only as cheap smoking tobacco, but manufacturers discovered a way of steaming it and found that a great deal of Burley when exposed to the aroma of Turkish tobacco absorbed the flavor and became perfect for cigarettes. Burley is used in the manufacture of the four largest selling cigarettes.

An average of 55 cents a pound was paid for burley last year. Many thousands of pounds sold for more than \$1, and not a few farmers averaged 90 cents a pound for their crop. Naturally they were a little lax in their spending, and the manufacturers assert it is time for the farmers to get back to earth.

The growers declare that they do not expect the high prices of last year; they know that they were overpaid, but that they want, and will "do their damndest to get," what they put into this crop in money and labor.

The 1919 crop, that put \$175,000,000 into the pockets of Kentucky farmers, pushed the price of Blue Grass land up to anywhere from \$600 to \$1,660 an acre. Land for tobacco rented this year at from \$50 to \$150 an acre. Famous blue grass estates were broken up and ploughed under—that tobacco might be raised.

To handle this year's expected bumper crop, two additional warehouses, the largest in the world, were built. This made the capacity of local loose leaf houses 7,000,000 pounds, and under the present system of marketing 10,000,000 pounds can be handled weekly.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF COMMODITIES IN OCTOBER.

The downward trend of wholesale prices which began in June of the present year became more pronounced in November, according to information collected in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. Measured by changes in the Bureau's weighted index number, which assigns to each commodity an influence proportionate to its importance in the country's markets, the November price level was 8% below that of October and 24% below the high peak reached in May. The Bureau, in reporting this says:

Building materials showed the largest price recessions in November, the decline from the level of the previous month being 12½%. Farm products followed next with a drop of over 9¼% from the October level. Cloths and clothing decrease approximately 9% and fuel and lighting materials 8½%, while metals and metal products registered a decrease of more than 7½% in comparison with October prices.

Food products again showed a decline, the average for November being nearly 4½% under that of the month before. Chemicals and drugs also decreased over 4%. In the group of miscellaneous commodities, which includes among others such important articles as cottonseed meal and oil, manila hemp, rubber, soap, linseed meal, milled middlings, and wood pulp, the decrease was nearly 4%. Prices of house-furnishing goods also decreased slightly. In no group was there an increase over the level of prices in the preceding month.

Of 326 commodities or price quotations included in the comparison for October and November, 198 showed a decrease and only 41 showed an increase. In 87 cases, no change in price was recorded. Of these, a majority belong in the groups designated as cloths and clothing, fuel and lighting, metals and metal products, and building materials.

Below are shown the index numbers of wholesale prices in the United States, by groups of commodities, as computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the months named. The figures for the last named month are preliminary and subject to revision. The base used in computing these index numbers is the average for the calendar year 1913.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices, by Groups of Commodities.

Group (1913 equals 100)—	Nov.—1919	Oct.—1920—Nov.
Farm products.....	240	182 165
Food, &c.....	219	204 195
Cloths and clothing.....	325	257 234
Fuel and lighting.....	179	282 258
Metals and metal products.....	164	184 170
Building materials.....	236	313 274
Chemicals and drugs.....	176	216 207
House-furnishing goods.....	299	371 369
Miscellaneous.....	220	229 220
All commodities.....	230	225/ 207

Comparing prices in November with those of a year ago, as measured by the changes in the index numbers, it is seen that foods have declined about 11%, cloths and clothing 28%, and farm products over 31%. In all other groups except the one designated as miscellaneous, increases have taken place, ranging from 3-2-3% in metals and metal products to 44% in the group of fuel and lighting materials. All commodities, taken together, declined 10% in price in the year.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN NOVEMBER 1920 AND 1919.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor received and tabulated reports concerning the volume of employment in November 1920 from representative establishments in 13 manufacturing industries and in bituminous

coal mining. Comparing the figures of November 1920 with those of identical establishments for November 1919 it appears that in 4 industries there was an increase in the number of persons employed while in 10 there was a decrease. The largest increase 130.3% is shown in coal mining while the smallest increase 4.4% is shown in paper making. Decreases of 39.4% and 31.3% appear in woolen and boots and shoes. Cigars show a decrease of 0.8%. The Bureau in its statement issued Dec. 17 also says:

Six of the 14 industries show an increase in the total amount of the pay roll in November 1920, as compared with November 1919, and 8 show a decrease. The most important percentage increase, 348.5, appears in coal mining. The next largest increases are 56.2% in iron and steel and 39.4% in car building and repairing. Cotton manufacturing shows an increase of 1.7%. Respective decreases of 37%, 36.8% and 33.7% appear in men's ready-made clothing, automobiles, and the woolen industry.

The large increases reported in the coal mining industry in November 1920, as compared with a year ago, are due to the recovery from a period of strikes in November 1919.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN NOVEMBER 1919 AND NOVEMBER 1920.

Industry.	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-Roll.	Number on Pay-Roll in November.		% of In-crease or De-crease.	Amount of Pay-Roll in November.		% of In-crease or De-crease.
			1919.	1920.		1919.	1920.	
Iron and steel.....	108	½ mo.	134,404	179,544	+33.6	\$9,091,664	\$14,197,947	+56.2
Automobiles.....	44	1 week	135,828	96,264	-29.1	4,387,196	2,771,450	-36.8
Car building and repairing.....	49	½ mo.	56,838	69,656	+22.6	3,636,903	5,071,455	+39.4
Cotton mfg.....	55	1 week	45,499	43,393	-4.6	783,433	796,382	+1.7
Cotton finishing.....	15	"	12,197	9,226	-24.4	260,196	199,808	-23.2
Hosiery and under-warder.....	51	"	29,088	20,398	-29.9	504,329	351,331	-30.3
Woolen.....	52	"	48,254	29,226	-39.4	1,029,403	682,769	-33.7
Silk.....	46	2 wks.	19,954	17,015	-14.7	867,152	701,539	-19.1
Men's clothing.....	40	1 week	29,964	20,683	-31.0	902,873	569,836	-37.0
Leather.....	32	"	17,603	12,173	-30.8	424,844	315,315	-25.8
Boots and shoes.....	76	"	61,783	42,472	-31.3	1,409,721	943,288	-33.1
Paper making.....	53	"	30,474	31,810	+4.4	733,899	936,540	+27.6
Cigars.....	52	"	17,096	16,953	-0.8	371,290	362,301	-3.0
Coal (bitumin's).....	65	½ mo.	8,338	19,200	+130.3	354,258	1,678,610	+348.5

Comparative data for November 1920 and October 1920 appear in the following table. The figures show that in three industries there was an increase in the number of persons on the pay-roll in November as compared with October and in 11 a decrease. The increases in the number of persons employed are 3.6% in coal mining, 3.1% in cigars and 1.5% in car building and repairing. Decreases of 17%, 12.5% and 12.1% appear in men's ready-made clothing, woolen, and hosiery and underwear, respectively.

In comparing November with October, one industry shows an increase in the amount of money paid to employees, while 13 show a decrease. The one increase is 2.6% in cigars. The largest decreases are 31.2% in automobiles and 23.5% in men's ready-made clothing. Coal mining shows a decrease of 0.3%.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1920.

Industry.	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-Roll.	Number on Pay-Roll in		% of Inc. or Dec.	Amount of Pay-Roll in		% of Inc. or Dec.
			Oct. 1920.	Nov. 1920.		October 1920.	November 1920.	
Iron and steel.....	109	½ mo.	188,007	181,923	-3.2	\$15,155,772	\$14,448,545	-4.7
Automobiles.....	44	1 week	108,893	96,721	-11.2	4,057,482	2,790,011	-31.2
Car building and repairing.....	47	½ mo.	59,635	60,530	+1.5	4,464,122	4,333,007	-1.8
Cotton mfg.....	50	1 week	37,246	35,544	-4.8	709,089	656,455	-7.4
Cotton finishing.....	15	"	9,482	9,226	-2.7	216,949	199,808	-7.9
Hosiery and under-warder.....	55	"	23,402	20,561	-12.1	430,533	347,002	-19.4
Woolen.....	51	"	32,943	28,829	-12.5	735,882	672,782	-8.5
Silk.....	43	2 wks.	16,850	16,264	-3.5	771,340	671,881	-12.9
Men's clothing.....	43	1 week	24,258	20,144	-17.0	726,267	555,337	-23.5
Leather.....	32	"	13,198	12,209	-7.5	348,794	315,905	-9.4
Boots and shoes.....	73	"	43,943	41,565	-5.4	949,954	922,271	-2.9
Paper.....	54	"	33,622	32,668	-2.8	1,019,545	966,495	-5.2
Cigars.....	49	"	15,636	16,125	+3.1	337,348	346,066	+2.6
Coal (bitumin's).....	83	½ mo.	22,708	23,527	+3.6	2,047,644	2,041,371	-0.3

DECREASE IN RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD.

The cost of the 22 articles making up the retail food index, carried by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, decreased 2½% in November as compared with October. In its statement, issued Dec. 18, regarding the changes in retail food prices in the United States in October, the U. S. Department of Labor said:

Prices of food articles are reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics every month by retail dealers in 51 important cities. From these prices the Bureau computes a "weighted" index number weighting the price of each article by the quantity consumed in the average workingman's family. The "weighted" retail food index is necessarily limited to the articles for which have been ascertained the quantities consumed, hence only 22 articles are included. These articles, however, make up about two-thirds of the entire cost of the food budget.

Since January 1919 monthly retail prices of food have been secured for 43 food articles. In addition, prices on storage eggs have been secured for certain months of the year. During the month from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 1920, the prices of 36 of the 44 food articles, for which prices were obtained, decreased as follows: Pork chops and rice, 12% each; corn meal and onions, 9% each; navy beans, 8%; sugar, 7%; flour and canned tomatoes, 6% each; round steak, ham, coffee and oranges, 5% each; bacon, potatoes, cabbage and prunes, 3% each; sirloin steak, rib roast, chuck roast, lamb, hens, cheese, crisco and bread, 2% each; plate beef, canned salmon, evaporated milk, oleomargarine, nut margarine, lard, rolled oats, corn flakes, baked beans, canned corn, canned peas and bananas, 1% each.

The five articles which increased in price were: Eggs, 7%; raisins and storage eggs, 3% each; tea, 2%; and butter, 1%.

Prices remained unchanged for fresh milk, cream of wheat and macaroni

CHANGES IN ONE YEAR.

For the period November 1919 to November 1920, the percentage increase in 22 food articles, combined, was 1%. Twenty-four of the 44 articles for which prices were secured on both dates increased as follows: Raisins, 42%; rolled oats, 25%; oranges, 24%; cream of wheat, 21%;

bananas, 17%; bread, 14%; ham, 13%; macaroni, 12%; sirloin steak and lamb, 11% each; round steak, 10%; hens and canned salmon, 9% each; rib roast, 8%; storage eggs, 7%; strictly fresh eggs, 6%; chuck roast, pork chops and fresh milk, 5% each; bacon, 4%; sugar and tea, 3% each; plate beef, 2%; corn flakes, 1%.

Articles which decreased in price in the year period were: Onions, 38%; cabbage, 22%; lard, 21%; rice and navy beans, 19% each; crisco, 17%; coffee, 16%; potatoes and canned tomatoes, 15% each; corn meal, 11%; evaporated milk and prunes, 10% each; butter, 8%; cheese, 7%; oleo-margarine, 5%; baked beans and canned corn, 3% each; and nut mar garine, flour and canned peas, 1% each.

CHANGES SINCE NOVEMBER 1913.

For the seven-year period, November 1913 to November 1920, the percentage increase in 22 food articles, combined, was 85%. Seven of the 23 articles for which prices were secured in November 1913 increased over 100%, as follows: Sugar, 139%; flour, 121%; ham, 112%; hens, 108%; bread, 107%; pork chops, 105%; and lamb, 101%.

The index number for the 22 articles, combined, based on 1913 as 100, was 193 in November 1920.

RELATIVE RETAIL PRICES OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1913 TO NOVEMBER 1920.

Table with 13 columns: Year and Month, Str'n Steak, R'nd Roast, Rib Roast, Chuck Roast, Plate Beef, Pork Chops, Bacon, Ham, Lard, Hens, Eggs, Butter. Rows include months from 1913 to 1920.

RELATIVE RETAIL PRICES OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1913 TO NOVEMBER 1920.

Table with 11 columns: Year and Month, Cheese, Milk, Bread, Flour, Cornmeal, Rice, Potatoes, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, All Articles comb'd. Rows include months from 1913 to 1920.

CHANGES IN RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD, BY CITIES.

The average family expenditure for 22 articles of food decreased from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 in all of the 51 cities from which monthly prices are secured.

The greatest decrease, or 5%, was shown in Memphis. In Birmingham and Seattle the decrease in the cost of these foods was 4%. In Atlanta, Butte, Charleston, Cleveland, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Louisville, Manchester, Minneapolis, Mobile, New Haven, Richmond, St. Louis and Savannah the decrease was 3%. In Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Fall River, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Norfolk, Omaha, Philadelphia, Portland, Me., Portland, Ore., Providence, St. Paul and Salt Lake City the decrease was 2%. In Boston, Bridgeport, Columbus, Newark, New York, Peoria, Pittsburgh, Rochester, San Francisco, Scranton and Washington the decrease was 1%. The decrease in Springfield, Ill, was five-tenths of 1%.

For the year period, November 1919 to November 1920, 22 of the cities showed a decrease. The greatest decrease, or 7%, was in Memphis and Seattle. In Birmingham, Dallas, Denver, Little Rock, Louisville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Mobile, Omaha and Portland, Ore., the decrease was

3%. In Atlanta, Charleston, Indianapolis and St. Louis the decrease was 2%. In Kansas City and St. Paul the decrease was 1%. In Chicago, Columbus, Detroit and Jacksonville the decrease was less than five-tenths of 1%. For the year period, Boston showed the greatest increase, or 6%. The increase in Scranton was 5%; in Buffalo, Fall River, Los Angeles and Manchester, 4%. The increase in Bridgeport, Newark, New Haven, Portland, Me., Providence, San Francisco and Springfield was 3%; in Butte, Cincinnati and Rochester, 2%, and in Baltimore, Cleveland, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Peoria and Pittsburgh, 1%. In Philadelphia and Washington the increase was less than five-tenths of 1%.

As compared with the average expenditure in the year 1913, 9 of the 39 cities from which monthly prices have been secured since 1913 increased 100% and over, as follows: Baltimore and Manchester, 100%; Boston, Detroit and Washington, 101%; Buffalo and Scranton, 102%; Providence, 104%, and Richmond, 106%.

The 30 cities showing less than 100% increase since 1913 were: Portland, Ore., and Seattle, 73%; Salt Lake City, 75%; Los Angeles, 77%; Denver and San Francisco, 82%; Little Rock and Louisville, 83%; Jacksonville, 84%; Dallas, 85%; Indianapolis, 86%; Memphis and Minneapolis, 88%; Newark, 90%; Atlanta, 91%; Kansas City, Milwaukee, New Orleans and Philadelphia, 92%; Omaha, 93%; Chicago, Cincinnati and New Haven, 94%; Pittsburgh, 95%; Cleveland and St. Louis, 96%; New York, 97%; Birmingham and Charleston, 98%, and Fall River, 99%.

ANTHRACITE COAL OPERATORS DECLINE TO MEET WAGE DEMANDS OF MINERS.

Representatives of the anthracite coal operators declined on Dec. 23 the proposal of mine workers to adjust alleged "inequalities" in the anthracite wage award, so as to give the miners an additional increase of 13% in wages, with a minimum of \$6 a day for labor. This decision comes after a series of conferences between representatives of the operators and mine workers, following President Wilson's request of Oct. 12, that conference be had with a view to reopening the wage award of Sept. 11, to which we made reference in our issue of Oct. 23, page 1624, and Oct. 30, page 1710. As to the decision reached on the 23rd inst., the Anthracite Bureau of Information issued the following statement at Philadelphia on Dec. 23:

At a meeting of the joint committee of anthracite operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers in the anthracite field, held in this city to-day, the representatives of the operators presented their formal answer declining the proposal of the mine workers to adjust alleged "inequalities" in the contract of Sept. 2 1920, so as to give the mine workers an additional increase of approximately 13% in wages, with a minimum of \$6 a day for labor. An unconditional offer to find a remedy for any individual cases of inequality under the contract was included in the reply.

This concludes the series of conferences which have been carried on for a period of some two months. The operators took the position that to accede to the request of the mine workers would mean a reopening of the award of President Wilson's Anthracite Coal Commission, handed down only four months ago, and an abrogation of the contract under that award, which both parties had agreed should be effective from Apr 1 1920 to March 31 1922.

The operators, in their reply, held that mediation and collective bargaining have value only in so far as both sides adhere to the findings of mediators and the agreements which result from bargaining. They further pointed out that there had been no change in conditions which would justify the additional increase to anthracite workers, particularly as many workers in other industries have voluntarily accepted wage reductions and as the actual cost of living has steadily declined.

They call attention to the fact that the agreement of Sept. 2 1920 not only gives a minimum of \$4 20 a day to common labor and an average increase of a little more than 17% to anthracite workers in general, but that under the existing scale hourly earnings of inside employees are 132.8% over 1912; outside employees are getting an increase of 167.5%, and all employees an average increase of 138.6% over the pre-war basis. The fact that the anthracite mines are working full time, while other industries are lagging and other wage scales are going down, makes the terms of the Anthracite Commission's award and the wage contract thereunder more favorable than they were at the time the award was made. The operators' reply in full was as follows:

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23 1920.

Mr. Philip Murray, Vice-President United Mine Workers of America Mr. John Collins Kolodziejek, President District No. 1, U.M.W. of A. Mr. Thomas Kennedy, President District No. 7, U.M.W. of A.; Mr. C. J. Golden, President District No. 9, U.M.W. of A.

Gentlemen:—After a series of conferences, held at the request of the President of the United States, for the purpose of discussing certain "inequalities" which you claim exist in the award of the U. S. Anthracite Coal Commission, you asked at our last meeting that your request for the adjustment of these "inequalities" be construed as a demand for a general increase of approximately 13% to contract miners, with the establishment of a minimum day wage of not less than \$6 for an eight-hour day for day workers, and that a definite reply be made by the operators to your demand for a reopening of the award of the U. S. Anthracite Coal Commission.

We have carefully considered your proposition and herewith make reply. If in the application of a general wage award such as that made by the U. S. Anthracite Coal Commission there be individual cases of inequality, so far as such may be found to exist, we stand ready to agree with you on a constructive remedy.

So far, however, as the question of reopening the award is concerned, we must definitely decline your proposition, for the following reasons:

First. The award of the U. S. Anthracite Coal Commission was a final disposition of wage matters in the anthracite region for the period of two years from April 1 1920, and under the terms of submission its findings were written into an agreement, effective as of that date, which constitutes a binding contract upon both parties subscribing thereto.

The Commission represented the three parties at interest, viz., the mine workers, the operators and the public. The repudiation of this award by the operators and miners alone would be a breach of faith with the public, which was a party to the submission. The operators decline to be a party to an agreement which would, in effect, be a compliance with demands which, after full consideration, were denied by the Commission.

For almost twenty years wages and working conditions in the anthracite industry have been governed by agreements. At the termination of the contract ending March 31 1920 there was a failure to reach an agreement. After eight weeks of negotiation the Secretary of Labor invited the nego-

tiating committee to meet with him in Washington. His offer of mediation was accepted by the operators, but declined by the miners. Thereupon, by common consent, the matters at issue were submitted to arbitration by a commission appointed at the insistence of and by the President of the United States, with the condition that the findings of such commission should be written into an agreement which would be retroactive to the first of April 1920.

This commission sat for five weeks and did not adjourn the hearings until each side had completed its testimony and argument. There can be no contention that full consideration of the merits of the matters at issue was denied, and both parties, in accordance with their previous agreement, are in honor bound to adhere to the terms of the award. If results obtained by an arbitration, undertaken under such circumstances, prosecuted with so much effort, and finally and formally accepted by both sides in accordance with the terms of the submission, are to be so lightly regarded, it is plain that there can be no reliance on arbitration.

After years of unsuccessful efforts on the part of your organization to obtain through an agreement a formal recognition of the United Mine Workers of America by the anthracite operators, the award of the commission granted this demand. Recognition was granted in the face of former denials largely because of your representation as to the distinct autonomy of the anthracite districts, and yet one of your first acts after the agreement was signed has been to demand, with insistence, its abrogation, on the plea that it is not in accord with the wage rates in the bituminous field.

Collective bargaining is founded on the principle that both parties shall in good faith observe the terms of their agreements and in the anthracite field it must, in order to be successful, take cognizance of the conditions in that industry as they affect the earning capacity of its employees, and their health and welfare, as compared with conditions in other industries similarly located and constituted. It cannot be made to depend upon rates paid in the bituminous industry where conditions are vitally different.

Second. In the judgment of the operators no condition has arisen since the award of the Commission, either in the general wage structure of the country or in the cost of living, which has produced a burden upon the anthracite workers. On the contrary, many classes of workers in other industries have voluntarily accepted a reduction in wages and the cost of living has steadily declined.

The wage rates established by the U. S. Anthracite Coal Commission were substantially equal to and in many respects higher than the wages paid for similar conditions of employment in surrounding industries. The hourly rates of earnings established by the Commission provided increases for inside employees averaging 132.8% over 1912 (contract miners' earnings increasing from 42.5 cents per hour to 99.2 cents); for outside employees an increase of 167.5% (common laborers' earnings advancing from 18 cents per hour to 52.5 cents), and for all employees an average increase of 138.6% (average hourly earnings for all employees advancing from 30.3 cents per hour to 72.3 cents.)

Since the date of the award there has been a marked and continuing decline in business activity, which has decreased the opportunity for employment in other industries. The anthracite industry has not as yet been affected by these adverse conditions and the terms of the award are more favorable to the employees at the present time than they were at the time the award was made. It is highly important that the stability of the industry should be maintained in order that the opportunity for steady employment may continue uninterrupted.

It is therefore a time for constructive effort on the part of employers and employees in the industry, a time for harmony and cooperation rather than of discord and of insistent demand for concessions, which for the reasons above outlined, cannot be granted.

Respectfully,

ANTHRACITE OPERATORS, by

F. H. HEMELRIGHT W. J. RICHARDS,
C. F. HUBER, S. D. WARRINER.

The representatives of the mine workers issued the following statement at Philadelphia, following Thursday's conference:

The reply of the operators is practically a reaffirmation of their position assumed at the last conference, wherein they agreed to consider certain individual inequalities, including consideration of the extension of the eight-hour day to certain of those employees now working twelve-hour shifts.

The statement of the operators with reference to the work of the Commission and the general industrial conditions of the country, which they picture as being chaotic, has nothing to do with and does not intelligently answer the just contentions of the mine workers in regard to general inequalities.

Regardless of the awards and the conditions of the country, the operators could mutually agree, if they were so disposed, to legally change, modify or amend the agreement in either great or small degree and be in strict harmony with the interpretation placed on the President's telegram by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

We will place the entire matter before our full scale committee, which committee will outline the policy to be pursued with regard to future deliberations.

A deadlock in the negotiations to effect a new anthracite wage agreement was reached last month, when the position was taken by the operators that President Wilson's request for the reopening of the award only intended the adjustment of inequalities within the present wage agreement. In an effort to break the deadlock, the Secretary of Labor on Nov. 24 issued a call for a meeting on Dec. 1 in Washington of representatives of the miners and operators, following a conference with representatives of the Pennsylvania mine workers to learn the attitude of the Government regarding the reopening of the award of the Anthracite Coal Commission. At the Dec. 1 meeting, Secretary Wilson advised the Anthracite Joint Scale Committee that the Government would not interfere with any changes which the committee might agree to make in the Federal Commission's agreement. That position was understood to mean that the scale committee might increase mine wages above the scales laid down in the agreement under which the mines now are operating, providing the operators consented to such raises. On the 8th inst. representatives of the operators notified the mine workers that while willing to adjust any individual cases of injustice or inequality within the

present agreement, they were against granting any general additional wage increase or taking any action that would tend to reopen the award of the United States Anthracite Coal Commission. It was stated at the same time that while the miners' representatives declined to issue any statement, they declared that, despite the attitude of the operators, they would stand by their original demands and insist on a general additional wage increase and a universal eight-hour day. The final decision of the operators, following the series of conferences which have been held, is indicated at the outset of this article.

WAGE AWARD TO INSIDE PUMPMEN AT ANTHRACITE MINES.

On Nov. 22 inside pumpmen at the hard coal mines, under a ruling of the Anthracite Board of Conciliation, were granted an eight-hour day with the same pay, less 20 cents, as they had previously been receiving for 12 hours. The following is the ruling:

Effective Dec. 1 1920, to the rate made to inside pumpmen in April, 1916, for a twelve-hour shift shall be added \$2 per day, plus 17%, and the new rate thus derived shall be paid for an eight-hour day.

CALDER COMMITTEE DESCRIBES COAL PROFITEERING AS NATIONAL DISGRACE.

A declaration that "coal profiteering, especially as it has followed the priority orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, has continued unchecked by the Department of Justice and is a national disgrace," is contained in a preliminary report of the Senate Committee on Production and Reconstruction submitted to the United States Senate on Dec. 14. The report was presented by Senator Calder, Chairman of the Committee, in response to a Senate resolution to inquire into the country's housing conditions, and matters of fuel, transportation and thrift, as they relate to housing. In submitting it the Senator said:

The Committee has visited many of the principal cities of the country and has made a careful survey of conditions. It has found that there really exists a critical nation-wide housing shortage, brought about to a very material extent by interference of the Federal Government during the war. While helpful Federal action is necessary and should be taken, it should be in the nature of providing facilities rather than subsidies.

Profiteering has been rampant and must be eliminated, and the Committee believes that actual costs of productions may be reduced through improvement of national facilities, notably fuel and transportation. The Committee believes that the activities of the Inter-State Commerce Commission must be directed toward regulation of the railroads rather than of industry in general. Existing conditions in the production and distribution of fuel, a most important basic factor, must be corrected. Labor efficiency may be materially improved. Capital will invest in construction work when it becomes a paying proposition, unless driven away by taxation, which therefore becomes an important factor.

The Committee is preparing and will soon submit and urge early favorable action upon measures in line with its recommendations, which are based upon careful study of the whole situation. Its present report is, in a sense, an introductory one. The Committee has in course of preparation detailed statements on the various factors entering into present conditions, and more particularly for the preparation of the measures referred to.

The report, which asked power to allow the Committee to continue its investigation, suggested Government activities to bring about co-operation under regulation in building construction. Along with the joint report, Senator Calder, presented additional findings by Senators Kenyon and Edget members of the Committee. Senator Kenyon in his statement regarding the coal situation declared that "if the matter is to go on, I, for one, harsh as the remedy may be, shall favor taking over the mines." The Committee in its joint report says:

Coal speculation has been permitted to monopolize the transportation facilities of the country, retarding necessary construction and increasing the basic cost of manufacture and distribution of commodities in general. It has bled the home owners, public utilities and industries. Our investigation into the coal situation has convinced us that the private interests now in control of the production and distribution of coal, in spite of efforts by some, are actually unable to prevent a continuance or repetition of the present deplorable situation, and that it is the duty of the Government to take such reasonable and practical steps as it may to remedy the evil.

The Committee advised that Government administration of the production and distribution of coal "should be a last resort." It recommended:

That all coal operators, wholesalers, jobbers and retailers be compelled by statute to file at regular and frequent periods with some Federal agency, reports on the total tonnage produced or handled, the size and quality thereof the amount of tonnage contracted for, the amount sold on contract and at spot sale, to whom, together with the prices made or received under such contracts or sales; that producers and distributors make regular reports sufficient to determine their costs and profits and the corporate interrelations or the communities of interest, if any, between companies producing and distributing coal.

With this and collateral information in the hands of Federal authorities for possible use by the Department of Justice and other government agencies, prevailing evils as to irregularity in deliveries, inferiority of quality, profiteering in prices and undue monopoly of transportation facilities should to a great extent be eliminated. But if no other remedy can be devised, it may be necessary to enact some form of Federal licensing to meet the situation.

Reference to the investigation into the building trades by the Lockwood Committee in New York as the subject of comment by the Calder Committee, regarding which it said:

The misdirection and exploitation of some groups of organized labor, through grafting leadership, has been revealed in New York and is reported in some of the other larger cities. This has spread to combinations of employers, who, working together with such grafting labor leaders, have combined to force unduly high prices. These conditions are called to the attention of the Department of Justice and that department is urged to prosecute the wrongdoers whenever they are found to have violated the Federal statutes.

The Committee recommended abandonment of cost plus contracts by the Government, States and municipalities and by private individuals in order that competition may be encouraged and labor efficiency stimulated.

It likewise recommended a Federal bureau that shall serve as a clearing house of the best knowledge and practices in construction work.

Financing building investment should be aided in several ways, the Committee said, and it suggested the lowering of excess profits and sur-taxes, and tax exemption for real estate mortgages. A modification of the Federal Reserve Act, to permit member banks to invest in long-time mortgages, was further recommended, and the Committee said it indorsed the principle of "the home loan bank bill, which is designed to facilitate a wider distribution of real estate mortgages through standard bond issues." Popular saving and thrift, it was concluded, would be aided by consolidating under the Post Office Department all Federal thrift activities and by amending the Postal Savings Law "to provide adequate interest for depositors."

Senator Kenyon, in enlarging upon the report, said:

Of course, at the basis of most of the troubles which the Committee has found to exist is the element of greed, leading to rank profiteering. The housing situation is a menace to the nation. If private capital will not go into the building of homes, then there must be some help furnished by the Government in the shape of a home loan banking law, somewhat along the line of the Farm Loan banking law.

The coal situation, arising out of the great basic commodity in all industry, demands immediate attention. The great operators who apparently control the output of coal may as well understand that if there is power under the Constitution, as we believe there is, Congress will find a way to exercise that power to prevent this continuous plundering of the American people.

If the matter is to go on, I, for one, harsh as the remedy may be, shall favor taking over the mines, and it could be done, in my judgment, constitutionally, for coal is charged with a public use. That would, of course, be a last resort. Some of us are growing tired of appealing to the coal barons to cease robbing the people.

Senator Edge, in a statement regarding the report, said:

There is little question, in my mind, that some legislation will be required to straighten out the fuel situation, especially as it affects the average home and the people as a whole.

In a general way, it looks to me as though revision or amendment of the Inter-State Commerce Commission Law might be necessary. Its present judicial powers might well be transferred to the courts and its administrative powers to some agency to be established to take them over. For instance, a division on fuel and another on transportation might be opened in the Department of Commerce. Such departments could be empowered to see whether contracts were respected in the coal industry, as they are not at present; they could cure the crying evils of reconignment as now practiced by the coal men; they could detect monopoly of cars by producers or dealers, and any scheme by which some groups might be deprived of cars—there are a thousand and one evils that might be exposed.

NATIONAL COAL ASSOCIATION IN ANSWER TO REPORT ATTACKING BITUMINOUS COAL INDUSTRY BY MINNESOTA FUEL ADMINISTRATOR.

In an open letter to Governor J. A. A. Burnquist of Minnesota, under date of Dec. 18, J. D. A. Morrow, Vice-President of the National Coal Association, denounces what he characterizes as flagrant misrepresentations embraced in an attack upon the bituminous coal industry by former Judge John F. McGee, former State Fuel Administrator of Minnesota, in a recent communication by the latter to the United States Senate Committee on Reconstruction and Reproduction. The letter reads as follows:

Hon. J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir: I notice from copies of the Minneapolis papers of Dec. 12, which have just reached me, that at your suggestion Judge J. F. McGee, has made public a so-called report to the Calder Committee of the United States Senate. The printed extracts from this "report" are so inaccurate, so unfair and so misleading as to require an immediate answer. Col. D. B. Wentz, President of the National Coal Association, is absent in the Southern mountains, but I am familiar with the circumstances which Judge McGee discusses and am replying on behalf of Col. Wentz, the National Coal Association and the coal producers whom Judge McGee maligns. Since his report has been made public, I am taking a like liberty with this letter.

You say that the people of your State "are entitled to know just what happened in Washington and in the Lake Erie coal fields during the present season." I agree that they ought to know the facts, but I want you and them clearly to understand that they are not getting the facts from Judge McGee's "report."

In this connection it will clarify the situation if Judge McGee will explain whether he was interested in this season's coal supply for the Northwest merely as a public official or as the paid representative of certain coal consumers of the Northwest and whether throughout this matter he has occupied the position of a disinterested public official, or whether, in order

to earn a fee, he has acted rather as a purchasing agent trying to obtain coal for his principals without regard to the needs of other coal consumers in other parts of the United States.

I note the charges of bad faith against the railroads. Doubtless they will treat these charges as they deserve. Let me say that I personally know that Daniel Willard and the presidents of other lake coal-carrying roads spent days of the hardest kind of work, in the full and frank recognition of their responsibility, trying to move all the coal to the Northwest and elsewhere which was needed in the public welfare. It is largely due to their efforts that your people are warm to-day.

Judge McGee is quoted as saying "the full supply of coal for the Northwest had been contracted for at \$3 50 a ton." That is not true. The list of "contracts" to which he refers included mere promises to ship certain tonnages to the Northwest provided other prior claims and obligations upon the producing companies left such tonnages available for Northwestern shipment.

Moreover, all of these contracts were conditional engagements. No sensible Minnesota farmer would think of making a hard and fast contract in April to ship 5,000 bushels of No. 2 Red Northern wheat to a Minneapolis mill on a given day in September at a price fixed in April, because he knows perfectly well that his ability to grow that wheat is dependent upon wind, weather and crop conditions, and that after it is harvested, his ability to make shipment to Minneapolis on a given day is dependent upon whether the railroad companies place cars at his siding to ship the grain. Similarly coal production is subject to fires, floods and strikes among the miners, and shipments from the mine are dependent upon railroad cars being placed to move the coal. Every coal producer, in making his contracts, always provides that he will ship whatever tonnage is named in the contract provided that "fires, floods, strikes and railroad conditions do not prevent." Every one of those lake contracts to which the Judge refers was subject to these customary provisos affecting the shipment of the coal. Thus the impression that the Northwest last spring bought 13,514,200 tons of coal at \$3 50 per ton, without any "ifs, ands or buts," is grossly misleading.

Furthermore, nearly all the coal producers having Northwestern coal contracts also had contracts with other customers. In order to insure fair treatment it is customary for the producer to agree that if fires, floods, strikes or lack of cars prevent him from shipping the normal output of his mine, then he will distribute what he does produce proportionately on all these contracts so that the loss in shipments will fall equally and fairly upon all his customers. The producers, therefore, by these very contracts which the Judge cites were prevented last Spring from preferring shipments to the lake over their other contract customers.

The Judge gives the impression that all these contracts were evaded, disregarded, repudiated and abrogated, saying that "the only talk I heard at Cleveland was of high-priced coal ranging from \$7 to \$12 per ton." To borrow from the Judge's language, this impression is "villainously" false.

So far as I know, the Judge gives no evidence to support his broad assertions about abrogation of contracts by coal producers. Let him present the names of the companies involved, if he knows any.

The official published reports of the United States Geological Survey show that the mines of Southern Ohio from April to July lost from 75,000 to 200,000 tons of coal production weekly because cars were not at the mines in which to ship the coal. The eastern Ohio mines lost from 100,000 to 300,000 tons weekly in the same period and for the same reason. In the Pittsburgh district these losses ranged from 200,000 to 500,000 tons per week, and in the West Virginia fields from 200,000 to 350,000 tons per week. The producers in these important lake coal districts were obliged to reduce their shipments on all these contracts proportionately, as already explained. Of course, they were unable to ship the tonnages which the Northwest wanted them to ship under their large contracts because cars had not been available to ship the coal. But in making these reduced shipments proportionately among all their contract customers the producers were carrying out their contracts literally and faithfully.

It is also insinuated that contracts between the coal producers and consumers in other sections of the country were abrogated indirectly through the Inter-State Commerce Commission Service Order No. 10 in order that these producers might thereby ship high-priced open market coal to Lake Erie ports as a means of "looting" and "robbing" the Northwest. These insinuations are beneath contempt. Because of the demoralized railroad conditions already referred to, resulting from the out-law switchmen's strike and two years of Government control and operation of the railroads, the coal mine operators having contracts to ship to the lake had lost so much production and had got so far behind on their shipments on the Northwestern contracts, that the dock companies had to buy great quantities of coal in the market from other producers to supply the Northwest. Moreover, these other producers had to be prevented from selling this coal elsewhere in order to absolutely insure a supply for the Northwest. Order No. 10 had that effect but it did not abrogate a single contract for Northwestern shipments nor relieve a single coal operator in the slightest degree from any obligation to ship under such contracts. This was clearly understood by the coal operators, the railway executives, the Inter-State Commerce Commission and Judge McGee at the time the proposed order was discussed before representatives of the Inter-State Commerce Commission prior to its issuance.

The Judge says that the National Coal Association refused to agree to a special assignment of cars to the mines having contracts or orders for lake shipments as a relief plan. He is right. However, he does not explain to you why the National Coal Association refused, and you ought to know. An illustration will make it clear. Having in mind the needs of all your consumers in the Northwest, could you agree to a plan under which the mines having contracts to furnish, say Judge McGee's clients with coal, should receive a full supply of cars daily, taking the cars needed for this purpose away from the mines having contracts to supply your other Minnesota consumers so that the mines serving the Judge's clients would be operated 6 days a week, and the mines serving other coal consumers of your State would be operated two or three days a week? That illustrates the working of assigned car plan. Moreover, the coal miners in two important lake coal producing districts were threatening to go on strike if an assigned car plan was adopted, because of the resultant discrimination in working time between the mines with such special car supply and the other mines. The Judge may have been willing to risk such a disturbance of coal production, but the Inter-State Commerce Commission, The Railway Executives, and the coal operators would not take any chance of coal strikes when the Northwest was as short of coal as it was last July.

Another charge is that the National Coal Association defeated a proposal to require those operators having lake contracts to ship the full quantity on these contracts. It is intimated that if this plan had been adopted the Northwest would have obtained all of its coal on those low-priced "contracts" already referred to, and that the refusal to adopt such a plan was a nefarious scheme to permit the "looting" and "plundering" of the Northwest. Again the Judge is ignorant of the facts. Precisely this plan advocated by the Judge was discussed by railway and coal men, and a proposed plan in this form was submitted to eminent attorneys. They said: "Here is the A. B. C. Coal Company producing 100 cars of coal a day. It has

contracts with a northwestern dock company, with a big steel company and a big city electric light plant. Under these contracts it is obligated to ship 50 cars a day to the dock company, 30 to the steel company and 20 to the electric light company. That coal company is now receiving from the railroads 60 cars a day for shipment of its coal. Under your proposed order it must ship 50 of those 60 cars to the dock company, leaving only 10 cars to be divided between the steel company and the electric light plant. Neither of those customers can possibly get along on 5 or even 10 cars a day. Their contracts are equally good in any court with the contract of the dock company. If such an order as you propose is issued by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, that electric light company or that steel company can go into court, get an injunction on this showing and tie up your whole Northwestern coal supply indefinitely in the courts." That settled the matter with the practical railway and coal men. They were not looking for law suits and injunctions, but for means of getting coal to the Northwest. The attorneys advised that the only order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission which would have a chance in court would be an order of the kind which was finally issued as Service Order No. 10.

Now a word as to prices. As already explained, it was necessary to make up the deficit in the Northwestern supply by purchases in the open market. The Judge gives the impression that Service Order 10 compelled the Northwest to pay more for its open-market coal than similar coal cost other buyers. This is flagrantly false. In fact, as the Judge well knows, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the railways and the National Coal Association were attacked because everybody knew that the Northwest could buy its coal under Service Order 10 cheaper than other consumers could buy similar coal in the open market. The Judge himself knows that the Public Service Commission of Ohio bitterly assailed Order No. 10 on precisely this ground, claiming that it permitted the people of Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin to buy Ohio coal at cheaper prices than Ohio people could buy it. This was due to the fact that mine operators were compelled by the order to ship a certain amount of coal to Lake Erie ports every day, and were notified that if they failed to ship this coal or failed to sell it promptly upon arrival, cars would be withdrawn from their mines and they would be prevented from shipping any coal anywhere to anybody. Under these circumstances the order in question, instead of increasing the coal bill of the Northwest, actually reduced it.

To complete the unfairness of his statements, the Judge demands an investigation, thus giving the impression that the National Coal Association has endeavored to conceal its actions in respect to relief for the Northwest and other parts of the country. On the contrary, throughout this entire matter the National Coal Association has made every effort to have all its actions, and the reasons for them, clearly understood by Government officials and the public. The whole record of the Association is open to Senator Calder's committee or any other proper agency that desires to know the facts.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J. D. A. MORROW,
Vice-President.

PROPOSAL FOR CUBAN FEDERAL RESERVE PLAN.

Regarding a proposal that Cuba adopt a Federal Reserve plan press dispatches from Havana yesterday (Dec. 24) said:

Adoption by the Cuban Government of as much of the United States Federal Reserve banking system as is legally possible has been recommended to President Menocal by Jose Manuel Tarafa, Cuban financier. Senor Tarafa, who recently failed to negotiate a Cuban loan of \$100,000,000 with American bankers, has submitted to the President a number of suggestions for straightening out the financial situation.

In case there are legal obstacles to Cuba being admitted to the United States Federal Reserve system, Senor Tarafa declares the United States Government should be invited to co-operate with Cuba in establishing in this city a bank of emission. Another plan suggested is that invitations be extended American banks enjoying the confidence of the Federal Reserve Board to establish here, in agreement with the Cuban Government, a bank of emission under the same regulations that govern the United States Federal Reserve Bank. The Washington Government also should be asked to set up a branch in this city to take up dirty and unsanitary American bank-notes and replace them with new bills.

Other recommendations include the issuance of two series of bonds to secure bank loans; Governmental guarantee of savings deposits of workers; inspection of banking institutions by a proposed National treasury commission, which would be given the power to suspend Government loans to banks found guilty of violating regulations.

Albert Rathbone, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who was recently appointed financial adviser to President Menocal, was reported as having stated at Havana on the 20th inst. that Cuba faces a period of deflation, but that if the people "work and save" and if no unwise steps are taken the nation will continue to prosper. This was reported in Havana press advices of the 21st inst., which also said:

Mr. Rathbone has been making an investigation of financial conditions in Cuba at the suggestion of President Menocal and stated he was optimistic as to the future of the island, no matter what the price of sugar might be. He has written a report on conditions here which is ready for submission to President Menocal.

Factors in the situation, Mr. Rathbone said, were the congested conditions of the port, speculation in sugar and inflated prices of real estate purchased from Spanish owners following the Cuban war.

He declared the moratorium now in effect was most necessary and forecast its extension unless Congress takes prompt action to provide for negotiating a loan in the United States.

Mr. Rathbone asserted his belief that bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000 might be issued by American banks, but that the amount should not be less than \$50,000,000. With this amount at its disposal, a commission should be named to bring order out of the present situation. He indicated that banks making the loan should be represented on such a body.

Issuance of paper money was opposed by Mr. Rathbone, who expressed the opinion that the Government should not bolster up insolvent banks but should allow them to fail. Mr. Rathbone, who sails to-morrow for Washington, declined to discuss the text of his report to President Menocal.

The receipt of advices at Washington from the American Consulate in Havana, Cuba, stating that certain foreign banks in that city are not taking advantage of the existing moratorium was announced by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce on Dec. 2. The seven banking institutions listed by the Consul General which before the

existence of the moratorium did 38% of the banking business in Havana, now are doing business approximating 66%. These estimates of the amount of business transacted it is stated, are based on the opinions of Cuban bankers, but are without statistical basis, since no clearing house exists in Cuba. Officials of one of these banks state that it is functioning normally with regard to deposits and withdrawals although they do not desire to extend new credits, which is doubtless the position assumed by the officials of other banks.

CUBA DECLINES SPANISH LOAN.

On Dec. 18, Havana press dispatches said: Financial assistance has been offered Cuban banks by the Pan-American Bank of Madrid, through a delegation of Spanish merchants who own business houses in this country and which is now visiting Spain. Stipulation has been made, however, that any loan extended must be guaranteed by the Cuban government, says a cablegram to El Mundo. The Spanish merchants are in Spain endeavoring to obtain assistance to relieve the present economic situation here, and it is understood the Cuban Minister to Spain has laid the proposition before this Government.

The rejection of the offer was made known in press dispatches the same day, from Washington, as follows:

The Cuban government already has rejected the proposition of the Spanish bankers for a loan, according to reports received to-day at the State Department. The Spanish offer was considered because of the delay that attended the efforts to float a loan in the United States, but it was said here now there remained no doubt that the money would be obtained in this country by Jan. 15.

PLANS RESPECTING ORGANIZATION OF FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL BANKING COMPANY.

According to an announcement made on Dec. 17 by Robert F. Maddox, of Atlanta, it is proposed, in view of the large over-subscription to its stock, to incorporate the Federal International Banking Company with a capital of \$7,000,000 instead of \$6,000,000. Mr. Maddox's statement was issued at New Orleans, following the meeting held to perfect plans for the organization of the company, which meeting was referred to in our issue of a week ago, page 2380. The announcement made by Mr. Maddox is published as follows in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune":

Organization of the Federal International Banking Company, that will operate under the provisions of the Edge Act and under a charter from the Federal Reserve Board, was perfected at conferences to-day in the directors' room of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Company.

A canvass of stock subscriptions showed that the capital stock of the company had been over-subscribed by one million dollars, and in consequence it was decided unanimously to incorporate the Federal International Banking Company for \$7,000,000, instead of \$6,000,000, as originally contemplated.

The stock of the company will be divided into 70,000 shares of par value of \$100 each, and, in view of the over-subscription, the stock books will be held open and the campaign committees in the several Southern States will continue to solicit new subscriptions, with a view to increasing the capital stock to \$10,000,000.

It was decided at the conference to call a meeting of the stockholders for Jan. 7 at New Orleans, when the action of to-day will be formally ratified, and 25% of the subscribed capital actually paid in, so that the International Bank may begin to function immediately.

Fifteen members of the board of directors were nominated and their names will be submitted to the stockholders' meeting for confirmation.

Arthur P. Perry, President Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.

The over-subscription of the capital stock, as originally contemplated, and the atmosphere of the meeting were gratifying features of the formal launching of the International Bank, and those who have co-operated in its organization are justly proud of the response their labor has received that fully justifies their confidence in ability of the South to handle its own problems.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF CAPITAL OF AMERICAN FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATION.

A Special Meeting of the stockholders of the American Foreign Trade Corporation will be held at the office of the Corporation in Richmond, Va., on Dec. 29, for the purpose of authorizing a decrease in the Capital stock of the Corporation from a maximum amount of \$63,500,000 to a maximum amount of \$22,000,000. This, it is planned, will be effected by decreasing the Common capital stock of the Corporation from the present maximum amount of \$58,500,000 consisting of 585,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each to a maximum amount of \$20,000,000 consisting of 200,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, and by decreasing the Preferred capital stock from the present maximum amount of \$5,000,000 consisting of 50,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each to the maximum amount of \$2,000,000 consisting of 20,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

NET RAILWAY OPERATING INCOME FOR OCTOBER 18% BELOW EXPECTATIONS

The following statement regarding the figures of net railway operating income for October was issued at Washington under date of Dec. 17 by the Association of Railway Executives.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17 1920.

Net railway operating income for October of the Class 1 railroads, according to figures reported by the railroads to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, totaled \$91,761,090, which is approximately \$20,674,000, or 18.4% below the amount expected to be earned under the increased rates fixed by the Commission in accordance with the Transportation Act. The compilation is based on reports received from 203 railroads with a total mileage of 235,837 miles.

On the basis of the net operating income for October, the railroads of the country would earn annually 4.9% on the value of their properties, tentatively fixed for rate-making purposes at \$18,900,000,000 by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. This is an increase of ¼ of 1% over that for September as computed from the net operating income for that month. To realize a return of 6% on their valuation as provided by the Act, the railroads should have earned \$112,435,000 in October.

Total operating revenues for the 203 railroads totaled \$642,341,119, or an increase of 26% over October 1919, while operating expenses were \$522,877,298, or an increase of 28.8%, compared with the same month last year. The net income is an increase of 20.2% over that for October last year.

Compilations show that the net operating income in every district fell below a 6% basis, the Eastern district being 29.7% below, the Southern district 16% and the Western district 9.2%.

For the Eastern district total operating revenues for October were \$293,506,618, or an increase of 31.8% over the same month last year, while operating expenses totaled \$247,460,209, or an increase of 32.3% over the same month in 1919. The net operating income was \$32,687,265, which is an increase of 38.1% compared with that for October 1919.

Reports from the Southern district show that the total operating revenues during October were \$93,156,679, or an increase of 22.1% over one year ago, while operating expenses were \$79,232,515, an increase of 22.9% compared with the same month last year. This left a net operating income of \$11,424,904, which was an increase of 24.9% over October 1919.

Total operating revenues for Class 1 roads in the Western district were \$255,677,822, which was an increase of 21.2% over those for October last year. Operating expenses were \$196,184,574, or an increase of 26.9%, while the net operating income was \$47,648,921, which was an increase of 9½% over the same month in 1919.

On the basis of their net operating income for October, the annual earnings of the carriers in the Eastern district would be at the rate of 4.22%, those in the Southern district 5.04% and the Western district 5.45%. Combining the net operating income for both September and October, the percentage for the Eastern roads would be 3.73%, Southern 4.97% and the Western 5.15%.

Reports show that the net operating income of the 203 carriers for October was 81.61% of the amount expected to be earned by them under the rates fixed by the Commission, while the net income for both September and October was 75.37% of the amount anticipated for both of those months.

Compared with September the net operating income for October of the Class 1 railroads is an increase of \$16,450,779, increases being shown for the Eastern district of \$6,576,668, Southern district \$1,809,564 and the Western district \$8,064,547.

FRANK H. FAYANT BECOMES VICE-PRESIDENT OF THOMAS F. LOGAN, INC.

Frank H. Fayant, assistant to the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, has been made Vice-President of Thomas F. Logan, Inc., of New York, Washington and Chicago, advertising agents for the New York Central Lines, General Electric Company, Consolidation Coal Company, Radio Corporation of America, United Shoe Machinery Company and other corporations. Mr. Fayant has directed the public relations work of the railroads, leading up to the enactment of the Transportation Act, 1920. He was at one time London correspondent of the New York "Herald," and later a member of the staff of the Wall Street "Journal." For some years he has acted as advertising and publicity counsel to various banking and industrial interests.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The public sales of bank stocks this week were limited to one lot of 100 shares at auction. No trust company stocks were sold.

Shares.	BANK—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
100	Bank of Manhattan Co.	200	200	200	Oct. 1916— 321

Four New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, at prices, it is stated, as follows: \$80,000, \$80,000, \$86,000 and \$77,500. The last preceding sale was reported at \$96,000.

The American Foreign Banking Corporation, 53 Broadway, announces that it will open a branch in Mexico City, Mexico, on Jan. 17. It is stated that this will be the first American bank under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board to open in Mexico, and it will be prepared to handle all collections on that country, and give information on credits and other matters of financial interest to Americans.

Formal announcement was made this week that negotiations looking to a possible merger of the Liberty National Bank of this city with the New York Trust Co. under the title of the latter institution are pending. As these negotiations are only in the preliminary stage, no statement can be made as yet as to the details of the consolidation. The principal stockholders of both institutions, it is said, are unanimously in favor of the consolidation and a committee of six has been appointed to work out the details of the mer-

ger, to fix the assets and book values of each and make recommendations to the boards of both institutions. Upon the consummation of the merger the new institution will have, it is said, a capital of approximately \$10,000,000, surplus and undivided profits of about \$16,000,000, deposits in the neighborhood of \$200,000,000 and aggregate resources of approximately \$250,000,000. It is understood that Mortimer N. Buckner, President of the New York Trust Co., will be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the enlarged company and Harvey D. Gibson, President of the Liberty National Bank, its President. The New York Trust Co. was organized in 1889 under the name of the New York Security & Trust Co. In 1904 it combined with the Continental Trust Co., the name of the enlarged institution being changed the following year to the New York Trust Co. Its present capital is \$3,000,000. It has a surplus and undivided profits of about \$11,292,000 and deposits of \$70,075,000. The Liberty National Bank was established in 1891. Among its Presidents have been Henry P. Davison, now a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., Seward Prosser, President of the Bankers Trust Co. of this city, and Thomas Cochran now a member of the Morgan firm. The capital of the Liberty National Bank is \$5,000,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$7,656,000 and deposits of approximately \$102,796,000. It is planned to make the quarters of the enlarged New York Trust Co. in the American Surety Building at 100 Broadway, in offices which were being prepared for the Liberty National Bank.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of James J. Bush to the office of Vice-President. Mr. Bush will have charge of the new business department. J. E. Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Company, has been made Manager of the new business department.

The National City Company of this city announces that Frank J. Maguire has been made Assistant Treasurer of that company.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors on Dec. 20, Walter M. Adriance was appointed an Assistant Secretary of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Mr. Adriance is a member of the American Economic Association, American Statistical Association, American Sociological Society, and Phi Beta Kappa.

A new financial institution, namely the People's Commercial Bank, to be located at 150 Delancey St., has been authorized by the State Banking Department. It began business on Dec. 15. The new bank has a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$25,000. The officers are: S. W. Barasch, President; Morris Barasch and Leo Bickel, Vice-Presidents; H. B. Silsbe, Cashier.

The usual Christmas bonus of 10% to officers and employees, both for New York and all foreign offices, will be paid by the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, Inc.

Joseph McCurrach, New York agent of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, announces that this institution has opened offices in Chaves and Regoa, Portugal, making a total of thirty offices in that country.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, the premier bank of the Dominion, afforded an exceptional opportunity of learning how the Dominion of Canada is passing through the extraordinary worldwide conditions which now prevail. Sir Vincent Meredith, the President, in his address to shareholders, pointed out that the situation in Canada did not appear to give any cause for apprehension, but there was every reason for the exercise of the utmost measure of caution. Canada could not disassociate herself from world conditions and presently world conditions were not satisfactory. Happily, however, Canada is well buttressed on many sides, and the exercise of prudence and sagacity should enable her to meet the shock of falling prices, restricted credits and deflated currency without serious impairment of her commercial and financial vitality. Dealing with the credit situation in Canada, Sir Vincent said the strain on credit appears to be now reaching its peak. An easier tendency is the logical outcome of the deflation of prices. Sir Vincent was also of the opinion that a corporation to foster foreign trade was desirable and sooner or later would have to be launched.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager, pointed out that for over a century the country had benefited by the warnings issued by officers of the bank regarding the commercial, financial and economic outlook. Equally impressive is the inevitably sustained faith expressed by different reports in Canada's future and in her ability to win safely through those periods of deflation and depression every country must meet and undergo from time to time, particularly every young country. "That faith," added Sir Frederick, "is stronger to-day than ever before." He added:

I might say that, in my opinion, we have never faced a banking and business situation requiring more delicate handling. Since August 1914 the world has traveled far along the road to ruin. We may be thankful that the waste and destruction ended before the point of utter exhaustion was reached. Canada has not escaped, but we are still a virile people in a goodly land. There is no reason for dismay over the national outlook, but every reason for sober thought while we take stock of our resources and of our prospects.

We must bear in mind that there is no royal road to stable conditions of former years, no magic by which we can restore wealth that has been lost, or wipe out debts incurred. There is nothing for it but to repair the damage, retrench, and confidently work out our salvation.

The financial report of the institution was referred to in our issue of Nov. 27, page 2113.

Advices from London state that on Dec. 20, Farrow's Bank, Ltd., an institution doing business largely with small depositors with head office at 1 Cheapside, London E. C. and numerous metropolitan branches as well as provincial branches in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, closed its doors. The capital of the bank is £1,000,000, of which £700,000 is subscribed and £363,000 called up. The failure is said to be due to losses in trading extending over a series of years. Thomas Farrow, the Chairman and Managing Director of the bank and its founder in 1904, together with Frederick Hart and William Crotch, also officials of the institution, have been placed under arrest charged, it is said, with making a false balance sheet.

With an initial membership of more than three hundred employees, the Nyameo Club, a welfare association of employees of the American Trust Co. and New York Title & Mortgage Co., affiliated institutions, held its first meeting this week at the trust company's headquarters, Broadway and Cedar St. In his opening address, President Harry A. Kahler said that the past year had been one of unusual prosperity for both companies, and announced that the profit-sharing dividends to each employee would be twice the usual amount for the current quarter. George W. Ritchings, of the New York office, was elected President of the club. Vice-Presidents were chosen to represent each of the other six offices of the companies. An outline was given of the educational, thrift and social activities of the club.

The cornerstone of the new home of the First National Bank of Jersey City, which is being erected on the site of the old bank building at the corner of Exchange Place and Hudson Street that city, was placed in position on Dec. 17. The ceremonies were attended by a large number of banking officials as well as State, County and City officials. The principal address was made by Robert E. Jennings, Vice-President of the bank and Chairman of the Building Committee. The new structure is to be 10 stories in all and will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000. The First National Bank of Jersey City was founded in February 1864. Edward I. Edwards is President.

The New Britain National Bank of New Britain, Conn., has increased its capital from \$310,000 to \$510,000. The additional stock was authorized by the stockholders on Oct. 26, and the new half million capital became operative Dec. 20. The new stock was disposed of at par, namely \$100 per share.

An increase of \$50,000, effective Dec. 16, is reported in the capital of the First National Bank of Olean, N. Y., making the capital now \$250,000. The new stock, authorized by the shareholders Nov. 9, was disposed of at \$350 per \$100 share.

Louis H. Michel, President of the defunct North Penn Bank of Philadelphia, who was indicted on charges of receiving deposits when he knew the bank to be insolvent, was acquitted by a jury before Judge Audenried on Dec. 13.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland held on Dec. 20, Franklin D. Roose-

velt, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency, was elected a Vice-President of the company. Mr. Roosevelt will assume charge on Jan. 1 of the company's activities in New York at 120 Broadway. Following his election as a Vice-President, Mr. Roosevelt gave the following interview on business conditions:

There is no doubt that the country is now passing through a period of business depression. Heavy losses will be met by American business before conditions are again stable. These losses, naturally, will cause business failures, but there will be no panic. Business is reconciled to the fact that stocks must be liquidated, even at a loss, and its acceptance of this condition may be seen to-day. Prices have declined and will probably go lower on some commodities. Production is curtailed and the flow of goods from our factories will continue to diminish until the demand depletes the stock already offered for sale and assures the acceptance of new material at fair values.

Throughout the country the purchase of necessities is postponed until the last minute. Buying of non-essentials has fallen off to even greater degree. This is being done with the hope and expectation of lower prices after January or Easter or any other date which the consumer has accepted in his mind as the time when prices will be at their lowest level. This refusal to buy will undoubtedly have its effect upon prices and spring will find quotations in many lines greatly depressed. Yet I cannot feel that the hopes of these people will be entirely realized so soon. It requires more than a few months for the vast industry and commerce of this country to resume prices which compare favorably with the pre-war values. Business in turn has many obstacles to overcome and the entire cycle of revision must be accomplished before business will again function normally.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the United Banking & Savings Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, will be held on Jan. 12 for the purpose of acting on the question of increasing the capital of the bank from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The new capital will be provided for in part through a stock dividend of 25%. The new capital will become effective about Feb. 1 1921.

At a meeting of the directors of the Union Commerce National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, on Dec. 6, the resignation of Wm. E. Ward, Vice-President, was accepted.

The Citizens National Bank of Winamac, Ind. (capital \$50,000), has been placed in voluntary liquidation, having been consolidated with the First Trust & Savings Bank of Winamac, under the title of the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Winamac.

The directors of the American State Bank of Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 30 declared a 50% dividend, payable in stock, when legal formalities are complied with, thereby increasing the capital from \$400,000 to \$600,000, the surplus to remain \$200,000. A meeting of the stockholders will be held on Jan. 12 to authorize the increase in capital, and it will become effective immediately after its issue is approved by the shareholders.

The Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago (capital \$750,000) has absorbed the private banking house of Antonio Romano at Halstead St. and Milwaukee Ave. The acquisition of the latter results from Mr. Romano's desire to retire from business and from the fact that the new law prohibiting private banks will go into effect on Jan. 1 1921. The Romano Bank had been in existence for 27 years, and has about \$450,000 on deposit.

August W. Bogk, Cashier of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, was promoted to Vice-President by the board of directors at their last meeting. A. G. Casper, Assistant Cashier, was made Cashier, and Fred R. Sidler, George C. Dreher and F. K. McPherson, Assistant Cashiers, were made Assistant Vice-Presidents. Herbert G. Zahn was promoted to Assistant Cashier. Charles M. Morris, Trust Officer of the First Wisconsin Trust Co., was elected a Vice-President. Clyde H. Fuller, Treasurer, was named Secretary to succeed Douglas F. McKey, resigned. W. I. Barth, Assistant Secretary, becomes Treasurer. George B. Luhman, a Milwaukee attorney, succeeds Mr. Morris as Trust Officer.

The Comptroller of the Currency in his weekly statement of Dec. 18 reported the issuance of a charter for the Farmers' National Bank of Wellington, Kan., with a capital of \$50,000. The new institution is a conversion to the National system of the Farmers' State Bank of Wellington.

Application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of Laurel, Miss., with a capital of \$100,000, the proposed institution being planned as a conversion of the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Laurel. The stock of the

new institution has a par value of \$100 a share. It will be owned by the owners of the stock in the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. The National bank will commence operation immediately upon the issuance of its charter by the Comptroller's office. The officers of the National Bank will be the same as those now in the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. viz.: S. M. Jones, President; S. W. Lindsey, Vice-President; T. W. Yates, Vice-President and Cashier; and Thos. M. Gibbons, Assistant Cashier. On Nov. 15 the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. reported a capital of \$100,000, surplus of \$50,000, undivided profits of \$12,477, deposits of \$1,456,463 and resources of \$1,618,940.

The Home & Hibernian Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. (capital \$2,000,000), which was formed through the consolidation on June 28 of this year of the Home Savings Bank and the Hibernian Savings Bank, has changed its name to the California Bank of Los Angeles. The change in name became effective Nov. 13.

The annual report of the Royal Bank of Canada shows an increase in deposits during the past fiscal year of \$61,500,000, or from \$393,554,156 on Nov. 30 1919 to \$455,017,386 on Nov. 30 1920. Frederick T. Walter, of the New York office of the bank, in making the report public, pointed out that this annual statement was the best in the history of the bank. The growing importance of the Royal Bank of Canada in international trade is indicated by an increase of over \$42,000,000 in deposits elsewhere than in Canada. These deposits continue to be largely in excess of the commercial loans outside the Dominion, totaling \$164,106,090, as against commercial loans, elsewhere than in Canada, which amounted to \$102,674,210. Current loans in Canada increased to \$183,747,409 as compared with \$143,259,518 last year, a gain of more than \$40,000,000, the increase being looked upon as evidence of the steady expansion of Canadian trade and industry as the Bank's business is widespread, and, therefore, affords a good index of the state of the country, being carried on through more than 600 branches across the Dominion. An indication of the fact that Canadians have been adding steadily to their savings in the readjustment period is supplied by the fact that the bank showed a gain of more than \$70,000,000 in savings deposits, these increasing from \$259,465,169 to \$331,688,078 during the year. The bank's earnings for the year are reported as \$4,253,649, compared with \$3,423,264 for the preceding year. There was an addition of \$3,134,010 to the Reserve Fund. Total assets were reported as \$594,670,013. Liquid assets, given as \$279,197,713, were equal to more than 50% of the liabilities to the public, while actual cash on hand and in banks was shown to be more than 30% of the public liabilities.

The suspension of the New York Stock Exchange house of Foster & Lounsbury was announced from the rostrum of the Exchange on Dec. 22. Announcement was also made on the 22nd inst., at the offices of Davies, Auerbach & Cornell, Counsel for Foster & Lounsbury, that three creditors of the banking house had made a petition to place Foster & Lounsbury in bankruptcy. It is understood that the creditors are friendly and that the action was based on the consent of Foster & Lounsbury to be adjudged bankrupt. Assets are estimated at \$3,000,000.

Regarding reports that they were associated with Allan A. Ryan & Co. in various underwritings, Foster & Lounsbury issued a statement saying:

Although we have long been brokers for Allan A. Ryan & Co., Mr. Ryan was in no way the cause of our suspension. His account was closed some time ago and was satisfactorily fixed up in every way.

The firm of Foster & Lounsbury, formed July 1 1901, consists of J. Hegeman, the floor member, S. Durrell Lounsbury and W. Frazer Gibson.

Edward V. Gambier, a former Vice-President of the Atlantic National Bank of this city, was instantly killed on the night of Dec. 17 by falling from an office window on the tenth floor of the Home Life Insurance Company Building at 257 Broadway. Mr. Gambier was an expert amateur photographer and at the time of his death was arranging to take a night photograph of the City Hall. He retired from the Atlantic National Bank about two years ago. Prior to his connection with that institution he was Cashier of the old Merchants Exchange National Bank and upon the merger of that institution with the Atlantic National Bank was elected a Vice-President of the new organization. He was fifty-five years of age.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 2 1920:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £123,167,535, an increase of £833,100 as compared with last week. Only a small amount of gold came into the market this week and was taken for the United States. New York reports the arrival of \$1,200,000 in gold from London.

Table with columns: Description, June 1920, Three Mos. ending June 1920, Ounces. Total. Rows include Bullion (bar, ingots and other uncoined gold), Coin (sovereigns and other British), Coin (foreign).

* Net export.

The imports of gold into the United States from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 were \$315,518,745, as compared with exports amounting to \$285,263,164, thus making a net import of \$30,255,581.

The former Siberian Government had exported from Kasan and Samara 50,563 poods of gold, valued at 645,410,096 rubles, in addition to golden objects from the Chamber for Weights and Measures, pure gold and platinum, gold-containing silver, silver-containing gold, &c., in 514 cases from the Mint, weighing about 2,000 poods and valued at 6,122,021 rubles.

SILVER.

The rise which began last week and carried the price to 49 1/2 d. for cash and 49 d. for 2 months' delivery was short lived. On Monday a considerable amount of silver came into the market from the Continent, America and China.

The quotation for cash on the 30th ult.—43 1/2 d.—was 1/2 d. below the previous lowest quotation of the year, namely 44 d. on June 15.

The net imports of silver into India during the month of June last amounted to 5,176,411 ounces. The total for the three months ending June 1920 was 10,316,124 ounces.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: Description, Nov. 7, Nov. 15, Nov. 22. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion in India, Securities (Indian Government), Securities (British Government).

No rupees were coined during the week ending 22nd ultimo. The stock in Shanghai on the 27th November consisted of about 36,400,000 ounces in sycee, 26,000,000 dollars and 880 bars of silver, as compared with about 37,300,000 ounces in sycee, 27,000,000 dollars and 500 bars of silver on the 20th ultimo.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 4s. 4 1/2 d. the tal. Statistics for the month of November are appended:

SILVER.

Highest price for cash 54 1/2 d. Highest price for 2 months 54 1/2 d. Lowest price for cash 43 1/2 d. Lowest price for 2 months 43 1/2 d. Average price for cash 50.951d. Average price for 2 months 50.850d.

GOLD.

Highest price 122s. 4d. Lowest price 115s. 10d. Average price 119s. 3.27d.

Table with columns: Quotations, Bar Silver per oz. std., Bar Gold per oz. fine. Rows include November 26, 27, 29, 30, December 1, 2, Average.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are, respectively, 2 1/2 d. and 2 3/4 d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: Description, London, Week ending Dec. 24, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Rentes, French War Loan, Paris.

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Table with columns: Description, Domestic, Foreign. Rows include Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.), Domestic, Foreign.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

ANTHRACITE COAL SHIPMENTS.—The shipments of anthracite coal for the month of November, 1920, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information at Philadelphia, Pa., amounted to 5,765,347 tons. Compared with 5,971,671 tons for the same month last year, the latest figures show a decline of 206,324 tons.

Shipments by initial carriers for the month of November, 1920 and 1919, and for the respective coal years to Dec. 1, were as follows:

Table with columns: Road, 1920, 1919, 1920, 1919, 8 Mos.—Coal Yr.—Dec. 1. Rows include Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, Pennsylvania, Erie, New York Ontario & Western, Lehigh & New England.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Rows include 1,000 Globe Dominion Copper, 19 Sussex RR., 275 Richey Construc. Co., 266 Great Eastern Casualty, 100 Bank of Manhattan Co., 37 Cobwell Corp., 245.344 The Kerbaugh Empire Co., 153.34 The Kerbaugh Empire Co., 95.875 Buff. & L. E. Trac., 95.875 Buff. & L. E. Trac., 690.3 Argentine Ry., 426 Caro. Clinchf. & O. Ry., 150 Lang Propeller of America, 2,250 Chicago Utilities Co., 430 Security Bank of N. Y., 800 Central Oil Development, 50 Amer. Road Machinery, 250 Amer. Foreign Trade Corp., 177 Land & River Co., 592 Land & River Co., 500 United Products, 500 United Products, 100 Motor Term's Corp., 100 Motor Term's Corp., 145,832 Coeur d'Alene Devel't., 124 Single Serv. Package Corp., 100 Single Serv. Package Corp., 145,832 Coeur d'Alene Devel't., 228 Prizma, Inc., 50 Prizma, Inc., 71,187 Creditors Holding, Inc., 250 The Texland Oil Corp., 250 The Texas Oil Produ. Co., 55 Haleyon Real Estate Corp., 98 Int. Fur Exch., Inc., 152 Int. Fur Exch., Inc., 36 Union Dye & Chemical, 16 East Palestine Rubber & Box, 2,100 Seaboard Steel & Manganese Corp., 100 United Nat'l Utilities, 50 United Nat. Util., 325 Riviera Realty Co., 200 Colonial Tire & Rub., 33 Internat. Explor. Co., Dominion Copper, Metallurgical Securities, 50 Butterworth-Judson, 50 Vanascope, 135,500 Wyoming Copper Mg., 50 The Lake Sub-Marine Co., 100 sh. Victor Leather, 11,000 Inspiration Miami Copper, 1,800 First Nat. Copper, 10 Key West Gas, 66 Nemours Trading Corp., 500 Castle Dome Devel., 532 Metrop. Mining, Me'eor Carbon, 1,000 Industrial Oil & Gas, 780 Oriental Bank, 133 Guardian Liquidation, Inc., 50 N. Y. & East Riv. Ferry, 250 Internat. Traction, 510 K. C. Mex. & Orient Ry., 730 K. C. Mex. & Orient Ry., 200 Internat. Construc. Co.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Price. Includes entries like 187 1/2 Pro-Mo-Tor Fabricating Corp., 25 Wellwyn Corporation, 346 Pneumatic Machine, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Per cent. Includes entries like \$100,000 N. Y. & Montana Mines, \$250,000 Metropol. By-Products, Inc., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like 405 U. S. Worsted, com., 50 Arcadia Print Works, pref., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like 1,250 East Coast Fisheries, com., 10 Puget Sd. Tr., Lt. & P., pref., etc.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like 10 Boylston National Bank, 3 International Trust, Boston, 25 Fidelity Trust, Boston, etc.

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

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like 165 No. Boston Ltg. Prop., 400 Nat. Tool & Mach. Corp., 355 New England Chemical, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like 405 U. S. Worsted, com., 50 Arcadia Print Works, pref., 25 Arcadia Print Works, com., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Includes entries like 100 Oklahoma Tripoli, par \$25, 30 The Three Star Club, 50 F. C. Rose Realty Corp., etc.

Table of Bonds and Per cent. listing various financial instruments such as \$5,000 Aurora Elgin & Chic. Ry., \$5,000 Canadian Northern Coal & Ore, etc.

Table titled 'APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER.' listing conversions of state banks and trust companies, such as The First National Bank of Stanwood, Wash.

Table titled 'CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED.' listing various banks and their capital stock increases, such as The New Britain National Bank, New Britain, Conn.

Table titled 'VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS' listing liquidations of banks like The Warren County National Bank of Belvidere, N. J.

Table titled 'ADDITIONAL CHARTERS ISSUED.' listing new charters for banks like The Farmers National Bank of Wellington, Kansas.

Table titled 'EXPIRATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE.' listing the expiration of corporate existence for banks like The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Plano, Tex.

DIVIDENDS—Change in Method of Reporting Same. We have changed the method of presenting our dividend record. We now group the dividends in two separate tables.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Dec. 16 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1919, show an increase in the aggregate of 6.5%.

Table titled 'Canadian Bank Clearings' showing weekly clearings for various Canadian cities from 1920 to 1917, including Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.

Table listing various companies and their financial details, including Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, National Banks, and other financial institutions.

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

Table titled 'CHARTERS ISSUED.' listing conversions of state banks and trust companies, such as The First National Bank of Laverne, Okla.

New York City 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 Returns" in the next column:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include various banks like Fed'l Res. Bank, Mutual Bank, etc.

a U. S. deposits deducted \$354,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$2,906,000. Exc. ex reserve, increase \$49,190.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Dec. 18 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows.

Table with columns: Week ending Dec. 18 1920, Dec. 11 1920, Dec. 4 1920. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, discounts & investments, etc.

* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve Bank members.

Boston Clearing House Banks.—We give below a summary showing the totals for all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Dec. 18 1920, Changes from previous week, Dec. 11 1920, Dec. 4 1920. Rows include Circulation, Loans, discounts & investments, etc.

New York Clearing-House Bank Statement.—To-day being a holiday the Clearing House issued the usual weekly bank statement after the close of business on Friday afternoon. We give below the summary of weekly totals for the week ending December 24:

CLEARING-HOUSE MEMBERS, DAILY AVERAGE.

Table with columns: Loans, discounts, investments, etc., Cash in own vaults, members Fed. Res. Bank, Reserve in F. R. Bank of member banks, etc.

CLEARING-HOUSE MEMBERS, ACTUAL CONDITION THIS DAY.

Table with columns: Loans, discounts, investments, etc., Cash in own vaults, members Fed. Res. Bank, Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank of member banks, etc.

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COS. IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING-HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

Table with columns: Loans, discounts, investments, etc., Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits with Fed. Res. Bank of New York, etc.

RESERVE.

Table with columns: Cash in vault, Deposits in banks and trust cos., Total, Aggreg to reserve on deposits, Per cent of legal reserve, 21%.

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Dec. 18. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given. The return of the Equitable Trust Co. has been included in this statement since Sept. 25.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Large table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Profits, Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc., Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, Nat'l Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Fed. Res. Bank, Bk of N Y, NBA, Manhattan Co, etc.

Table with columns: Avge. Dec. 18, Dec. 11, Dec. 4. Rows include Totals, actual condition, State Banks, Not Members of Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Totals, actual condition, Dec. 18, Dec. 11, Dec. 4. Rows include State Banks, Not Members of Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Totals, actual condition, Dec. 18, Dec. 11, Dec. 4. Rows include Trust Companies, Not Members of Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Avge. Dec. 18, Dec. 11, Dec. 4. Rows include Totals, actual condition, State Banks, Not Members of Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Gr'd agr, act'l condition, Dec. 18, Dec. 11, Dec. 4. Rows include Gr'd agr, act'l condition, etc.

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* Includes deposits in foreign branches not included in total footing as follows: National City Bank, \$126,045,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$5,754,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$101,430,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$16,784,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$20,657,000. Balances carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$55,798,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$231,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$14,316,000; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., \$3,754,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$4,548,000. c Deposits in foreign branches not included: e U. S. deposits deducted, \$89,878,000. f U. S. deposits deducted, \$188,064,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,182,981,000.

Main table showing financial data for various periods from Dec 17 1920 to Dec 19 1920. Includes sections for Legal tender notes, Total reserves, Bills discounted, and LIABILITIES. Total resources are listed at the bottom of the first section.

* Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 17 1920

Detailed table showing resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve Banks: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, and Total. Categories include gold and gold certificates, total gold reserves, bills discounted, and various liabilities.

Banking and Financial.

BANK OF MONTREAL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD
6TH DECEMBER, 1920.

The 103rd Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held at the Bank's Headquarters.

Amongst those present were:

H. D. Anderson, D. Forbes Angus, R. B. Angus, S. M. Baylis, E. W. Beatty, K. C.; H. W. Beauclerk, George Caverhill, D. R. Clarke, General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.; J. A. David, H. R. Drummond, J. J. Fiske, C. J. Fleet, G. B. Fraser, Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E.; Sir Lomer Gouin, K.C.M.G.; J. Maxtone-Graham, C.A.; Samuel Hart, Lt.-Col. G. R. Hooper, C. R. Hosmer, L. Julien, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, M.P., K.C.; S. G. McElwaine, Wm. McMaster, H. B. MacDougall, A. A. MacDougall, F. E. Meredith, K.C.; Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.; Lt.-Col. Herbert Molson, C.M.G., M.C.; Walter Molson, G. L. Ogilvie, Dr. C. J. Patton, John Patterson, Alfred Piddington, H. E. Rawlings, K. G. Rea, Jas. Rodger, A. G. Ross, E. Sawtell, Rt. Hon. Lord Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O.; C. E. Spragge, R. S. White.

On motion of Mr. R. B. Angus, Sir Vincent Meredith was requested to take the chair.

Mr. C. J. Fleet moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Beauclerk, that Lieut.-Col. George R. Hooper and Mr. H. B. MacDougall be appointed to act as Scrutineers, and that Mr. C. H. Cronyn be the Secretary of this meeting.

This was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then called upon the General Manager, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor to read the Annual Report of the Directors to the Shareholders at their 103rd Annual General Meeting, held Monday, December 6th, 1920.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Sir Vincent Meredith, in moving the adoption of the Report of the Directors to the Shareholders, said:

Before moving the adoption of the Report, I may remark that as a result of the completion of a successful year's operations, due in part to the high interest rates for money that have prevailed outside Canada, where a portion of our reserves are carried, your Directors decided to declare a bonus of 2 per cent, making the distribution to shareholders for the year 14 per cent.

The sum of \$250,000, spread over five years, has been donated to the McGill Endowment Fund, and I am confident the action of your Directors in this connection will have your approval.

The year just closed has been a difficult one for bankers, but the progress we have made and the results we are able to show will, I feel sure, prove satisfactory to our shareholders.

An overwhelming demand for credit has taxed resources to the utmost. Following a period of excessive prices and inflated currencies characteristic of war times, the country is now in the midst of the process of readjustment. It has been difficult to make producers, merchants and others carrying heavy stocks, who have grown accustomed to high prices, accept the inevitable by recognizing the fact that it is futile to attempt to overcome natural laws and to realize that economic conditions, which no artificial means can alter, alone are the cause of price decline. The demand for intervention through Government control is still insistent in some quarters. Canada alone cannot control world-wide conditions and it is idle to turn to the Government for relief from falling prices. This applies to wheat as well as to other commodities. A lower price level must be reached before we can reasonably look for a resumption of business activity on a sound basis. To arrive at this stage, inventories must be reduced and deficiencies made good by drawing upon the excess profits of previous years.

RESTRICTION OF CREDIT.

Having in view the probability of a gradual recession in prices, your Directors took early action to restrict credits to legitimate requirements, believing such a policy to be in the best interests of our clients as well as calculated to preserve the financial stability of the country.

The strain on credit appears to be now reaching its peak. An easier tendency is the logical outcome of deflation of prices. Manufacturers and wholesalers are revising inventory values to meet the changed conditions and retailers must adopt the same policy to induce the public to again freely enter the market. The pursuance of this course will tend to ameliorate the labor situation by lessening unemployment and should prove a factor in warding off slackness of work, which acts and reacts to the detriment of business. Employment is the logical remedy for labor unrest. The commercial mortality of Canada has been notably low for several years past, but it must be expected that the process of deflation and slacker trade will somewhat swell the failure list, a contingency for which prudent bankers prepare. Some reduction of bank deposits may also be apprehended. I believe, therefore, that this is a time to keep closehauled, to prepare against gusts without inviting gales, and to recognize the existence of world-wide conditions presaging a substantial readjustment of commodity prices before rock-bottom is reached.

As a final word in this connection permit me to repeat the observations I made at our Annual Meeting two years ago, when I said—

"Sooner or later we in this country will without doubt have to meet foreign trade competition of cheap and skilled labor, together with advantageous transportation facilities, to a more pronounced extent than Canada has yet experienced. If this competition is to be effectively coped with, increased efficiency, co-operation and co-ordination are essential. Our best energies must be directed to greatly increased production of our basic agricultural and other great natural resources. In this way, and by strict economy in Government, Municipal and personal expenditures, a solution can be found of our difficulties of exchanges, the maintenance of our favorable trade balance and the payment of our war debt. Otherwise, we must look for a shrinkage in business, to be followed by a readjustment of the scale of wages for labor and of the prices of all commodities."

DEFLATION.

The outcry for deflation, which at one time was insistent in some quarters, has largely died out. Bankers feel that too rapid deflation, accompanied by an abrupt fall in prices, is not a good remedy for existing evils. We want a decline in prices, but it should be an orderly one. An arbitrary limitation of the currency would cause intolerable inconvenience, loss and disorganization of trade. The desired result may be brought about gradually by less buoyant trade, increased production, drastic cutting down of all unnecessary expenditures by our Governments, Dominion, Provincial and Municipal, and the practice of thrift by our people.

Credit, not merely in Canada but elsewhere, rests on an inadequate basis and should be contracted in conformity with the declension in commodity prices.

MONEY RATES.

I see no reason to look for permanently lower interest rates in the near future. Reaction in business and the marketing of the crops may bring an easier tone temporarily, but the magnitude of international indebtedness to be refunded, together with the wastage of war, cannot be made good immediately and probably not for a somewhat indefinite time.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON SECURITIES.

The action of the Minister of Finance in calling upon all dealers to refrain for the present from purchasing Canadian securities held abroad, for the purpose of conserving the country's resources, has met with criticism abroad as well as from some quarters at home. Nevertheless, the Minister, in view of the enormous trade balance against Canada, has wisely pursued the policy decided upon.

An absolute embargo on the purchase of Canadian securities was, I have reason to believe, not for a moment contemplated, as that would obviously be detrimental to Canadian credit abroad, but discussion from sending money out of the country at this juncture is to be commended and affords no ground for resentment. It is hoped conditions will soon permit of the return to an open market.

IMMIGRATION.

The tide of immigration, checked during the war, has again begun to rise. In the seven months to October 30th settlers to the number of 109,000 entered Canada, or 31 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year, and it is noteworthy that the increase was almost wholly of persons from the British Isles. There is reason to believe that the movement of population into the Dominion will proceed in undiminished proportion from the United States and in steadily enlarging volume from Great Britain. Desirable immigrants should also be encouraged from France, Belgium and the Scandinavian and probably other countries. Canada's vast areas of untilled soil, coupled with the necessity for spreading the load of debt and taxation, demand a large population.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ABROAD.

In the United States, economic conditions are not dissimilar to those in Canada. Money is dear and not easily obtainable. The wave of price cutting continues and failures in business are becoming more numerous, with liabilities larger.

The Continent of Europe is at present engaged in a more or less successful effort to recover from the effects of the war. Many European countries are endeavoring to live on paper money and eleven out of twelve of them are not balancing their budgets.

England's trade position shows marked improvement. The excess of imports over exports for the first nine months of 1920 compared with the same period in 1919 was reduced from £626,000,000 to £313,000,000, and the full year's unfavorable balance should be more than offset by invisible revenue estimated at some £640,000,000.

France, while her industrial position is undoubtedly improving, is greatly hampered by war's destruction in some of her richest provinces and by the very considerable inflation in the currency, with the consequent adverse foreign exchange.

Belgium is apparently in a more hopeful position industrially than either France or Italy and Belgian trade figures show a fairly constant improvement month by month.

In Italy the position is complicated by the uncertainty of the labour position and the great difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies of coal.

Germany appears to be straining every nerve to restore some measure of prosperity and her export figures show a surprising increase since the conclusion of the Armistice.

GOVERNMENT-OWNED RAILWAYS AND SHIPS.

Canada to-day has a very large National Railway System which is being operated at a heavy loss, thereby increasing the load on an already heavily tax-burdened country. Sooner or later some means must be found to relieve this situation. Some confidently believe that by proper public administration of the lines, deficits can be cut down. My own view is that the proper solution will be found if the Government, at the earliest feasible time, divests itself of ownership and operation of the roads and places them under corporate control upon terms fair to the country and upon conditions that will ensure the service for which the construction of the lines was undertaken.

In the same connection, and speaking for myself alone, it would appear desirable that no more national expenditure should be made for the building of ships. While a programme of shipbuilding during the war was commendable, subsequent developments dictate a modified policy. In June 1914 the total tonnage totaled 49,000,000 tons; in June 1920 it had risen to 57,300,000 tons, and, in addition, at the end of September this year there were 7,565,000 tons under construction. Tonnage at present exceeds requirements, and in expectation of rate reduction and shrinkage in earnings, construction abroad has already been arrested, and empty tonnage is now laid up in many ports. There is no ground for the belief that this condition will quickly pass. The United States recently failed to secure bids for standard ships; Japan has canceled orders for 100,000,000 tons in her own shipyards, and Norway is canceling orders in Great Britain. These factors constitute, in my opinion, a danger signal that Canada might well heed and stop all further new construction.

BANK'S CONNECTIONS ABROAD.

For the furtherance of Canada's foreign trade, the policy of your directors, as you are aware, has been to establish close connections with banks of undoubted standing already firmly established in the field rather than to open and operate branches of our own at distant points. So far, we have had no cause to regret our decision.

In carrying out this policy, we purchased an interest in the Colonial Bank, an old-established and highly regarded institution, giving us an extended connection in the West Indies and West Africa, which enables us to do business in these countries on favorable competitive terms.

RESUME

To sum up, the situation in Canada at present, as I view it, is that while there does not appear to be any cause for apprehension, there is every reason for the exercise of the utmost measure of caution. Canada cannot dissociate herself from world conditions, and world conditions are not satisfactory. On this continent the two years supervening upon the Armistice have been marked by unexampled grade activity and prosperity, a circumstance common to the conclusion of all great wars, but the reaction has set in and may not yet be in full play. Happily Canada is well buttressed on many sides, and the exercise of prudence and sagacity should enable her to meet the shock of falling prices, restricted credits and deflated currency, without serious impairment of her commercial and financial vitality.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the General Manager of the Bank, then made his annual address, as follows:

SIR FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR'S SPEECH

The operations of a Bank such as ours, with its manifold interests and ramifications, are of absorbing importance to use who guide them day by day, and naturally bear vitally on the year's results which it is now my duty to submit for your approval.

Obviously such operations could not be described in detail, even were it necessary or advisable to do so. I shall endeavor, however, to explain the salient points in our affairs of the past twelve months resulting in the important changes in our balance sheet as compared with a year ago.

Of fundamental importance is the fact that our position is sound and liquid; secondly, that our business has been conducted profitably, enabling us to add a goodly sum to rest and profit and loss accounts, after making full provision for losses; also, to pay an extra bonus of 2% to the shareholders in addition to the usual dividend.

Let me make it clear that this result is not the outcome of higher rates of interest on current loans in Canada.

The rate of interest to the merchant and manufacturer at home is about the same as it was before the war.

Our satisfactory earnings are, in part, a reflection of the increased current loans in Canada required by our customers in consequence of the high prices of all commodities and general trade activity, while our losses have been small.

The volume of our call loans in New York is governed solely by our requirements in liquid reserves. We do not increase or diminish them on account of higher or lower rates, but we have been fortunate this year in that rates have averaged high.

As comparisons are constantly made between Canada and the United States, owing to general similarity in conditions, one anomaly attracts special attention, viz.: that with credit restriction as acute here as it is across the line, the price of money is materially lower in the Dominion.

This condition, in days of world-wide high interest rates, has attracted much attention in other countries, and is regarded as a tribute to Canada's good banking system. The one disadvantage of this cheap money condition is that persons on fixed incomes derived from investments face the higher cost of living, including income tax, with little increase in revenue. As everyone knows, the connection between the price of money and the yield on investments is of the closest.

Following our purchase of a substantial interest in the Colonial Bank, and in order to meet increasing business demands in Canada and elsewhere, your Board of Directors, in April last, decided to increase the Bank's paid-up capital stock by \$2,000,000, bringing our total outstanding capital up to \$22,000,000. The new shares were allotted to shareholders at \$150 per share in the proportion of one new share for every ten then held.

EXPANSION OF BUSINESS IN CANADA.

It is noteworthy that the greatest expansion of the Bank during the past few years has been in our own country. This is revealed in our greatly increased loans and deposits in Canada and in the number of branches opened during the period.

Loans in Canada.	Deposits in Canada.	Branches in Canada.
1914..... \$123,147,000	\$168,557,000	173
1920..... 240,725,000	358,878,000	302

Our London and New York offices remain necessary and profitable adjuncts to our business. Nevertheless, our chief duty is to provide facilities at home, and in Canada there is ample scope for expansion.

Canada is still suffering from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune in the premium on New York funds, which continues an ever-present factor in our banking and commercial activities.

When this condition will disappear one cannot venture to predict, certainly not while the trade balances run so heavily against Canada. Undoubtedly, relief would come were we to borrow abroad in large volume by way of public loans, but that would be merely a palliative, not a remedy. In addition to this, the conversion rate of sterling precludes loans in London, while, in the United States, interest rates are penalizing. The advantage gained in bringing capital from New York in the premium on American funds is offset by the loss in providing interest thereon.

What is wanted is rigid economies in the purchase of non-essentials abroad, with an increase in our own exports.

It would then be only a question of time when investment capital would pour into this country of opportunities, and the full value of the Canadian dollar be restored.

One advantage that Canada derives from the premium on New York funds is that American money earned in Canada remains here in considerable volume, and is not likely to be withdrawn so long as the present premium continues.

Although suffering from the effects of unusual departures necessitated by the war, the financial situation in London may be looked upon as sound. Money rates have been raised with the double purpose of retaining foreign balances in that centre and gradually forcing a reduction in the price of commodities. Another influence towards high rates has been the heavy demand for capital, chiefly through emissions of industrial issues, borrowers having to offer attractive terms to induce public buying. The banks have been criticized at times for their attitude in "rationing" credit, but their balance sheets plainly show that not only have stock exchange speculative loans been eliminated in favor of industry, but banking resources have been actually strained to meet the requirements of the latter.

The banking situation in New York has been under a strain for months past owing to the heavy demands on the banks for money by merchants, and others, carrying commodities at the high prices prevailing. The price of money for general purposes has risen to heights unknown for many years. The call loan rate, with which we are principally concerned, averaged 8.4% for the twelve months ending 31st October last, partly making restitution to bankers for the many lean years before the war in which New York loaned at extremely low rates. Readjustment in the financial and trade situation is to be expected, but there is good reason to believe it will be effected without undue difficulty, especially as the country has been blessed with bountiful crops. Heavy losses have been made in such commodities as sugar, silk, cotton, hides and woollens, but the large profits of previous years to dealers in these commodities have enabled most houses to weather the storm.

STONG FAITH IN FUTURE

In glancing through the published reports of our annual meetings of the past hundred years and more, one cannot but be struck by the recurrent warning regarding the commercial, financial and economic outlook sounded by our predecessors in office.

Equally impressive is the undeviatingly sustained faith expressed in Canada's future, and in her ability to win safely through those periods of inflation and depression which every country must meet and undergo from time to time, particularly every young country. That faith is stronger today than ever before.

You will doubtless agree that such publicly expressed confidence, combined with conservatism, has been a factor for good in preventing mistakes and even disaster. No one will maintain that Canada has not made any mistakes, but we are surely justified in saying that fewer have been made in consequence of the safe policy of this institution for fifty years prior to Confederation, for over fifty years since Confederation, and that this discretion still remains our guide.

Your President has clearly outlined the hazards of the present situation, and his ripe and unique experience cannot fail to carry great weight. I might add that, in my opinion, we have never faced a banking and business situation requiring more delicate handling.

Since August 1914, the world has travelled far along the road to ruin. We may be thankful that the waste and destruction ended before the point of utter exhaustion was reached. Canada has not escaped, but we are still a virile people in a goodly land. There is no reason for dismay over our national outlook, but there is every reason for sober thought while we take stock of our resources and of our prospects.

We must bear in mind there is no royal road to the stable conditions of former years, no magic by which we can restore the wealth that has been lost or wipe out the debts incurred. There is nothing for it but to repair the damage, retrench, and confidently work out our salvation.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors were elected as follows: D. Forbes Angus, R. P. Angus, J. H. Ashdown, E. W. Beatty, K. C., H. W. Beauclerk, Colonel Henry Cockshutt, General Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G., K. C. B., LL.D., H. R. Drummond, G. B. Fraser, Sir Charles Gordon, G. B. E., Sir Lomer Gouin, K. C. M. G., C. R. Hosmer, Harold Kennedy, William McMaster, Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., Lieut.-Col. Herbert Molson, C. M. G., M. C., Rt. Hon. Lord Shaughnessy, K.C. V. O.

The meeting then terminated. At a subsequent meeting of Directors, Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., was re-elected President and Sir Charles Gordon, G. B. E., was re-elected Vice-President.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 24 1920.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Under well-known influences which have prevailed for some time past, the stock market has this week, perhaps, reached the limit of its downward movement begun several weeks ago. On Tuesday, when the lowest prices of the week were generally recorded, Southern Pacific had added 7 7/8% points to its previous decline, Reading 7 3/4, St. Paul 5 1/8, Mo. Pac. 5 1/2 and other issues in this group from 4 to 5. At the same time Replogle Steel was 22 points below the price at which it closed last week, Houston Oil 15 3/4, United Fruit 15 3/4, Mexican Pet. 10 1/4, Atlantic G. & W. I. 10 1/8, and Vanadium 9 3/4. These prices led, of course, to short covering, to speculative and also perhaps to investment buying, with the result that a substantial recovery has taken place.

It is an interesting fact that prices in several other markets, including foreign exchange, wheat and cotton, followed more or less closely that of stocks, as noted above.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS.	Week ending Dec. 24.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.		
			Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.	
Air Reduction.....no par	500	32	Dec 23	34	Dec 24	32	Dec 34
Allegheny & Western.100	500	87	Dec 20	87	Dec 20	87	Dec 87
Amal Sugar, 1st pref.100	100	98 1/2	Dec 18	98 3/4	Dec 18	98 1/2	Dec 101
American Bank Note.50	900	42 1/4	Dec 18	43 3/4	Dec 20	39	Feb 48 1/2
Preferred.....50	200	41 3/4	Dec 20	41 3/4	Dec 18	40	Aug 45 1/2
Am Brake Shoe & P. no par	1,100	40	Dec 23	45	Dec 20	40	Dec 60
Preferred.....100	300	81 1/4	Dec 23	83 1/4	Dec 23	81 1/4	Dec 90
American Radiator.....25	400	65 1/2	Dec 20	67 1/2	Dec 20	65 1/2	Dec 73
Preferred.....100	100	101	Dec 20	101	Dec 20	101	Dec 101
American Snuff.....100	200	90 1/4	Dec 23	90 1/4	Dec 23	81 1/2	Dec 115 1/2
Amer Teleg & Cable.100	10	48 3/4	Dec 23	48 3/4	Dec 23	46 1/4	June 52
Am Wholesale, pref.....100	300	89 1/2	Dec 18	90	Dec 22	89 1/2	Aug 95
Asset Realization.....10	600	2 1/2	Dec 22	2 1/2	Dec 18	2	Aug 6 1/4
Associated Oil.....100	900	84	Dec 22	88 1/2	Dec 21	84	Dec 125
Atlantic Refining.....100	3,325	25	Dec 20	26	Dec 20	25	Dec 1570
Preferred.....100	600	103 1/4	Dec 21	104 1/4	Dec 23	102 1/4	Dec 114
Atlas Tack Corp.....no par	2,500	15 1/2	Dec 24	17 1/2	Dec 18	15 1/2	Dec 22 1/2
Atlas, Nichols & Cono par	17,880	8 1/2	Dec 24	10	Dec 20	8 1/2	Dec 24
Preferred.....100	1,400	61	Dec 22	62	Dec 20	61	Dec 82
Auto Sales Corp.....50	500	2 1/2	Dec 18	3	Dec 18	2 1/2	Dec 19 1/2
Barnet Leather.....no par	400	21 1/2	Dec 22	26	Dec 24	21 1/2	Dec 93
Preferred.....100	300	60	Dec 23	69	Dec 20	60	Dec 93
Barnhill, Class A.....25	900	35	Dec 23	36	Dec 23	33	Nov 60 1/2
Class B.....25	700	36	Dec 21	35	Dec 22	30	Dec 43 1/2
Barrett Co (The).....100	200	103	Dec 22	108 1/2	Dec 18	102	Nov 154 1/2
Brown Shoe, Inc.....100	359	36	Dec 21	37 1/2	Dec 20	36	Dec 118 1/2
Preferred.....100	250	80	Dec 20	80	Dec 20	80	Dec 100
Brunswick Terminal.100	1,000	3 1/2	Dec 20	5	Dec 23	3 1/2	Dec 8 1/2
Buffalo Roch & Platts.100	350	60	Dec 23	62	Dec 25	50	Jan 65
Calumet & Arizona.....10	3,100	40	Dec 22	43	Dec 18	40	Dec 69
Canada Southern.....100	100	39 1/2	Dec 21	39 1/2	Dec 21	38	Aug 42
Case Thrst M. pref.100	700	78	Dec 21	80	Dec 18	78	Dec 101
Central RR of N J.....100	100	190	Dec 24	190	Dec 24	175	Jan 240
Co. t-Teed Prod.....no par	300	35	Dec 24	37	Dec 18	35	Dec 62
Chicago & Alton.....100	1,000	6 1/2	Dec 22	9 1/2	Dec 18	6	Feb 17
Preferred.....100	100	8	Dec 24	8	Dec 24	8	Dec 23 1/2
Cluett, Peabody & Co 100	3,800	240 1/2	Dec 21	246	Dec 20	240 1/2	Dec 106
Preferred.....100	100	280	Dec 21	280	Dec 21	280	Dec 104
Computing-Tab-Rec.100	300	34	Dec 18	35 1/2	Dec 23	34	Dec 56
Continental Insurance.25	100	66 1/2	Dec 21	66 1/2	Dec 21	66 1/2	Nov 82
Davison Chemical no par	600	25	Dec 18	26	Dec 24	25	Dec 40
De Bors Cons M. no par	1,000	15 1/2	Dec 21	16 1/2	Dec 24	15	Dec 36 1/2
Durham Hosiery.....50	100	32	Dec 22	32	Dec 22	32	Dec 67 1/2
Preferred.....100	200	8	Dec 22	8 1/2	Dec 20	8 1/2	Nov 102 1/2
Eastman Kodak.....100	20	495	Dec 23	505	Dec 18	495	Dec 535
Emerson-Branting.....100	2,500	6 1/2	Dec 23	7	Dec 18	5 1/2	Dec 29
Fisher Body, pref.....100	100	97 1/2	Dec 18	97 1/2	Dec 18	97 1/2	Feb 108 1/2
General Asphalt.....100	41,000	35	Dec 22	42	Dec 18	32 1/2	Dec 43
Preferred.....100	900	75	Dec 22	78 1/2	Dec 23	71	Dec 78
General Chem, pref.....100	100	83 1/2	Dec 20	83 1/2	Dec 20	83 1/2	Dec 100
General Chem Chem Con							
certifs of deposit.....	1,200	123	Dec 20	123	Dec 20	117 1/2	Dec 134 1/4
Gen Cigar pref.....100	200	84 1/2	Dec 24	84 1/2	Dec 24	84 1/2	Dec 100
General Electric rights.....	34,208	3 1/2	Dec 23	3 1/2	Dec 18	3	Nov 4 1/2
Hartman Corporation.100	200	69	Dec 20	69 1/2	Dec 23	69	Dec 108
Homestake Mining.....100	600	48	Dec 20	50	Dec 20	45	Oct 71
Ill Cent leased line.....10	100	50 1/2	Dec 23	50 1/2	Dec 23	50	Dec 56 1/2
Indian Refining.....10	100	82	Dec 22	82	Dec 22	82	Dec 20
Preferred.....100	100	82	Dec 20	82	Dec 20	82	Dec 82
Int Nickel.....100	1,100	79	Dec 18	79 1/2	Dec 23	78	Dec 88
Int Paper, pref.....100	50	85	Dec 20	85	Dec 20	100	Sept 103
Iowa Central.....100	600	5	Dec 22	5 1/2	Dec 20	4	May 13 1/2
K C Ft S & Mem, pf.100	150	58	Dec 22	58	Dec 22	57	Nov 60 1/2
Kayser (Wulfs) & Co.100	200	70	Dec 20	70 1/2	Dec 23	70	Nov 118
Kelsey Wheel, Inc.....100	900	36	Dec 21	39	Dec 18	36	Dec 95
Preferred.....100	100	82	Dec 22	82	Dec 22	82	Oct 98 1/2
Liggett & Myers Cl B.100	200	125	Dec 18	127	Dec 18	125	Dec 155 1/2
Loose-Wiles, 1st pref.100	100	93 1/2	Dec 21	93 1/2	Dec 21	93 1/2	Sept 100
Mallinson (H R) no par	500	9 1/2	Dec 22	10 1/2	Dec 20	9 1/2	Dec 45
Preferred.....100	400	47	Dec 22	50	Dec 20	47	Dec 80 1/2
Manhattan Shirt.....25	400	16	Dec 22	16 1/2	Dec 18	16	Nov 33 1/2
Marlin-Rock v t c no par	600	14 1/2	Dec 23	17	Dec 21	12	Dec 63
Marlby Parry.....no par	1,700	14	Dec 21	12 1/2	Dec 20	11	Dec 30 1/2
Mathleson Alkali.....50	700	2	Dec 23	2 1/2	Dec 21	2	Dec 33
Maxwell Prefertor.....100	300	3 1/2	Dec 23	3 1/2	Dec 21	3 1/2	Dec 68 1/2
1st prefertor.....100	1,900	3	Dec 18	4	Dec 20	3	Dec 8
Cifs den stpd asstd.....	500	2 1/2	Dec 20	3 1/2	Dec 23	2 1/2	Dec 30 1/2
2d prefertor.....100	2,000	1 1/2	Dec 18	1 1/2	Dec 24	1 1/2	Dec 3
Cifs den stpd asstd.....	200	54	Dec 22	55	Dec 20	50	Feb 60
M St P & S S M l's d.100	1,600	19 1/2	Dec 23	20 1/2	Dec 24	19 1/2	Dec 51
Mullins Body.....no par	2,100	99 1/4	Dec 18	102 1/2	Dec 24	97	Dec 125
National Biscuit.....100	100	107	Dec 22	107	Dec 22	103 1/2	July 116
Preferred.....100	1,500	9	Dec 23	13	Dec 18	9	Dec 29
Norfolk Southern.....100	300	67	Dec 20	67	Dec 18	64	May 72
Norfolk & West, pf.....100	1,200	10	Dec 22	10	Dec 20	10	Dec 29 1/2
Ohio Body & Blow no par	300	70	Dec 21	75	Dec 18	70	Dec 82
Otis Steel, pref.....100	100	95	Dec 21	95	Dec 21	95	Dec 100
Owens Bottle, pref.....100	200	14	Dec 24	15	Dec 20	15	Dec 38 1/2
Pacific Mail SS.....5	7,700	35	Dec 22	38 1/2	Dec 21	35	Dec 39 1/2
Pacific Oil w.....100	1,200	12 1/2	Dec 22	12 1/2	Dec 20	12 1/2	Dec 47 1/2
Parish & Bingham no par	100	83	Dec 22	83	Dec 22	83	Dec 98
Penny (J C), pref.....100	100	9 1/2	Dec 22	9 1/2	Dec 22	9	June 18 1/2
Peoria & Eastern.....100	100	34 1/2	Dec 23	34 1/2	Dec 23	34 1/2	Oct 44
Pettibone, Mulliken.....100	2,300	27 1/2	Dec 20	30	Dec 22	27 1/2	Dec 68
Phillips Jones.....no par	138	114 1/4	Dec 23	117	Dec 24	113 1/2	Aug 125 1/4
Pitts F W & Ch, pref.100							

STOCKS. Week ending Dec. 24.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Par	Shares	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.
Rand Mines, Ltd. no par	3,600	20 3/4	Dec 21 21 1/4	Dec 18 20	Nov 29 June
Reis (Robt), 1st pref. 100	100	63 3/4	Dec 20 63 3/4	Dec 20 63 3/4	Dec 84 Apr
Sears, Roebuck, pref. 100	600	99	Dec 21 100 1/4	Dec 18 99	Dec 119 3/4 Mar
Seneca Copper. no par	4,000	15 1/4	Dec 22 16 3/4	Dec 23 14 1/4	Oct 23 1/2 Nov
Shattuck Arizona. 10	8,500	4 1/4	Dec 22 5 1/4	Dec 20 4 1/4	Dec 12 1/2 Jan
So Porto Rico Sugar. 100	1,300	70	Dec 20 73	Dec 22 70	Dec 31 70 Apr
South Pacific Milling. 100	84,600	20	Dec 22 23 3/4	Dec 18 20	Dec 24 3/4 Dec
Standard Mills. no par	500	100	Dec 21 100	Dec 18 100	Dec 160 Apr
Submarine Boat. no par	18,700	8 3/4	Dec 22 9 3/4	Dec 18 8 3/4	Dec 14 Oct
Superior Steel, 1st pf. 100	100	95	Dec 18 95	Dec 18 95	Dec 102 Jan
TemtorC&F P Cl A no par	1,100	21 1/4	Dec 21 22 3/4	Dec 20 19 1/4	Dec 47 Apr
Third Avenue Ry. 100	500	12	Dec 23 13	Dec 23 9 1/4	Aug 22 1/2 Oct
Tidewater Oil. 100	100	180	Dec 22 180	Dec 22 180	Dec 229 Mar
Rights	2,200	13 1/4	Dec 22 14	Dec 20 10	Dec 16 Dec
Tol St L & W pt tr rect.	800	11	Dec 21 16	Dec 24 11	Dec 24 3/4 Sept
Underwood. 100	100	121	Dec 22 121	Dec 22 121	Dec 200 Apr
United Cigar Stores. 100	200	126	Dec 23 126	Dec 24 126	Dec 170 Oct
Preferred. 100	300	98 1/4	Dec 18 98 1/4	Dec 18 98 1/4	Dec 111 1/2 Jan
United Drug. 100	1,200	91 1/4	Dec 22 94	Dec 21 91 1/4	Dec 148 Jan
1st preferred. 50	200	43	Dec 20 43	Dec 20 42 3/4	Dec 53 Jan
United Dyewood. 100	200	50	Dec 21 50	Dec 21 48	Dec 57 1/2 Mar
Weber & Hellbron. no par	16,600	7 1/2	Dec 22 8 1/2	Dec 20 7 1/2	Dec 11 Nov
White Oil. no par	14,800	14 1/2	Dec 22 15 1/2	Dec 24 14 1/2	Dec 25 1/2 Oct

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week ending Dec. 24 1920.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds.	U. S. Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	474,675	\$39,622,000	\$2,397,000	\$357,000	\$6,614,600
Monday	908,850	74,757,000	8,227,000	737,000	17,954,000
Tuesday	1,593,960	135,879,500	6,880,000	970,500	26,106,000
Wednesday	1,421,040	120,959,000	6,364,000	1,127,000	20,211,000
Thursday	1,089,272	91,263,700	8,251,000	812,000	17,352,000
Friday	615,915	50,947,900	5,641,500	612,500	18,043,900
Total	6,103,712	\$513,439,100	\$37,760,500	\$4,616,000	\$106,281,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending Dec. 24.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 24.	
	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Stocks—No. shares	6,103,712	4,087,208	226,634,440	311,968,806
Par value	\$513,439,100	\$354,584,800	\$19,356,583,675	\$28,411,303,730
Bank shares, par			\$22,400	\$48,200
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$106,281,500	\$107,950,000	\$2,757,201,400	\$2,823,768,500
State, mun., &c., bonds	4,616,000	6,717,000	334,312,900	279,815,500
RR. and misc. bonds	37,760,500	26,482,000	788,241,000	597,430,500
Total bonds	\$148,658,000	\$141,149,000	\$3,879,755,300	\$3,701,014,500

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week ending Dec. 24 1920.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	24,580	\$58,600	16,096	\$183,800	2,469	\$62,000
Monday	86,903	146,850	25,480	124,800	2,742	38,800
Tuesday	65,262	104,400	24,153	393,850	5,319	115,700
Wednesday	64,092	254,705	24,726	197,650	5,552	74,000
Thursday	68,554	402,200	36,154	360,850	5,279	26,000
Friday	37,459	28,000	11,040	70,000	3,005	15,000
Total	346,850	\$994,755	137,649	\$1,330,950	24,366	\$331,500

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$10,000 4s coup. at 104 1/4 and the various Liberty Loan issues.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices	Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24
First Liberty Loan	High 90.00	90.20	90.50	89.94	89.90	90.50
3 1/2% bonds of 1932-47	Low 89.90	89.26	89.92	89.66	89.52	89.70
(First 3 1/2%)	Close 90.00	89.90	89.82	89.72	89.80	90.00
Total sales in \$1,000 units	1,130	1,630	1,461	2,303	1,884	1,975
Converted 4% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4s)	High 84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80
Low 84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80
Close 84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80	84.80
Total sales in \$1,000 units	6	6	6	6	6	6
Converted 4 1/4% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 1/4s)	High 85.80	85.22	85.10	85.00	85.00	85.90
Low 85.50	84.90	84.82	84.32	84.60	85.04	85.04
Close 85.50	85.00	85.00	84.98	84.90	85.82	85.82
Total sales in \$1,000 units	47	58	283	621	490	395
Second Converted 4 1/4% bonds of 1932-47 (First 4 1/4s)	High 95.00	94.12	95.00	95.50	94.00	95.00
Low 94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00
Close 95.00	95.00	95.00	95.50	94.00	95.00	95.00
Total sales in \$1,000 units	16	25	9	9	3	3
Second Liberty Loan	High 84.56	84.00	83.60	83.60	83.70	84.80
4% bonds of 1927-42	Low 84.56	83.50	83.30	83.52	84.00	84.00
Close 84.56	83.50	83.36	83.70	84.80	84.80	
Total sales in \$1,000 units	5	40	12	12	9	9
Converted 4 1/4% bonds of 1927-42 (Second 4 1/4s)	High 85.04	84.60	84.20	83.90	84.04	84.90
Low 84.60	83.00	83.50	83.40	83.60	84.08	84.08
Close 84.60	83.10	83.70	83.64	84.04	84.60	
Total sales in \$1,000 units	639	739	3,957	4,758	3,769	4,225
Third Liberty Loan	High 87.52	87.20	86.80	86.50	86.60	87.40
4 1/4% bonds of 1928	Low 87.20	85.60	85.70	86.06	86.26	86.50
Close 87.20	85.60	86.10	86.30	86.58	87.20	
Total sales in \$1,000 units	1,185	2,612	4,932	3,454	3,208	3,021
Fourth Liberty Loan	High 85.40	85.20	84.30	84.12	84.82	85.30
4 1/4% bonds of 1933-38	Low 85.20	83.50	83.68	83.94	84.00	84.46
Close 85.28	83.80	84.00	84.08	84.50	85.10	
Total sales in \$1,000 units	2,453	5,839	6,606	4,731	5,400	4,574
Victory Liberty Loan	High 95.10	95.10	95.06	95.00	95.50	94.96
4 1/4% notes of 1922-23	Low 95.00	94.96	94.84	94.90	94.88	94.90
Close 95.06	94.96	94.96	94.92	94.90	94.94	
Total sales in \$1,000 units	923	1,630	6,239	2,571	2,995	2,317
3 1/2% notes of 1922-23	High 95.06	95.02	95.00	95.00	94.94	94.96
Low 94.90	94.90	94.84	94.92	94.86	94.92	
Close 94.90	94.94	94.86	94.98	94.90	94.96	
Total sales in \$1,000 units	276	988	3,177	1,752	1,086	635

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

250 1st 3 1/2s	89.80 to 89.92	248 4th 4 1/4s	83.80 to 84.90
50 1st 4 1/4s	84.20 to 84.70	10 2d 4s	82.90
305 2d 4 1/4s	83.50 to 84.78	175 Victory 4 1/4s	94.76 to 94.96
117 3d 4 1/4s	86.12 to 87.40	49 Victory 3 1/2s	94.80 to 94.96

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has been unusually active and the trading included a larger number

of issues than is often the case. Prices have fluctuated more widely than of late, with a general tendency towards a lower level. There are as usual, however, a few notable exceptions to this tendency, including Mo. Pac. 4s and local traction issues. Several of the best bonds in the market are an average of about a point lower than a week ago, a list of which includes New York Central, Pennsylvania, Balt. & Ohio, Reading, Ches. & Ohio, and practically all the trans-continental line issues.

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange has ruled active and firm, with a slightly upward trend. The continental exchanges showed some irregularity, but changes were not significant.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 46 1/2 @ 3 47 for sixty days, 3 50 1/2 @ 3 51 for cheques and 3 52 @ 3 52 1/2 for cable. Commercial on banks, sight, 3 50 1/2 @ 3 50 1/2, sixty days 3 43 1/2 @ 3 43 1/2, ninety days 3 40 1/2 @ 3 41, and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 43 1/2 @ 3 44. Cotton for payment 3 50 1/2 @ 3 50 1/2, and grain for payment 3 50 1/2 @ 3 50 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5.79 @ 5.78 for long and 5.85 @ 5.84 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 30.98 for long and 31.34 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London 59.95 fr.; week's range 58.74 fr. high and 59.95 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:			
Sterling Actual—	Sixty Days.	Cheques.	Cables.
High for the week	3 48 1/2	3 53 1/4	3 54 1/2
Low for the week	3 42	3 48 1/4	3 49
Paris Bankers' Francs (in Cents per Franc)—			
High for the week	4 86	5 94	5 95
Low for the week	4 75	5 83	5 84
Germany Bankers' Marks—			
High for the week	---	1 38 1/2	1 39 1/2
Low for the week	---	1 34	1 35
Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—			
High for the week	30 15-16	31 1/2	31 1/2
Low for the week	30 9-16	31	31 1/2

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$177 25 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—Renewed selling pressure in the fore part of the week served to depress "Curb" stocks so that quite a number of new low levels were reached. Improvement was noted in the last two days, but the pre-holiday dullness checked any material appreciation in values. Selling of Tobacco Products Exports resulted in a new low record, the stock dropping from 7 1/2 to 5, but a better demand to-day advanced the price to 8. Wm. Farrell & Son com., gained two points to 15. Goodyear Tire com., after an early advance from 20 to 25, was freely sold, and broke to 15, with to-days business advancing the price to 23 1/2. The preferred lost 14 points, to 36, and to-day recovered all the loss, though it sold finally at 48. Hercules Paper lost two points to 15 1/2, and closed to-day at 16. Todd Shipyards advanced a point to 71, then reacted to 69. United Retail Candy Stores sold down from 7 1/4 to 6 1/2, and up finally to 7. Oil stocks were more prominent as far as losses were concerned. Carib Syndicate, after early improvement from 7% to 7 1/2, dropped to 5 1/2, then recovered to 7 1/4, the close to-day being at 7. Internal-Petroleum declined from 16 1/2 to 15, sold up to 16 1/8, and ends the week at 16. Midwest Refining was conspicuous for a drop of some 9 points to 134, though it closed to-day at 137. Grenada Oil receded from 5 to 3 1/2, and to-day recovered to 5 1/4. Guffey Gillespie Oil com. weakened at first from 26 to 25 1/2, but recovered finally to 25 1/4. Maracaibo Oil lost a point to 12 1/2. Merritt Oil eased off from 11 1/2 to 10 1/2, and closed to-day at 10 1/4. Ryan Consol, moved down from 11 1/4 to 10, and sold finally at 11. In bonds, Goodyear Tire 7s, in keeping with the decline in the stocks, dropped from 84 to 80, and closed to-day at 80 1/2. Allied Packers 6s weakened from 52 to 50, and finished to-day at 50 1/4.

A complete record of "curb" market transactions for the week will be found on page 2511.

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

	-Stock of Money Dec. 1 1920-		-Money in Circulation-	
	in U. S.	held in Treas. Dec. 1 1919.	in U. S.	Dec. 1 1919.
Gold coin (including bullion in Treasury)	2,761,338,519	430,386,732	6,879,529,142	979,881,024
Gold certificates			351,563,056	415,692,081
Standard silver dollars	269,857,494	15,857,417	97,095,305	82,416,283
Silver certificates			155,289,410	167,642,692
Subsidiary silver	266,609,065	3,691,831	202,917,134	241,951,420
Treasury notes of 1890			1,615,362	1,702,266
United States notes	348,681,016	6,962,414	339,718,602	327,488,796
Federal Reserve notes	3,663,592,795	18,203,857	3,319,415,118	2,839,814,899
Federal Reserve Bank notes	239,569,800	4,094,172	235,475,628	205,470,544
National Bank notes	734,010,797	13,130,555	720,880,242	677,814,786
Total	8,281,659,486	492,327,078	6,363,498,999	5,929,874,791

This statement of money held in the treasury as assets of the Government does not include deposits of public money in Federal Reserve banks and in national banks and special depositaries to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States amounting to \$183,017,285.20.

b Includes \$403,542,320 39 Federal Reserve Gold Settlement Fund deposited with Treasurer of United States.

c Includes own Federal Reserve notes held by Federal Reserve banks.

d Revised figures.

Note.—On Dec. 1 1920 Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents held against Federal Reserve notes \$898,841 309 gold coin and bullion, \$201,018,280, gold certificates and \$325,973

OCCUPYING THREE PAGES For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Dec. 18, Monday Dec. 20, Tuesday Dec. 21, Wednesday Dec. 22, Thursday Dec. 23, Friday Dec. 24), STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, etc.), PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1, On basis of 100-share lots), PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1919).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. % Ex-rights. % Less than 100 shares. % Ex-div. and rights. % Ex-dividend. * Full paid

For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Dec. 18 to Friday Dec. 24) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock prices per share.

Table titled 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various stocks and their prices. Columns include 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par', 'PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919'.

* 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 following.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Monday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'Per share' and 'Sales for the week'.

Table listing individual stocks under the heading 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Includes stock names and their corresponding sales figures.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1' and 'PER SHARE Range for P. period Year 1919'. Shows price ranges for various stocks.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-div. g Reduced to basis of \$25 par. h Par \$100. Name changed from Ohio Cities Gas to present title July 1 1920, range incl. prices from July 1 only; range for Ohio Cities Gas Jan. 1 to July 31, 37; Mar. 20, 50 Par \$100.

New York Stock Exchange—BOND Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 2505

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week ending Dec. 24										Week ending Dec. 24									
Interest	Period	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range	Interest	Period	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range	Interest	Period	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range		
		Friday	Range or	Sold	Since			Friday	Range or	Sold	Since			Friday	Range or	Sold	Since		
		Dec. 24	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1			Dec. 24	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1			Dec. 24	Last Sale	Jan. 1	Jan. 1		
U. S. Government.																			
1st Liberty Loan	J	D	90.00	Sale	89.52	90.20	10333	89.10	100.40										
3 1/2% of 1932 1947	J	D	84.52	Sale	84.80	85.52	7	83.00	93.48										
Conv 4% of 1932 1947	J	D	85.50	Sale	84.32	85.90	1894	84.00	94.00										
2d conv 4 1/2% of 1932 1947	J	D	94.50	Sale	94.00	95.00	55	86.00	101.10										
Second Liberty Loan—																			
4% of 1927 1942	M	N	84.00	Sale	83.30	84.80	77	81.40	92.90										
Conv 4 1/2% of 1927 1942	M	N	84.50	Sale	83.00	85.04	24497	81.10	92.86										
Third Liberty Loan—																			
4 1/2% of 1928	M	S	87.20	Sale	85.60	87.40	18412	85.60	95.00										
Fourth Liberty Loan—																			
4 1/2% of 1933 1938	A	O	85.10	Sale	83.50	85.40	29603	82.00	93.00										
Victory Liberty Loan—																			
4 1/2% Notes of 1922 1923	J	D	94.94	Sale	94.84	95.50	15675	94.70	99.40										
3 1/2% Notes of 1922 1923	J	D	94.96	Sale	94.84	95.06	7914	94.64	99.40										
2s consol registered	19130	Q	J	100 1/2	Nov '20	100 1/2	101 1/4												
2s consol coupon	19130	Q	J	100 1/2	June '20	100 1/2	101 1/4												
4s registered	1925	Q	F	105	July '20	105	106 1/4												
4s coupon	1925	Q	F	106	104 1/4	104 1/4	104	106 1/4											
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s	19136	Q	F	98 1/4	Mar '19	98 1/4	99 1/2												
Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s reg	19138	Q	N	99	July '18	99	100 1/2												
Panama Canal 3s	1961	Q	M	90	79 1/4	Apr '20	79 1/2	89 1/4											
Registered	1961	Q	M	89	87 1/4	Mar '20	87 1/2	87 1/2											
Philippine Islands 4s	1914-34	Q	F	81 1/2	94	100	Feb '15												
Foreign Government.																			
Argentine Internal 5% of 1909	M	S	64 1/2	Sale	64 1/2	69 1/2	Dec '20	68	75										
Belgium 2 1/2-yr ext 1 1/4% g. 1945	J	D	95 1/2	Sale	94	97 1/2	166	94	101										
1-year 6% notes	Jan 1921				99 1/2	99 1/2	Dec '20	98 1/2	100										
5-year 6% notes	Jan 1925				85 1/2	85 1/2	89 1/4	41	85 1/2	98									
Berne (City of) 1 1/8	1945	M	N	90	91 1/2	95	21	92 1/2	99 1/4										
Bordeaux (City of) 15-yr 6s 1934	M	N	76 1/2	Sale	76 1/2	79	20	76 1/2	92 1/2										
Chinese (Hukwang Ry) 5% of 1911	J	D	39	Sale	39	40 1/2	27	39	50										
Christiania (City of) 1 1/8	1945	A	O	92	Sale	92	94 1/2	86	92										
Copenhagen 2 1/2-yr 1 1/4	1944	J	J	72	Sale	71 1/4	73	47	70 1/2	80 1/4									
Cuba—External debt 5% of 1904	M	S	77 1/2	Sale	75 1/2	76 1/2	34	75 1/2	92 1/2										
Exter debt of 5% 1914 ser A-49	F	A	77	Sale	79	79	10	76 1/2	86										
External loan 4 1/2	1949	F	A	60	61	60 1/2	2	60 1/2	76										
Dominican Rep Cons Adm 5 1/2 5s 58	F	A	71	72 1/2	72	73 1/2	26	72	87 1/2										
Dominion of Canada 4 1/2	1921	A	O	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	52	95 1/2	99										
do	1926	A	O	86 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	89	86 1/2	96										
do	1931	A	O	85 1/2	Sale	85 1/2	88	85 1/2	92 1/2										
2 1/2-yr 5 1/2% gold notes Aug 1925	F	A	88	Sale	88 1/2	88 1/2	45	83 1/2	97 1/2										
10-yr 5 1/2	1929	F	A	88	Sale	88 1/2	88 1/2	85	93 1/2										
French Republic 2 1/2-yr ext 8 1945	M	S	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/4	511	99 1/2	102 1/2										
Italy (Kingdom of) Ser A 6 1/2 1925	F	A	80	Sale	80	81 1/2	19	80	95 1/2										
Japanese Govt—£ loan 4 1/2 1925	F	A	75 1/2	Sale	75 1/2	75 1/2	105	69	82										
second series 4 1/2	1925	J	J	75 1/2	Sale	75 1/2	193	67 1/2	82										
do do "German stamp"					76	Jan '20	76	77	77										
sterling loan 4 1/2	1931	J	J	55	Sale	55	56 1/2	270	52 1/2	71									
Lyons (City of) 15-yr 6s	1934	M	N	76	Sale	76	77	6	76	92 1/2									
Marseilles (City of) 15-yr 6s 1934	M	N	76	Sale	76	79 1/2	8	76	93 1/2										
Mexico—Exter loan 4 1/2 1919	Q	J	39 1/4	Sale	37 1/2	40 1/2	144	29 1/2	50										
old debt 4s of 1904	1954	J	D	28 1/4	29 1/2	29	30	22	39 1/4										
Paris (City of) 5-year 6s	1921	A	O	91 1/2	Sale	91	92 1/2	404	88 1/2	95 1/4									
Switzerland (Govt of) 1 1/8 1940	J	J	102 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/4	99	100 1/2	104 1/2										
Tokyo City 5% loan of 1912	M	S	43	Sale	42	45	9	42	61										
U K of Gr Brit & Ireland—	1921	M	N	97 1/4	Sale	97 1/2	97 1/2	215	92 1/2	99 1/2									
5-year 5 1/2% notes	1937	F	A	83 1/2	Sale	82 1/2	83 1/2	657	81 1/4	90 1/2									
10-yr conv 5 1/2	1929	F	A	86 1/2	Sale	86	88 1/2	913	83 1/2	95 1/2									
5-year conv 5 1/2	1922	F	A	94 1/2	Sale	94 1/2	94 1/2	206	89 1/2	95 1/2									
Zurich (City of) 1 1/8	1945	A	O	94 1/2	Sale	93 1/4	95 1/2	69	93 1/4	99									
*These are prices on the basis of \$50.00																			
State and City Securities.																			
N Y City—4 1/2s Corp stock 1960	M	S	85 1/2	Sale	85 1/2	85	29	81 1/2	95 1/4										
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1964	M	S	85	Sale	87 1/4	Dec '20	84	95 1/4										
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1966	A	O	85	Sale	87 1/2	Dec '20	84	93										
4 1/2s Corporate stock July 1967	J	D	90 1/4	Sale	90 1/4	90 1/4	10	90	100 1/2										
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1965	J	D	90 1/4	Sale	90 1/4	13	89 1/2	100 1/2										
4 1/2s Corporate stock	1963	M	S	91	Sale	90 1/4	91	52	100 1/2										
4% Corporate stock	1959	M	N	81 1/2	Sale	81 1/2	14	80	90 1/2										
4% Corporate stock	1958	M	N	81 1/2	Sale	81	Dec '20	79 1/2	91										
4% Corporate stock	1957	M	N	80	Sale	81	Dec '20	82 1/2	90										
4% Corporate stock reg	1956	M	N	80	Sale	82 1/2	Dec '20	82 1/2	89										
New York City 5 1/2	1921	M	N	91	Sale	90 1/2	21	89 1/2	100 1/2										
4 1/2% Corporate stock	1957	M	N	91	Sale	90 1/2	92	89 1/2	100 1/2										
3 1/2% State stock	1954	M	N	91	Sale	90 1/2	92	89 1/2	100 1/2										
N Y State—4s	1961	M	S	91	Sale	90 1/2	92	89 1/2	100 1/2										
anal Improvement 4s	1961	J	J	89	Sale	89	90	89	90										
anal Improvement 4s	1962	J	J	89	Sale	89	90	89	90										
anal Improvement 4s	1960	J	J	89	Sale	89	90	89	90										
anal Improvement 4 1/2s 1964	J	J	101	Sale	101	Nov '20	101	108											
anal Improvement 4 1/2s 1965	J	J	101	Sale	101	Nov '20	101	108											
Elghway Improv 4 1/2s 1963	M	S	101	Sale	102	May '20	100	107 1/2											
Elghway Improv 4 1/2s 1965	M	S	101	Sale	102	May '20	100	107 1/2											
Virginia funded debt 2 1/2s 1901	J	J	64 1/2	Sale	71 1/4	Oct '20	71 1/4	71 1/4											
5s deferred Brown Bros etc					75 1/2	Dec '20	50	76 1/2											
Railroad																			
Ann Arbor 1st g 4s	1990	Q	J	49	49 1/2	50	50	1	47 1/4	58									

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and Bid/Ask/High/Low/No. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various market indicators. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and Pennsylvania Co. (Concl.)

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Dec. 24

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for bond name, interest period, price, and range. Includes sections for Virginia, Western, and Street Railway bonds.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Dec. 24

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for bond name, interest period, price, and range. Includes sections for Gas & Electric, Coal, Iron & Steel, and Telegraph & Telephone bonds.

o price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. bDue April. cDue May. dDue June. eDue July. fDue Aug. gDue Oct. hDue Nov. iDue Dec. jOption sale.

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES

Saturday Dec. 13.	Monday Dec. 20.	Tuesday Dec. 21.	Wednesday Dec. 23.	Thursday Dec. 24.	Friday Dec. 24.
121 121 1/2	121 121 1/2	120 1/4 121	121 122	*123 ---	122 123
61 61	61 61 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 60 1/2	60 61	61 61 1/2
191 20 3/8	19 20 3/8	18 1/2 18 1/2	15 1/2 19	17 17 1/2	18 19 1/4
*128	30 28 1/2	30 30	*25 30	28 28	28 28
*.10	1 1 1/2	1 1	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2
4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	3 3	*4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2
*130 135	*130 135	*130 135	---	---	130 Nov 20
65 1/2	65 1/2	68	---	---	---
35 35	35 3/8 35 1/2	34 3/8 35 1/2	34 3/8 35	32 35	33 1/2 34
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2 15 3/4	15 3/4 17 1/2	16 1/2 16 3/4
*74 78	74 78	74 78	*69 78	78 78	78 78
80	76 76	76 76	70 76	76 76	76 76
64 64	62 1/2 63	62 62 1/2	62 62 1/2	63 63	63 63
*15 18	*15	18 18	*17	*18	*18
*75	*75	*75	*75	---	---
37 1/2	37 1/2	36 37 1/2	37 40	37 39	38 38 1/2
*50	48 48	49 49	48 49	48 49	49 49
*112 2 1/2	*112 2 1/2	*1 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	2 2
*112 1 1/4	1 1/4 1 1/2	1 1/4 1 1/2	1 1/4 1 1/2	1 1/4 1 1/2	1 1/4 1 1/2
*84 9	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	7 1/2 8	7 1/2 8	8 8
97 3/4	98 1/2	96 97 3/4	94 1/2 95 3/4	94 1/2 95 3/4	95 95 1/2
72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72	72 72
*.09	*.05	.10	.10	.10	.10
*12 12 3/4	*12 12 3/4	12 12 3/4	13 13	*12 12 3/4	*12 12 3/4
17 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2 17	17 17	17 17 1/2	16 1/2 16 3/4
4 3/8	4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2	3 3/4 4	3 3/4 4
5 3/8	5 3/8	5 3/8 5 3/8	5 3/8 5 3/8	5 3/8 5 3/8	5 3/8 5 3/8
.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65
.85	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2	12 1/2 12 1/2
*3 1/2 4 1/2	*3 1/2 4 1/2	*3 1/2 4 1/2	3 1/2 4	4 1/2 4 3/4	4 1/2 4 3/4
23 1/4	23 1/4	22 3/4 23	21 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2
17 17	16 17	16 16	16 16	16 16	16 16
*70 1/2 75	*70 1/2 75	70 75	72 72	*70 1/2 75	*70 1/2 75
15 160	15 157	15 154	15 154	152 154	152 153
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
*84 9	*84 9	*84 9	9 9	9 9	9 9
34 35	35 35	34 34	34 35	34 34	34 34
21 21 1/2	20 1/2 21 1/2	20 1/2 21	20 1/2 21	21 21 1/2	21 21 1/2
7 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2 7	6 1/2 6 3/4	6 3/4 7	6 3/4 7
25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	*24 30	*24 25 1/2	*24 25 1/2
4 3/8	4 3/8	4 3/8 4 3/8	4 3/8 4 3/8	4 1/2 4 1/2	4 1/2 4 1/2
*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2
12 12	11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 12 1/2	12 12	12 12
40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2 40	40 1/2 40	40 1/2 40	40 1/2 40
79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2 79 1/2	79 1/2 79 1/2	79 1/2 79 1/2	79 1/2 79 1/2
60 60 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2	59 59 1/2
*119 12 1/2	*119 12 1/2	*119 12 1/2	*119 12 1/2	120 Dec 20	120 Dec 20
191 21	19 19 1/2	18 1/2 19 1/2	17 1/2 18 1/2	17 1/2 18 1/2	17 1/2 18 1/2
99 99	98 99	98 99	98 99	94 95	94 94 1/2
98 10 1/2	*91 10	*91 10	*91 10	91 10	10 10 1/4
*24 1/2 24 1/2	*24 1/2 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2	24 25	24 25
*48 150	*48 149	147 149	148 148 1/2	148 148	147 148
12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13	13	13
19 19	18 1/2 19	*17 1/2 19	*17 1/2 19	18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 1/2
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
100 100 3/8	100 100 3/8	98 100 1/4	98 99	100 101	100 101
55 55	55 55	50 53	52 52	*51	52 1/2 52 1/2
*21 22	*21 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2	21 1/2 21 1/2
33 1/4	32 3/4 33 1/2	32 3/4 33	32 3/4 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2
24 24	23 3/4 24	23 3/4 24	*23 24	24 24 1/2	24 24 1/2
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15
14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2
20 20	20 20	20 20	20 20	19 1/2 19 1/2	19 1/2 19 1/2
*25 25	*25 25	*25 30	*25 30	27 Dec 20	27 Dec 20
20 20	20 20	25 25	25 25	19 19	19 19

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Shares	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
617	119 Feb 17	134 Nov 3	116 Dec	145 AD
1,290	60 May 25	68 Oct 25	62 Dec	80 1/2 AD
134	76 1/2 Dec 23	89 1/2 Nov 9	85 Dec	97 Jan
3,972	13 1/2 Dec 21	40 Sept 14	28 Jan	38 1/2 July
265	28 Dec 23	49 Oct 21	40 Oct	50 Jan
33	124 Jan 28	143 Mar 15	130 Sept	168 Jan
400	100 Dec 21	250 Oct 20	100 Dec	700 Nov
500	1 Dec 13	7 Mar 8	3 1/2 Nov	11 Jan
1,170	3 Nov 18	11 Mar 5	2 1/2 Nov	30 Feb
---	130 Jan 30	132 Jan 2	132 Oct	135 Jan
35	65 1/2 Dec 17	88 Jan 2	84 Feb	90 June
---	103 3/4 Oct 19	---	99 3/4 Mar	110 June
---	72 Mar 20	---	70 Mar	78 1/2 July
2,347	32 Dec 23	75 Sept 27	69 Dec	83 Jan
2,130	15 1/2 Dec 13	37 1/2 Sept 24	25 1/4 Dec	40 1/2 July
---	78 Dec 21	85 Jan 6	88 Dec	90 1/2 Aug
70	77 July 21	89 July 7	94 Oct	115 Oct
346	62 Dec 21	88 Apr 1	71 Dec	105 Jan
10	15 Jan 20	27 1/2 Oct 5	15 Dec	23 May
---	70 June 15	89 1/2 Nov 8	82 Oct	100 Jan
1,396	36 Dec 21	45 1/2 Jan 3	38 1/2 Sept	50 AD
106	48 July 7	55 1/2 Jan 6	47 Sept	58 June
2,550	36 Dec 14	7 1/4 Mar 15	5 Dec	7 1/4 Nov
3,427	1 Feb 24	3 1/2 Nov 4	550 Jan	2 Aug
825	5 Feb 10	13 1/2 Nov 5	2 1/2 Apr	9 1/2 Aug
6,186	80 Apr 30	100 1/2 Sept 16	95 Dec	108 1/2 Nov
243	70 Nov 26	167 Apr 20	79 Feb	83 Nov
377	56 Dec 22	83 Jan 13	78 1/2 Jan	85 Dec
300	50 Dec 22	19 Jan 5	16 Dec	21 1/2 Nov
190	10 Nov 24	38 Jan 20	17 1/2 Jan	26 1/2 Dec
1,880	16 1/2 Dec 24	35 1/2 Apr 17	---	---
305	6 1/2 Dec 23	10 Apr 23	---	---
9,055	5 Dec 8	12 1/2 Apr 14	7 Dec	13 1/2 May
11,950	606 Nov 10	3 1/2 Jan 3	2 1/2 Dec	4 1/2 Nov
6,105	500 Dec 21	7 Jan 5	6 Dec	15 1/2 Mar
1,269	12 Nov 18	14 1/2 Sept 17	---	---
2,000	3 1/2 Dec 22	6 1/2 Mar 23	4 1/2 Jan	6 1/2 June
2,402	21 Dec 22	36 1/2 Jan 3	3 1/2 Dec	34 Nov
85	16 Nov 24	28 1/2 May 7	6 Jan	24 Dec
5	62 Aug 10	88 Apr 8	39 Apr	79 Dec
994	140 May 15	164 Nov 4	138 Oct	172 Jan
2,425	152 Dec 22	36 1/2 Jan 2	23 1/2 Oct	38 1/2 Nov
910	9 Dec 14	26 June 8	28 Apr	38 May
120	9 Dec 14	26 June 8	---	---
856	16 Apr 14	29 1/2 Oct 6	---	---
4,290	61 Dec 21	45 Jan 2	19 Mar	58 1/2 Oct
1,612	25 Nov 80	80 1/2 Feb 7	75 July	90 Sept
1,555	4 Dec 22	8 1/2 Apr 8	5 1/2 Dec	9 1/2 Feb
1,030	10 1/2 Nov 15	31 1/2 Apr 8	2 1/2 Nov	35 Oct
464	9 1/2 Apr 30	12 1/2 Sept 15	8 1/2 Jan	11 Jan
300	89 1/2 Dec 24	10 1/2 Jan 10	90 Jan	99 Mar
339	68 1/2 Feb 6	86 Nov 1	67 1/2 Jan	86 Jan
752	57 June 8	63 1/2 Nov 8	60 Dec	71 Jan
---	118 Nov 19	13 1/2 Jan 21	170 Jan	149 June
3,095	17 1/2 Dec 14	53 Jan 26	43 1/2 Nov	72 July
1,255	82 1/2 May 8	101 Nov 4	83 Sept	96 Mar
115	9 1/2 Dec 23	36 1/2 Jan 3	---	---
1,635	24 Nov 18	34 1/2 Mar 30	145 Feb	199 Nov
299	147 Dec 13	176 1/2 Jan 19	19 1/2 Dec	199 1/2 Dec
203	35 Dec 17	99 Jan 12	93 Jan	98 May
---	18 Apr 12	16 Jan 2	14 Jan	18 May
---	18 1/2 Dec 21	35 Jan 2	35 July	59 1/2 Oct
2,892	19 1/2 Sept 7	3 1/2 Jan 6	3 Dec	35 1/2 Dec
100	5 Nov 19	25 1/2 Apr 6	15 1/2 Dec	27 1/2 Nov
100	27 Dec 22	49 1/2 Apr 8	32 1/2 Jan	59 1/2 Oct
2,355	97 1/2 Nov 13	133 Jan 2	115 Jan	150 May
118	52 Dec 22	76 Mar 10	52 1/2 Jan	74 1/2 Nov
844	21 Nov 15	28 Apr 13	---	---
22,302	32 1/2 Dec 21	49 Jan 2	24 Jan	55 May
857	22 1/2 Sept 23	26 Feb 11	25 1/2 Oct	31 Jan
6,783	12 1/2 Feb 11	19 Mar 19	7 1/2 Jan	20 1/2 Nov
2,867	15 Dec 17	23 1/2 Apr 7	16 May	21 1/2 July
1,408	14 1/2 Dec 22	44 1/2 Jan 26	28 Aug	43 Oct
2,300	14 1/2 Dec 24	26 Feb 3	17 Mar	25 July
800	19 1/2 Dec 23	39 1/2 June 18	15 Feb	33 May
---	50 27 Dec 13	33 Jan 21	37 Jan	72 1/2 May
---	50 25 Dec 23	35 Jan 9	38 Jan	80 July
---	50 19 Dec 24	32 Sept 20	---	---
1,480	400 Aug 10	1 1/4 Feb 27	50 Apr	2 1/2 July
100	40 1/2 Dec 13	77 Jan 3	62 1/2 Mar	91 July
243	20 Dec 21	1 1/2 Jan 6	100 Apr	1 1/2 July
2,375	15 Dec 23	42 Jan 7	32 1/2 Dec	54 July
4,147	2 Aug 5	4 1/2 Apr 7	10 1/2 Feb	18 July
103	5 1/2 Dec 2	15 1/2 Jan 5	6 Nov	10 1/2 May
4,950	6 1/2 Mar 18	10 1/2 Apr 27	200 Jan	900 May
955	20 Oct 2	400 Jan 2	350 Mar	480 July
1,950	10 1/4 Nov 23	40 1/2 Jan 10	12 1/2 May	36 1/2 Dec
375	6 1/2 Dec 21	16 1/2 Jan 5	12 Mar	20 July
5,886	25 Dec 21	48 1/2 Jan 5	39 Mar	62 July
4,235	3 1/2 Dec 21	4 1/2 Mar 3	2 Mar	3 1/2 Oct
4,858	14 Dec 22	14 1/2 Jan 5	4 1/2 Feb	14 1/2 Oct
850	7 1/2 Nov 20	16 Jan 3	8 Feb	21 Aug
470	500 Aug 11	5 1/2 Apr 7	1 1/2 May	6 1/2 July
1,025	2 1/2 Dec 6	6 1/2 Mar 31	4 May	9 1/2 July
410	1 Aug 17	4 Jan 5	500 Feb	7 1/2 May
1,296	250 Nov 11	3 1/2 Jan 14	200 Mar	2 July
20	39 Feb 13	60 Sept 22	42 Apr	55 1/2 July
2,555	75 Nov 11	82 June 21	78 Apr	

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2s, 1932-47, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corporation, Atlan Coast L (Conn), etc.

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

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Atlan & Charlotte 1st 5s '44, Bait Spar P & C 4 1/2s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2s, 1932-47, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1., Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1.

z Ex-cash and stock dividend.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon.

Table with columns: Week ending Dec. 24, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1., Industrial & Miscell., Mining Stocks.

Mining (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
United Eastern Mining...1	2 1/2	2 3/4	2 1/2	4,835	2 1/2	AUG 4 1/2
U S Continental Mines...1	5 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	10,500	4 1/2	DEC 11 1/2
Victory Divide...10c	4 1/2	4c	5c	11,900	4c	JULY 29c
West End Consol'd...5	15-16	1/2	15-16	6,000	1/2	DEC 2 7-16
White Caps Exten...10c	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,000	1 1/2	DEC 3c
White Caps Mining...10c	5c	3c	6c	18,300	3c	DEC 20c
Wilbert Mining...1	1c	1c	1 1/2c	9,500	1c	DEC 12c
Yukon-Alaska Trust...r.(f)		20	20	300	20	DEC 26
Yukon Gold Co...r		1	1 1/2	2,500	1/2	JAN 1 1/2

Bonds—
 Allied Pack conv deb 6s r'39 50 1/2
 Aluminum Mfrs 7s r... 95 3/4
 Amer Light & Tr 7s r... 91 1/2
 Amer Tel & Tel 6s r... 1922 93 3/4
 1 6% notes...1924 91
 Anaconda Con Min 7s r '29 88 3/4
 6% notes Ser A...1929 80 1/2
 Anglo-Amer Oil 7 1/2 s r '29 99 1/2
 Armour & Co 7% notes r '30 94
 Bergen (City of) Norw 8s '45 94
 Beth Steel Eq 7s r...1935 93 1/2
 Brazilian L & Tr 6s... 85 1/2
 Canadian Nat Rys 7s 1933 100
 Columbia Graph Mfg 8s '25 89 1/2
 Cons Gas of N Y 8s...1921 98
 Cons Textile deb 7s 1923 92
 Denmark (King of) 8s 1945 96 1/2
 Diamond Match 7 1/2 s r '35 99 3/4
 Duquesne Light 6s...1949 88 3/4
 Empire Gas & Fuel 6s '24 80 1/2
 6s r...1926 91
 French Government 6s r... 49 1/2
 French Govt 6s r... 58
 Galena-Signal Oil 7s r 1930 93 1/2
 Goodrich (B F) Co 7s 1925 80 1/2
 Interboro R T 7s r...1921 67 1/2
 Kennecott Copper 7s r 1930 87 1/2
 Laclede Gas Light 7s r... 83
 Morris & Co 7 1/2 s r...1930 94
 National Leather 8s r... 99 3/4
 N Y N II & Hart 4s r...1922 60
 Norway, King of, 8s r '40 99 1/2
 Ohio Cities Gas 7s r...1921 99
 7s r...1922 95
 7s r...1923 90
 7s r...1924 90 1/2
 Russian Govt 6 1/2 s cts r... 12
 Seaboard Air Line 6s... 42 1/2
 Sears, Roebuck & Co 7s r'21 97 1/2
 7% ser notes r Oct 15'22 94 1/2
 7% ser notes r Oct 15'23 93 1/2
 Sinclair Con Oil 7 1/2 s r... 87
 Solway & Cie 8s r...1927 99 1/2
 Southern Ry 6% notes 1922 92
 South Bell Telep 7s...1925 91
 Stand Oil (Callf) 7s r '31 99 1/2
 Stand Oil of N Y 7s r...25 100
 7% ser gold deb...1926 100
 7% ser gold deb...1927 100
 7% ser gold deb...1928 100
 7% ser gold deb...1929 100
 7% ser gold deb...1930 100
 7% ser gold deb...1931 100
 Swedish Govt 6 1/2 s 1939 78
 Swift & Co 7s r...1925 94
 Switzerland 5 1/2 s 1929 77
 Texas Co 7% notes r...1923 96
 Union Tank Car eq 7s 1933 96 1/2
 Western Elec conv 7s r '25 97 1/2

German Government & Municipal Bonds
 (Dollars per 1,000 Marks)
 Berlin 4s r... 12 1/2
 Cologne 4s r... 14
 Dresden 4s r... 14
 Frankfurt 4s r... 14 1/2
 German Elec 4 1/2 s r... 14
 Hamburg 4s r... 13 1/2
 4 1/2 s r... 12 1/2
 Vienna 4s r... 2 1/2

Note—One hundred shares Mexican Eagle Oil reported sold last week at 15 1/2 should have been at 35 1/2.
 * Odd lots. † No par value. ‡ Listed as a prospect. † Listed on the stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. † New stock. † Unlisted. † When issued. † Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights. † Ex-stock dividend. † Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. † Correction. † Ex-150% stock dividend.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.			
Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
Alliance R'ty 70	80	Lawyers Mtge 75	80
Amer Surety 68	78	Mtge Bond 188	187
Bond & M G 190	196	Nat Surety 188	187
City Investing 57	65	N Y Title & Mortgage 110	120
Preferred 75	85		

Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Standard Oil Stocks Per share			RR. Equipments—Per Ct.			Basis.		
Par	Bid	Ask	Par	Bid	Ask	Par	Bid	Ask
Anglo American Oil new	£1	*16	16 1/2	Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2 s	7.75	6.75		
Atlantic Refining	100	87 1/2	97 1/2	Buff Roch & Pittsburgh 4 1/2 s	7.10	6.40		
Preferred	100	104 1/2	106	Equipment 4s	7.10	6.40		
Borne Borymer Co	100	390	410	Equipment 6s	7.00	6.37		
Buckeye Pipe Line Co	50	*82	84	Canadian Pacific 4 1/2 s & 6s	7.40	6.40		
Cheeseburg Mfg new	100	175	190	Carol Clinchfield & Ohio 5s	7.75	7.00		
Preferred new	100	97	104	Central of Georgia 4 1/2 s	7.50	6.75		
Continental Oil Co	50	104	108	Chesapeake & Ohio 6 1/2 s	6.80	6.40		
Crescent Pipe Line Co	50	*26	29	Equipment 5s	7.25	6.60		
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	*120	130	Chicago & Alton 4 1/2 s, 5s	8.50	7.50		
Eureka Pipe Line Co	100	80	90	Chicago & Eastern Ill 5 1/2 s	8.50	7.50		
Galena Signal Oil com	100	46	48	Chic Ind & Lously 4 1/2 s	7.50	6.75		
Preferred old	100	95	100	Chic St Louis & N O 6s	7.50	6.50		
Preferred new	100	95	100	Chicago & N W 4 1/2 s	7.10	6.35		
Illinois Pipe Line	100	154	158	Chicago R I & Pac 4 1/2 s, 5s	7.75	6.75		
Indiana Pipe Line Co	50	*83	85	Colorado & Southern 6s	8.20	7.00		
International Petrol. (no par)	*151 1/2	16		Eric 4 1/2, 5s	8.25	7.20		
National Transit Co	12.50	*22	24	Hocking Valley 4 1/2 s, 5s	7.75	7.00		
New York Transit Co	100	155	160	Illinois Central 6s	7.12	6.40		
Northern Pipe Line Co	100	90	95	Equipment 4 1/2 s	7.12	6.40		
Ohio Oil Co	25	*265	275	Equipment 7s	6.87	6.40		
Penn Mex Fuel Co	25	*35	35	Kanawha & Michigan 4 1/2 s	7.80	6.50		
Franklin Oil & Gas	100	435	450	Louisville & Nashville 5s	7.12	6.40		
Frederic Pipe Line Co	100	478	482	Michigan Central 6s, 6s	7.00	6.35		
Solar Refining	100	350	370	Min St P & S M 4 1/2 s	7.75	6.75		
Southern Pipe Line Co	100	97	100	Equipment 5s & 7s	7.37	6.50		
South Penn Oil	100	235	245	Missouri Kansas & Texas 6s	8.25	7.25		
Standard Oil (California)	100	290	295	Missouri Pacific 5s	8.25	7.25		
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	*66	68	Mobile & Ohio 4 1/2, 5s	7.75	6.75		
Standard Oil (Kansas)	100	560	600	New York Cent 4 1/2 s, 5s	7.25	6.50		
Standard Oil (Kentucky)	100	390	420	Equipment 7s	7.25	6.40		
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	100	390	410	N Y Ontario & West 4 1/2 s	8.00	7.00		
Standard Oil of New Jer	25	*149	151	Norfolk & Western 4 1/2 s	7.12	6.40		
Preferred	100	103	103 1/2	Northern Pacific 7s	7.12	6.40		
Standard Oil of New York	100	310	320	Pacific Fruit Express 7s	6.90	6.40		
Standard Oil (Ohio)	100	380	400	Pennsylvania RR 4 1/2 s	7.00	6.40		
Preferred	100	102	105	Equipment 4s	7.00	6.40		
Swan & Finch	100	25	40	Pittsb & Lake Erie 6 1/2	6.95	6.40		
Union Tank Car Co	100	100	104	Reading Co 4 1/2 s	7.00	6.40		
Vacuum Oil	100	250	290	St Louis Iron Mt & Sou 5s	8.25	7.25		
Washington Oil	10	*30	35	St Louis & San Francisco 5s	8.25	7.25		

Other Oil Stocks

Imperial Oil	25	*90	95
Magnolia Petroleum	100	*165	175
Mexican Eagle Oil	100	*32 1/2	36
Rights	100	*7 1/2	9 1/2
Midwest Refining	60	*136	138

Tobacco Stocks—Per Share.

American Cigar common	100	*78	84
Preferred	100	79	83
Amer Machine & Fry	100	170	170
American Tobacco scrip	100	93	93
British Amer Tobacco ord	£1	*12	12 1/2
Brit Amer Tobac, bearer	£1	*12 1/2	12 1/2
Conley Foll (new)	no par	10	10
Helme (Geo W) Co, no par	100	140	160
Preferred	100	88	92
Imperial Tob of G B & Ire	100	*7 1/2	8 1/2
Johnson Tin Foll & Met	100	95	110
MacAndrews & Forbes	100	100	106
Preferred	100	77	82
Porto Rican-Amer Tob	100	85	95
Scrip	100	80	90
Reynolds (R J) Tobacco	25	*80	86
B common stock	25	*30	32
Preferred	100	98	99
Tobacco Prod Corp scrip	100	87	91
Weyman-Bruton Co, com	100	150	158
Preferred	100	87	93
Young J S	100	85	93
Preferred	100	85	90

Rubber Stocks

Firestone Tire & Rub, com	10	*75	80
6% preferred	100	81	83
7% preferred	100	69	69
Gen'l Tire & Rub, com	100	500	500
Preferred	100	80	90
Goodyear Tire & R, com	100	20 1/2	22
Preferred	100	47	48
Miller Rubber	100	72	72
Mohawk Rubber	100	75	100
Portage Rubber, com	100	15	17
Preferred	100	48	48
Swinehart Tire & R, com	100	60	70
Preferred	100	60	70
Short Term Securities—Per Cent			
Am Cot Oil 6s 1924, M&S2	83	86	
Amer Tel & Tel 6s 1924, F&A	91 1/2	91 3/4	
6% notes 1922, A&O	93 1/2	93 3/4	
Am Tob 7% notes 1921, M&N	99 1/2	100	
7% notes 1922, M&N	99 1/2	100	
7% notes 1923, M&N	99 1/2	100	
Anaconda Ser Min 6s '29, J&J	80	81	
7s 1929 Series B	88	89	
Anglo Amer Oil 7 1/2 s '25 A&O	98 1/2	99 1/2	
Arm'r & Co's July 15 '30, J&J 15	93 1/2	94 1/2	
Beth St 7s July 15 '22, J&J 15	97	97 1/2	
7% notes July 15 '23, J&J 15	94	94 1/2	
Canadian Pac 6s 1924, M&S2	91 1/2	93	
Federal Suc Rfg 6s 1924, M&N	90	93	
Goodrich (B F) Co 7s '25 A&O	80	82	
Hocking Valley 7s 1924, M&S	66	69	
Interboro R T 7s 1921, M&S	66	69	
K C Term Ry 4 1/2 s 1921, J&J	91	93	
6s Nov 15 1923, M&N 15	82	84	
Laclede Gas 7s Jan 1929, F&A	60 1/2	61 1/4	
Lehigh Pow Sec 6s 1927, F&A	97	97 1/2	
Liggett & Myers Tob 6s '21, J&D 15	98 1/2	98 3/4	
Penn Co 4 1/2 s 1921, J&D 15	85	88	
Pub Ser Corp N J 7s '22, M&S	96 1/4	96 3/4	
Reyn (R J) Tob 6s '22, F&A	85	87	
Sloss Sheff S & I 6s '29, F&A	92	92 3/4	
Southern Ry 6s 1922, M&S	97 1/2	98	
Swift & Co 6s 1921, F&A 15	92 1/2	93 1/2	
7% notes Oct 15 '25 A&O 15	94 1/2	95 1/2	
Text Co 7s 1923, M&S	94 1/2	95 1/2	
U S Rubber 7 1/2 s 1930, F&A	78 1/2	80	
Utah Ser Corp 6s '22, M&S 15	96 1/2	97 1/2	
West Elec conv 7s 1925, A&O	96 1/2	97 1/2	

Public Utilities

Amer Gas & Elec com	50	*93	96
Preferred	50	*32	34
Amer L & Trac com	100	83	85
Preferred	100	70	75
Amer Power & Lt com	100	39	42
Preferred	100	58	62
Amer Public Utilities com	100	16	20
Preferred	100	18	20
Carolina Pow & Light com	100	27	31
Cities Service Co com	100	234	237
Preferred	100	62 1/2	63
Colorado Power com	100	99	111
Preferred	100	87	82
Com'w'th Pow Ry & Lt	100	9	12
Preferred	100	29	32
Elec Bond & Share pref	100	78	81
Federal Light & Traction	100	6	7
Preferred	100	44	48
Great West Pow 6s 1946, J&J	74	76	
Mississippi Riv Pow com	100	11	13
Preferred	100	53	62
First Mtge 6s 1951, J&J	74	75	
Northern Ohio Elec Corp. (f)	100	15	28
Preferred	100	15	20
North States Pow com	100	75	80
Preferred	100	75	78
North Texas Elec Co com	100	68	72
Preferred	100	64	68
Pacific Gas & Elec 1st pref	100	77	79
Puget Sd Pow & Light	100	15 1/2	17 1/2
Preferred	100	50	54
Republic Ry & Light	100	5	

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.

ROADS.		Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.		ROADS.		Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.			Previous Year.	Week or Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Alabama & Vicksb.	October	\$ 332,685	\$ 247,273	\$ 2,869,816	\$ 2,287,577	Mo K & T Ry of Tex	September	\$ 2,725,980	\$ 2,429,787	\$ 20,620,665	\$ 18,117,970
Ann Arbor	2d wk Dec	128,031	109,631	4,998,979	4,273,672	Mo & North Arkan.	October	220,006	162,936	1,708,546	1,308,023
Atch Topeka & S Fe	October	2,061,086	1,825,518	17,655,299	14,822,598	Missouri Pacific	October	117,985	9,398,504	95,660,483	76,882,429
Gulf Colo & S Fe	October	2,968,629	2,349,412	21,927,617	17,226,312	Monongahela	October	545,893	368,731	3,460,398	2,959,546
Panhandle S Fe	October	1,414,358	701,129	7,624,251	5,121,281	Monongahela Conn.	October	272,967	198,814	2,603,617	1,515,524
Atlanta Birm & Atl.	October	527,620	455,211	4,816,548	4,156,670	Montour	October	224,291	165,111	1,308,530	1,135,514
Atlanta & West P't.	October	243,216	254,615	2,523,843	2,256,484	Nashv Chn & St L	October	2,307,002	1,858,040	17,415,596	16,284,729
Atlantic City	October	6,399,516	5,539,216	57,866,284	51,815,734	Nevada Northern	October	78,867	158,679	1,430,475	1,264,313
Atlantic Coast Line	October	6,399,516	5,539,216	57,866,284	51,815,734	Nevada-Cal-Oregon	1st wk Dec	8,946	6,285	381,650	330,111
Baltimore & Ohio	October	2,501,539	1,891,768	18,758,266	15,127,692	Newburgh & Sou Sh	October	211,148	19,435	1,469,560	1,067,249
B & O Ch Term	October	281,168	239,443	1,814,512	1,658,242	New Or Great Nor.	October	266,218	191,846	2,233,281	1,914,446
Bangor & Arrostook	October	671,776	482,540	5,450,151	4,204,215	N O Texas & Mex.	October	332,247	229,789	2,401,380	1,660,897
Bellefonte Central	October	13,559	10,499	100,120	85,255	Beaum S L & W	October	234,092	134,376	1,818,769	1,103,000
Belt Ry of Chicago	October	556,647	389,627	3,739,607	3,111,865	St L Browns & M	October	746,439	537,216	6,287,055	4,506,214
Bessemer & L Erie	October	2,156,030	1,244,327	12,660,178	11,226,250	New York Central	October	382,192	290,871	3,022,448	2,582,612
Bingham & Garfield	October	39,232	163,777	1,333,766	1,010,966	Ind Harbor Belt	October	1,126,767	644,338	7,480,658	5,447,281
Birmingham South.	October	63,098	47,672	520,878	480,310	Lake Erie & West	October	1,134,863	995,284	9,612,857	8,111,224
Boston & Maine	October	8,713,545	7,224,195	71,722,728	59,675,321	Michigan Central	October	9,106,911	7,819,647	72,691,226	64,737,873
Brooklyn E D Term	October	130,539	98,363	969,659	854,158	Clev C C & St L	October	8,989,923	7,468,981	73,440,786	60,561,108
Buff Roch & Pittsb.	2d wk Dec	483,126	312,847	22,059,641	14,441,280	Cincinnati North.	October	447,097	308,544	2,044,449	1,425,489
Buffalo & Susq.	October	335,927	245,034	2,615,210	1,941,829	Toledo & Lake Erie	October	4,655,112	2,286,073	27,630,835	23,504,509
Canadian Nat Rys.	2d wk Dec	2,550,249	1,988,684	19,413,717	18,353,367	Titus & Ohio Cent	October	1,547,746	1,018,873	10,591,491	7,869,533
Canadian Pacific	2d wk Dec	5,179,000	3,935,000	19,587,000	15,780,000	Kanawha & Mich	October	577,427	477,400	4,325,116	3,681,966
Can Pac Lines in Me	October	220,570	176,490	2,312,338	2,189,933	N Y Chic & St Louis	October	2,492,529	1,957,582	22,979,249	19,665,066
Caro Clinch & Ohio	October	789,394	571,717	6,124,904	5,188,798	N Y N H & Hartf.	October	12,607,604	10,346,762	103,017,731	87,075,144
Central of Georgia	October	2,246,462	1,952,520	21,135,712	17,690,512	N Y Ont & West.	October	1,145,641	893,950	10,589,315	9,285,770
Central RR of N J.	October	5,650,965	4,077,471	41,836,692	36,973,106	N Y Susq & West.	October	490,830	360,022	3,741,635	3,200,886
Cent New England	October	900,117	765,560	6,025,184	5,617,335	Norfolk Southern	October	699,721	666,483	6,544,356	5,353,564
Central Vermont	October	725,475	559,887	5,913,471	4,827,338	Norfolk & Western	October	9,336,496	7,459,599	69,019,932	63,482,642
Charleston & W Car	October	300,328	296,008	2,869,512	2,507,730	Northern Pacific	October	12,032,973	10,703,040	91,649,489	83,246,512
Ches & Ohio Lines	October	1,007,590	6,771,577	73,044,113	60,445,039	Minn & Internat.	October	109,465	83,190	1,060,376	883,061
Chicago & Alton	October	3,112,400	2,429,236	24,675,201	21,120,699	Northwestern Pac	October	802,853	673,861	6,722,210	5,463,239
Chic Burl & Quincy	October	189,913	162,816	1,516,682	1,284,559	Oahu Ry & Land Co	October	182,466	109,577	1,802,835	1,401,913
Chicago & East Ill.	October	3,198,029	2,583,423	24,893,896	20,942,490	Pacific Coast	October	553,404	628,089	5,000,000	4,217,998
Chicago Great West	October	2,407,005	2,246,305	19,779,308	18,354,866	Pennsylv RR & Co.	October	603,431	471,284	4,561,557	4,124,731
Chic Ind & Louisv.	October	1,643,681	1,295,341	13,150,147	10,274,609	Balt Ches & Ad.	October	1,067,010	743,734	7,388,746	1,360,231
Chicago Junction	October	387,193	358,786	2,852,222	2,056,317	Chgo Leb & Nor.	October	144,976	141,699	1,044,027	951,777
Chic Milw & St Paul	October	17,499,474	14,788,636	138,776,613	125,660,892	Grand Rap & Ind	October	981,489	812,170	7,881,007	6,834,111
Chic & North West	October	17,739,415	14,252,588	136,952,506	116,365,240	Long Island	October	2,325,876	1,854,252	21,805,205	20,902,802
Chic Peoria & St L	October	286,947	231,919	2,273,328	1,453,415	Mary Del & Va.	October	128,533	122,034	1,115,849	1,146,273
Chic R I & Pacific	October	131,948	113,255	1,162,026	917,748	N Y Phila & Norf	October	741,306	735,792	6,693,888	6,834,622
Chic R I & Gulf.	October	683,752	572,534	5,482,458	4,042,612	Tol Peor & West.	October	200,374	169,326	1,677,039	1,372,806
Chic St P M & Om.	October	3,184,708	2,818,819	26,282,971	22,682,130	W Jersey & Seash	October	1,349,427	900,029	11,985,623	10,397,484
Chic Terre H & S E.	October	716,932	532,395	4,447,536	3,600,532	Pitts C O & St L	October	11,636,306	8,930,380	87,111,428	77,920,045
Chic Ind & Western	October	417,486	307,126	3,699,177	2,563,301	Peoria & Pekin Un.	October	158,263	151,131	1,298,562	1,018,199
Colo & Southern	2d wk Dec	641,552	514,949	29,593,213	24,315,302	Pere Marquette	October	4,332,742	3,539,290	33,888,564	28,966,321
Ft W & Den City	October	1,330,621	1,059,220	10,542,919	9,089,144	Perkions	October	121,430	99,137	1,026,769	913,020
Trin & Brazos Val	October	303,671	146,812	1,690,147	1,105,615	Phila Beth & N E	October	138,581	76,336	1,116,762	689,183
Wichita Valley	October	172,192	159,748	1,420,013	910,952	Phila & Reading	October	10,583,807	7,277,574	74,366,871	61,042,066
Colo & Wyoming	October	107,619	97,687	814,618	545,860	Pittsb & Shawmut	October	207,723	132,424	1,443,997	994,737
Copper Range	October	116,710	97,687	814,618	545,860	Pittsb Shaw & Nortl	October	180,948	138,999	1,284,765	973,211
Cuba Railroad	September	1,194,593	1,094,970	9,257,083	8,588,647	Port Reading	October	207,774	194,995	1,541,283	2,097,422
Camagney & Nuev	September	140,629	145,127	2,326,084	2,072,289	Quincy Om & K C	October	141,137	103,438	1,114,223	915,994
Delaware & Hudson	October	4,219,250	3,354,154	35,734,658	28,997,866	Rich Fred & Potom.	October	914,261	969,543	9,201,084	10,429,724
Del Lack & Western	October	8,836,825	6,401,622	64,840,646	59,376,607	Rutland	October	607,246	445,546	4,087,334	3,974,858
Deny & Rio Grande	October	4,055,959	3,477,549	32,090,329	27,020,629	St Jos & Grand Isl'd	October	425,231	280,368	2,849,594	2,451,135
Denver & Salt Lake	October	349,649	292,153	2,371,081	2,396,751	St Louis-San Fran	October	9,412,726	7,662,183	76,911,535	64,363,484
Detroit & Mackinac	October	247,274	196,524	1,723,348	1,380,352	Ft W & Rio Gran	October	2,033,979	1,875,795	16,065,552	13,211,553
Detroit Tol & Inrot.	October	598,053	430,830	4,230,907	3,149,024	St L-S F of Texas	October	187,914	138,792	1,443,928	1,265,353
Dul & Tol Shore L.	October	214,027	225,198	1,589,484	2,044,421	St Louis Southwest	October	995,426	663,972	7,590,818	5,457,185
Dul & Iron Range	October	1,414,918	603,653	10,065,045	7,397,717	Total system	2d wk Dec	669,154	549,997	30,975,051	21,007,926
Dul Missabe & Nor.	October	2,819,900	2,229,239	17,813,621	18,698,783	St Louis Transfer	October	133,595	116,191	1,443,928	1,265,353
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	2d wk Dec	104,274	76,784	5,561,650	4,502,705	San Ant & Aran Pass	October	437,229	329,229	3,625,555	3,649,245
Duluth Winn & Pac	October	269,609	176,270	2,033,012	1,588,330	Seaboard Air Line	October	135,606	71,283	1,281,385	909,946
East St Louis Conn.	October	157,832	109,587	1,202,569	1,009,936	Seaboard & West Va	October	4,334,067	3,657,284	40,428,691	33,956,286
Elgin Joliet & East.	October	2,809,343	1,151,891	20,279,448	16,128,994	Southern Pacific	October	171,644	51,446	1,452,196	882,067
El Paso & Sou West	October	1,399,749	1,165,060	11,949,886	10,460,981	Atlantic S S L nes	October	20,860,067	17,567,996	166,040,434	139,322,831
Eric Railroad	October	11,570,587	8,751,988	87,664,934	76,050,004	Arizona Eastern	October	1,094,742	964,766	5,303,766	8,520,726
Chicago & Erie	October	1,499,825	1,029,260	10,490,993	8,827,415	Galv Harris & S A	October	370,704	362,119	3,369,652	3,077,953
N J & N Y RR.	October	133,253	102,969	1,102,335	937,212	Hous & Tex Cent.	October	1,373,453	1,023,432	9,620,229	7,584,751
Florida East Coast	October	1,078,116	812,119	10,959,368	8,260,140	Hous E & W Tex.	October	336,012	219,268	2,453,495	1,943,634
Fonda Johns & Glov	October	123,049	102,589	1,192,659	1,042,374	Louisiana West'n	October	508,203	408,315	4,378,567	3,396,485
Ft Smith & Western	October	252,573	209,552	1,600,972	1,340,391	Morg La & Texas	October	59,389	67,957	8,475,710	6,383,878
Galveston Wharf	October	256,604	101,989	1,484,109	726,766	Texas & New Or.	October	985,936	751,761	8,104,727	6,646,996
Georgia Railroad	October										

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of December. The table covers 20 roads and shows 26.40% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Second week of December.				
	1920.	1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ann Arbor	\$ 128,031	\$ 109,631	\$ 18,400	
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	483,126	312,847	170,279	
Canadian National Rys	2,550,249	1,898,694	651,555	
Canadian Pacific	5,179,000	3,935,000	1,244,000	
Colorado & Southern	641,552	514,949	126,603	
Duluth South Shore & Atl	104,274	76,784	27,490	
Grand Trunk of Canada				
Grand Trunk Western	2,441,248	1,832,822	608,426	
Detroit Gr Hav & Milw				
Canada Atlantic				
Mineral Range	10,395	13,565		3,170
Minneapolis & St Louis	444,361	272,174	172,187	
Iowa Central				
Nevada-California-Oregon	9,340	6,285	3,052	
St Louis Southwestern	669,134	549,997	119,137	
Southern Railway	3,872,800	3,525,264	347,536	
Mobile & Ohio	357,013	298,680	58,333	
Tennessee Alabama & Georgia	2,248	4,150		1,902
Texas & Pacific	908,320	810,357	97,963	
Western Maryland	471,021	\$293,810	177,211	
Total (20 roads)	18,272,112	14,455,009	3,822,175	5,072
Net increase (26.40%)			3,817,103	

* Comparison with 1917, not 1919.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week.

		Gross from Railway.		Net from Railway.		Net after Taxes.		Net after Equip Rents.	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
* Chicago Great Western	Oct '20	2,407,005	150,864	68,979	55,935				
	'19	2,246,305	477,746	423,739	337,222				
	10 mos	19,779,308df1	2,571,167df1	970,254df2	714,287				
	'19	18,354,866	2,630,745	2,061,884	1,313,735				
Oahu Ry & Land Co	Oct '20	182,466	78,258	64,055	64,055				
	'19	109,577	25,559	15,559	15,559				
	10 mos	1,802,835	761,882	622,043	622,043				
	'19	1,401,913	560,899	460,899	460,899				
South Buffalo	Nov '20	171,644	34,221	30,472	17,154				
	'19	51,446	def5,524	def9,190	def19,164				
	11 mos	1,452,196	168,061	124,811	def35,160				
	'19	882,267	105,181	64,848	13,467				
Southern Pacific	Nov '20	26,654,805	4,710,947	3,509,657	2,857,878				
	'19	19,958,735	6,271,825	5,472,895	5,066,501				
	11 mos	257,262,459	35,504,084	21,430,622	17,848,782				
	'19	217,431,782	47,010,362	36,180,374	36,782,431				
Union Pacific	Nov '20	19,547,152	5,061,213	4,398,301	3,966,987				
Total System	'19	15,720,959	4,683,589	3,781,566	3,589,096				
	11 mos	192,654,419	49,996,648	38,491,975	38,067,859				
	'19	163,516,422	52,383,444	44,242,782	42,374,761				

* Revised figures.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Adirondack El PowCo	September	\$ 435,405	\$ 332,583	\$	\$
Alabama Power Co	October	394,420	275,142	3,398,719	2,363,801
Atlantic Shore Ry	July	29,161	21,891	119,582	93,030
Bangor Ry & Electric	October	114,824	98,274	1,013,652	879,608
Barcelona Trac,L&P	October	2795,106	2215,217	21,344,299	16,092,969
Baton Rouge Elec Co	October	39,069	33,257	380,528	298,668
Beaver Valley TracCo	October	63,077	52,026	595,869	500,465
Binghamton Lt, H & P	October	77,002	46,959		
Brazillone V G & El	October	294,174	257,733	2,686,636	2,236,706
Brazilian Trac, L & P	October	1342,000	9980,000	10,107,000	93,539,000
Bklyn City RR	June	929,385		5,135,865	
Bklyn Heights RR	June	7,571	832,184	14,467	4,614,845
Coney Isld & Bklyn	June	239,544	204,937	1,196,530	968,173
Coney Isld & Grave	June	15,611	14,834	44,408	37,271
Nassau Electric	June	571,858	505,128	3,121,347	2,660,462
South Brooklyn	June	85,005	83,374	432,318	382,474
New York Consol	June	1763,610	1464,144	10,461,584	7,008,850
Bklyn Qu Co & Sub	June	165,114	137,402	912,349	729,943
Cape Breton Elec Co	October	63,255	50,591	520,223	477,084
Cent Miss V El Prop	October	42,764	37,261	402,399	341,776
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	October	115,747	93,714	1,093,583	823,346
Cities Service Co	November	1942,230	1613,081	22,871,546	18,219,928
Citizens Traction Co	September	82,421	62,642		
Cleveland & East	October	65,269	56,770	673,880	577,993
Colorado Power Co	November	1355,202	118,743	13,156,217	10,644,345
Columbia Gas & Elec	November	128,819	128,697	1,298,028	1,070,067
Columbus (Ga) El Co	October	2767,988	246,264	28,303,030	23,375,832
Com w'th P, Ry & Lt	November	137,558	112,770	1,215,381	1,025,126
Connecticut Power Co	November	1301,770	1121,459	12,856,135	10,283,263
Consum Pow (Mich)	October	266,639	241,017	2,566,872	2,367,147
Cumb Co (Me) P & L	October	325,091	259,176	2,974,517	3,202,455
Dayton Pow & Light	November	2176,859	1615,615	19,660,624	14,746,417
Detroit Edison	October	154,513	163,844	1,598,985	1,598,771
Duluth-Superior Trac	October				
Duquesne LtCosubsid	October	1352,188	971,527	12,200,527	9,684,754
Light & power cons	October	427,476	330,532	3,509,003	2,614,775
East St Louis & Sub	September	34,978	25,366		
East Sh G & E Subsid	July	151,891	129,238	1,813,470	1,436,848
Eastern Penn Ry Co	October	109,344	99,391	1,327,857	1,137,881
Edison El of Brockton	October	31,003	27,578	1,083,410	882,129
Elc Light & Pow Co	October	171,151	141,605	1,554,571	1,272,479
El Paso Electric Co	June	123,916	107,025	457,893	460,677
Equitable Coke Co	September	108,544	62,137		
Erie Lig Co & Subsid	October	89,766	75,399	730,674	623,454
Fall River Gas Works	June	347,735	297,350	2,258,288	1,912,108
Federal Light & Trac	July	242,370	104,719	1,254,242	712,085
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	October	353,234	254,514	3,132,336	2,556,893
Galv-Hous Elec Co	October	1048,019	834,083		
General Gas & El Co	June	828,144	691,751	1,589,326	1,329,461
Georgia L, P & Ry	June	179,549	131,650	951,118	661,194
Great Nor Pow Co	June	766,428	581,781	5,874,325	4,873,160
Harrisburg Railways	June	146,244	128,694	861,948	775,573
Havana El Ry, L & P	October	1017,031	87,621	9,329,356	7,596,468
Haverhill Gas Lt Co	October	42,024	38,271	370,445	310,352
Honolulu R T & Land	October	74,069	63,504	683,992	623,770
Houghton Co Elec Lt	October	23,282	21,813	264,194	243,579
Houghton Co Trac Co	October	1863,982	1602,692	16,909,154	14,095,468
Hudson & Manhattan	June	671,237	481,397	3,131,010	3,014,543
Hunt'g'n Dev & Gas	October	118,990	88,052		
d Illinois Traction	October	53,179	39,855	388,912	322,505
Interboro Rap Tran	June	4733,162	4280,838	44,453,920	38,499,354
Total system	July	233,289	181,116	1,904,527	1,510,300
Kansas Gas & Elec Co	October	31,057	27,052	293,492	256,874
Keokuk Electric Co	November	144,404	139,634	1,588,606	1,490,515

Name of Road or Company.	Latest Gross Earnings.			Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
	Month.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Key West Electric Co	October	\$ 2,484	\$ 19,650	\$ 181,823	\$ 186,429
Lake Shore Elec Ry	September	298,950	232,645	2,650,788	1,940,763
Long Island Electric	June	34,223	26,360	148,892	113,180
Louisville Railway	June	37,813	36,565	2,039,798	2,014,693
Lowell Electric Corp	October	102,704	84,545	1,27,516	798,924
Manhattan & Queens	June	24,277	23,883	127,536	129,523
Manhat Bdge 3c Line	June	22,763	13,095	132,244	77,248
Metropol'n Edison Co	October	273,474	206,666		
eMilw El Ry & Lt Co	October	1690,571	1295,458	15,484,441	11,937,647
Miss River Power Co	October	237,865	211,194	2,240,665	1,902,752
Nashville Ry & Light	October	314,598	289,205		
Nebraska Power Co	July	221,549	174,154		
Nevada-Calif El Corp	October	265,888	189,261	2,643,440	2,180,008
New England Power	October	533,506	401,609	4,939,446	3,324,032
New Jersey Pow & Lt	October	43,275	33,326		
Newp N&H Ry,G&E	November	230,151	205,670	2,534,758	2,510,793
New York Dock Co	October	529,665	419,391	4,816,144	4,285,237
N Y & Long Island	June	49,229	52,408	236,519	189,151
N Y & North Shore	June	12,767	12,442	21,120	45,752
N Y & Queens County	June	106,709	101,105	551,304	520,656
n N Y Railways	June	677,418		3,888,190	
n Eighth Avenue	June	96,099	1,067,557	460,684	7,264,767
n Ninth Avenue	June	38,400		165,952	
Nor Caro Pub Ser Co	August	87,967	67,171	1,025,099	837,858
Northern Ohio Elec	October	899,926	796,765	9,308,961	7,528,102
North Texas Electric	October	370,034	331,137	3,276,895	2,758,069
Northw Ohio Ry & P Co	October	43,254	34,955		
Ocean Electric (L D)	June	29,308	26,182	90,169	72,767
Pacific Gas & Elec Co	October	2947,200	2187,326	28,193,764	21,175,342
Pacific Power & Light	July	214,862	185,911		
Penn Cent Lt&P&Sub	September	186,806	144,808		
Pennsylv Util System	October	217,471	169,204		
Philadelphia Co and Subsid Nat Gas Cos	October	1062,727	731,806	12,048,576	9,839,768
Philadelphia Oil Co	October	143,052	123,925	1,470,076	1,025,246
Phila & Western	November	67,651	63,464	733,203	673,437
Phila Rap Transit Co	November	3726,376	305,953	34,917,706	32,216,937
Portland Gas & Coke	July	200,473	166,994	1,234,011	1,214,525
Porto Rico Railways	October	123,917	95,171	1,151,240	935,477
Put (Ore) Ry & L&P Co	October	862,267	725,635	7,794,072	7,101,729
Puting Sd Pow & LtCo	October	881,636	772,894	8,137,792	
RuedenTrans&Lt Sys	October	254,716	224,473		
Republic Ry & Lt Co	October	730,761	497,446		
Richmond Lt & RR	June	61,092	50,		

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other financial reports of steam roads, street railways and other companies published since Nov. 27.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Full-face figures indicate reports published at length.

Table with columns: Steam Roads—, Electric Railways—, Industrial Companies—, and various company names with page numbers.

Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR. Co.

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

The receivers Bluford Wilson and William Cotter report substantially as follows:

OPERATING INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table showing Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Miscellaneous) and Operating Expenses (Maintenance, Equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General, etc.) for 1919, 1918, and 1917.

Net income or loss... loss \$31,886 loss \$28,861 Inc. 73,243

RECEIVERS' INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table showing U. S. Government compensation accrued, Operating expenses, general, Non-operating items, Gross income, Deduct—Rent, &c., Interest accrued on Prior Lien Mortgage bonds, Interest on equipment trust notes, Interest on unfunded debt, Revenue and expense prior to Jan. 1 1918 (balance).

Net income transferred to profit & loss account... def. \$33,060

RECEIVERS' GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table showing Assets (Inv. in road, &c., Current assets, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debits, C. P. & St. L. RR.) and Liabilities (Current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Unadjusted credits, Profit and loss).

CHICAGO PEORIA & ST. LOUIS RR. CO. BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table showing Assets (Inv. in road & equip, Inv. in affil. cos., Working fund adv., Unadjusted debits, Profit & loss, bal.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Fund. debt unmat., Acc'ts & wages pay, Int. mat'd unpaid, Fund'd debt matured unpaid, Unmat'd int. acc., Unadjusted credits).

Total \$10,414,700 \$10,332,226 - V. 110, p. 561.

Kansas City Railways.

Operating all lines of Street Railway in Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kan., Independence, Mo., Rosedale, Kan., & Jackson Co., Mo. (Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30.)

President Philip J. Kealy (who has resigned but will, it is stated, aid the receivers in an advisory capacity), writing Oct. 20 says in substance:

Results for Year 1919-20.—A total of 122,319,221 revenue passengers was carried, an increase of 13,045,905, or 12% the previous year, in spite of increases in fare. Passenger revenue was \$8,634,500 an increase of \$2,283,337 or 35.9%.

The nation-wide coal strike which began Nov. 23 1919, and a recurrence of the flu epidemic, affected passenger receipts up to Mar. 1. The loss in revenue alone exceeded \$150,000. The coal strike also greatly increased operating expenses due to the necessity of burning poor quality coal and paying open market prices for such as could be obtained as well as exceedingly expensive fuel oil. However service was kept at the maximum allowed by the local coal committee.

As a result of the increase in passengers carried and the increased fares and in spite of greatly increased operating costs due to labor and fuel increases, an operating deficit of \$505,316 for the fiscal year 1919 has been changed to an operating income of \$391,837 for the present year.

A gradual increase in business is noted since the first rate increase effective July 16 1918, although there has been no letup in jitney competition, which is costing us about \$3,000 a day in revenue. The promise of continued increase in business is further reflected in the following:

Table: Number of Revenue Passengers Carried Since June 30 1920. Columns: July, August, September, Tot. 3 Mos., Increase. Rows: 1920, 1919.

At this rate the year ending June 30 1921, will show a total of 130,116,889 revenue passengers. With the present rate of fare this will result in increased revenue of \$578,649.

Avg. Maximum Car Service (at present Equal to the Highest Point in 1917).

Table: Average maximum cars per day, Average maximum cars per day excluding Sundays and holidays, Average per day excluding Sundays and holidays for last 6 mos. of each year.

Fares.—Under orders of the Mo. P. S. Commission, the fare was increased as follows: (a) Aug. 20 1919—from 6c. to 7c.; (b) Dec. 14 1919—from 7c. to 8c. cash fare, 2 tickets for 15 cents, and 5 tickets for 35 cents.

In Kansas the rate was increased on Jan. 4 1920, from 6 cents to corresponding rates then in effect in Missouri.

The last increase has resulted in an average fare of 7.42 cents per passenger and would have met all operating and fixed charges in March, April and May of this year had labor and coal costs remained on the same basis as of August 1919. The deficit for the three months mentioned was exactly the amount of the increase in fuel and labor.

Increase in Wages.—The upward trend of expenses continued, in aggravated form. Three wage increases were necessary, effective July 1 1919, Oct. 16 1919, and June 1 1920, the effect for June being as follows: June 1920 payroll, \$496,510; June 1919, \$388,228 increase \$108,282 or 27.9%.

The above increases were approximately 35% over the wage scale existing prior to July 1 1919, but reduction in forces to some extent reduced this percentage increase.

Other Expenses.—The cost of coal advanced from \$3 65 per ton in June 1919, to \$4 55 in June 1920; fuel oil from \$1 84 a bbl. to \$4 08 per bbl. As a result of the above increased cost of labor and fuel, operating expenses for the year have increased over year ending June 30 1919, \$1,437,733.

Amount of Gross Revenue Expended in Maintenance, Repairs, Renewal and Depreciation.

Table: Amt. expended, % of Gross rev. for 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916.

The unusually large amount expended for maintenance, and upkeep in the past year was to a great extent due to the strike. The equipment, owing to inexperienced trainmen and the deprivations of the strikers, was in extremely poor condition prior to June 1919. Since then the complete overhauling or rebuilding of more than 600 cars, has put it in better condition than at any time in the past four years. Equipment maintenance costs should, therefore, be materially reduced in the coming year.

Outlook.—The labor situation is the best known in the history of the property. The average age is 36 for a well trained, highly efficient organization. The employees Brotherhood, which in December 1918, had 180 members, now has over 2,000, comprising practically 90% of the transportation forces. The shop committee system is a model of its kind; all grievances are adjusted promptly and harmoniously. Against 4,200 employees in June 1919, the company to-day has approximately 3,800, and further reductions are being made in every department, as the efficiency of the men increases.

The future of the property, evidenced by the results of July and August and the increasing passenger revenue, is bright, despite the seeming present handicaps. A reouting plan for the entire system is now in the hands of the city authorities; it should save approximately \$625,000 a year in oper. costs. Negotiations have for the past six months been carried on with the Kansas City Power & Light Co. [See news item below] for securing our power requirements from its modern Northeast station recently completed. This transaction also involves the sale of our power generating and transmission facilities to the Light Company. The consummation of these negotiations will result in the saving of at least \$400,000 in operating expenses and a material reduction in fixed charges.

Receipts are steadily growing. At the present rate the net earnings for the year ending June 30 1921, without further changes and at the present fare, should be at least \$1,250,000 while with the aforesaid economies the return should be much larger.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table: Revenue from transportation, Revenue from power, Other income for 1919-20, 1918-19, 1917-18, 1916-17.

Gross earnings, Operating Expenses, &c.—

Table: Gross earnings, Maint. of way & structures, do equipment, do plant & buildings, Power—operating, Conducting transportation, Traffic, Board of control, Injuries and damages, do do prior July '14 (net), General & miscellaneous, Taxes, Auxiliary oper.—power, Joint net oper. deficit.

Net operating income... \$387,126 def \$522,727 \$1,130,883 \$1,991,189

Miscell. income—company... 4,710 17,411 17,352 18,815

Company's share of income Company's income—

Net inc. fr. Missouri properties \$459,589 def \$324,238 \$1,003,140 \$1,687,455

Net inc. fr. Kansas properties def \$2,462 def \$198,489 127,743 303,735

Miscellaneous income... 4,710 17,411 17,352 18,815

\$391,837 def \$505,317 \$1,148,234 \$2,010,005

Deductions from Company's Income—

Bond and note interest... \$1,863,822 \$1,709,547 \$1,482,648 \$1,442,568

Bond disc. & expenses... 155,479 161,547 33,314 1,524

Miscellaneous expenses... 13,998 14,705 71,290 46,418

Net income... df \$1,641,463 df \$2,391,115 df \$439,019 \$519,494

"The net income as reflected in the Income Account is after charging off all expenses of operation, maintenance, repairs, renewals and depreciation, and for personal injury and damage claims, as provided in Section 28 of the Franchise Ordinance."

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Electric Railway—	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Revenue passengers—	122,319,221	109,273,316	131,401,497	137,394,143
Transfer passengers—	57,810,704	51,815,940	65,848,171	69,516,515
Passenger car miles—	24,489,084	21,174,642	23,598,155	26,527,687
Per. pass. per car mile—	4.99	5.16	5.58	5.18
Pass. earns. per car (cts.)—	35.26	29.99	27.78	25.78
Miles of track oper—	295	295	294	286
Streets, &c occupied miles	159	158	158	156
do Earnings per mile	\$54,260	\$40,043	\$41,427	\$43,667
Population terr. served (estimated)	475,000	450,000	430,000	420,000
Population per mi. of track	1,607	1,525	1,460	1,465
Power Statistics—				
K. W. H. generated—	210,226,710	202,264,946	223,698,280	240,265,649
Cost per K. W. H. (mills)—	12.58	13.26	10.52	5.86
K. W. H. of power sold—	100,567,100	102,782,783	108,219,491	110,022,511
Total cost of fuel—	\$1,966,763	\$1,904,164	\$1,741,317	\$1,135,913

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Road & equip:			Capital stock—	\$100,000	\$100,000
Missouri prop.—	\$30,132,735	\$29,766,866	Stkholders' equity	6,295,276	6,290,426
do surplus in-			1st M. 5% gold bds	5,917,400	15,917,400
come invested	98,589	98,589	2d M. 6% Ser. A.	4,290,400	3,939,300
Kansas property	6,121,646	5,651,597	do 5% bds. Ser. B	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	\$36,352,971	\$35,517,053	2-yr. Coll. 6% notes, Ser. A.	1,000,000	1,000,000
2d M. sink fund.	425	224	3-yr. Coll. 7% notes, Ser. A.	7,750,000	7,750,000
Accr. int. on securities	10,533	10,533	Car Trust notes.	354,766	354,766
Fd bonds—	366,400	x	5% & 6% r. est.	25,250	27,750
Other inv. & adv.	170,238	164,649	6% damage, &c.		
Cash	258,742	112,818	Certificates.	126,534	141,914
Special deposits.	41,190	41,660	Notes payable—	2,230,815	1,552,698
Loans and accts receivable	306,167	406,347	Accrued interest	1,049,380	1,123,953
Materials & sup.	844,679	818,148	Matured debt—	1,200	1,200
Insur. fund, cash	7,059	6,851	Dividends pay.	30,000	30,000
Unad. debits—			Wyand. bridges.	y423,249	
Ins. in advance	24,754		Due on viaducts	200,384	
Disc. & exp.	213,014	368,493	Employees' depos	10,265	6,675
Suspense	43,223	5,594	Tax liability	719,030	260,019
Due on equip.	354,766		Reserve for damages '14-20.	2,231,071	
Co.'s propor. of cost to date on viaducts—	200,384		Other reserves	74,771	86,238
Totals—	\$39,184,014	\$37,452,371	Unred. car tickets	3,153	17,173
x \$351,100 2d M. sinking fund bonds held, but not shown.			Suspense	1,787	94,512
y Amount due; payable in monthly installments.—V. 111, p. 2324.			Kansas City, Mo. surplus income	98,589	98,589
			Corporate surplus:		
			Sink fund 2d M. bds.		414,298
			Profit & loss—	def6,631,996	def3,111,788

The Cuban-American Sugar Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30 1920.)

The report will be found at length on a subsequent page, including the remarks of President R. B. Hawley, the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated profit and loss account

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Total bags—	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Total in tons—	1,600,797	1,965,641	1,724,750	1,863,802
Cardenas Ref. (1,000lbs.)	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Gramercy Ref. (1,000lbs.)	206,450	143,590	151,026	145,321

CONSOL. INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Sugar sales—	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Molasses sales—	\$90,413,179	\$49,324,349	\$38,251,539	\$38,653,479
Interest received—	1,028,105	342,475	650,353	714,304
Profit on stores, &c.—	426,982	347,061	234,959	208,850
Total	\$92,744,415	\$50,767,165	\$40,089,316	\$40,345,554
Prod. & mfg. costs, selling & general expenses	70,461,756	37,721,928	29,840,043	29,523,594
Net earnings—	\$22,282,659	\$13,045,236	\$10,249,273	\$10,821,960

Deduct—				
Reserve for income and war excess profits taxes as may be finally determined—	\$8,500,000	\$4,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,500,000
Depreciation—	1,096,797	999,022	909,794	762,030
Discount on bonds—				83,990
Interest on bonds—				83,990
Int. on bills payable, &c.—	307,323	348,652	197,095	498,420
Discount on notes—	45,833	198,333	306,009	83,520
Loss on Lib. bonds sold—	69,706	227,933	137,500	
Interest on notes—	145,808	270,000	256,443	
Res. to reduce cap. exp.—			715,229	
Bond sinking fund—			96,128	637,926
Preferred divs. (7%)—	552,566	552,566	552,566	552,566
Common (cash) divs.—	(40)4,000,000	(10)1,000,000	(10)999,950	(20)1,999,137
Total deductions—	\$14,718,033	\$7,506,505	\$7,670,714	\$7,117,590
Balance, surplus—	\$7,564,625	\$5,538,731	\$2,578,559	\$3,704,370

† Denotes raw and refined sugar produced, less commissions, &c.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Lands, bldgs., machinery, &c.—	34,668,570	31,526,341	Common stock—	10,000,000	10,000,000
Good-will—	3,929,340	3,929,340	Preferred stock—	7,893,800	7,893,800
Advances to Colonos, &c. a—	5,500,239	3,817,658	1st lien 6% notes.	2,000,000	4,000,000
Pl't & grow'g cane	3,399,366	2,754,304	Real est. Ms., &c.	462,193	462,193
Live stock & equip.	1,518,624	1,318,668	Bills payable—	2,171,866	459,535
Inventory of raw material, &c.—	6,494,370	5,014,333	Bankers' loans—	2,164,347	1,069,689
Raw & ref'd sugar.	9,099,564	5,591,657	Accounts payable.	3,103,731	2,206,225
Cash—	4,837,836	2,311,213	Salaries and wages	120,178	104,330
U. S. bonds, &c.—	445,600	1,199,240	Interest accrued—	38,769	81,160
Accts & bills rec.	3,042,658	2,067,828	Res'v for income and war taxes & of stock of refined sugar.	9,229,714	5,398,519
Other def. charges	431,169	194,217	Deprec'n reserve—	6,939,716	6,258,678
Advances—	688,716	576,481	Surplus—	29,931,765	22,367,140
Total	74,056,079	60,301,279	Total	74,056,079	60,301,279

a After deducting reserve for bad and doubtful accounts.
b In 1920 the reserve of \$9,229,714 covers both income and excess profits taxes and revaluation of stock of refined sugar; in 1919 the reserve for income and war excess profits taxes only.—V. 111, p. 2046.

The Fajardo Sugar Co. of Porto Rico.

(Report for Fiscal Year Ending July 31 1920.)

The report of Pres. James Bliss Coombs, together with the income account and balance sheet, will be found on a subsequent page.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JULY 31

Sugar, &c., produced—	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Miscellaneous receipts—	\$12,268,337	\$4,532,427	\$4,366,671	\$3,286,366
Total—	\$12,425,333	\$4,701,324	\$4,593,653	\$3,482,678
Deduct—Producing and mfg. costs, &c.—	6,634,472	3,841,421	3,591,184	2,790,670
Net income—	\$5,790,861	\$859,902	\$1,002,468	\$692,008
Prov. for replacements—	83,614	79,239	79,243	40,000
Purchase of San Cristobal				40,000
Int. on bills payable, &c.—	75,434	144,199	103,453	38,440
Depreciation—	174,895	165,431	154,349	98,275
Dividends—	x3,723,880	(10)333,775	(10)333,720	(10)333,720
Balance surplus—	a\$1,733,037	a\$137,258	\$331,703	\$181,572
x Before providing for Federal income, war and excess profits taxes.				
x Dividends paid: Cash \$1,352,070; stock \$2,371,810.				

BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Property and plant	3,168,645	3,145,238	Capital stock—	5,760,100	3,338,300
Live stock & equip	651,562	635,068	Fajardo Devel. stk.	1,000	1,000
Invest. at cost—	109,800	1,000	Bank overdraft—	32,459	10,413
Growing cane—	779,662	857,738	Bills payable—		1,150,000
Materials & suppl.	483,737	493,856	Planters' accounts	270,020	
Mtges. & loans—	75,782	81,556	Accts. payable—	399,102	175,218
Planters' accounts	163,744	270,952	L. W. & P. Arm—		
Raw sugar on hand	1,750,044	x1,388,537	strong—	620,776	1,182,874
Liberty bonds—		484,123	Dividends payable		83,457
Accounts rec.—for sugar sold—	2,467,734		Insurance etc., res.	342,149	258,526
Misc. accts. and bills rec.—	60,967	117,756	Surplus—	3,428,706	1,791,770
Demand loans—	500,000		Total—	10,854,313	7,991,559
Cash—	565,563	442,344	Total—	10,854,313	7,991,559
Deferred charges—	77,074	73,346			

x Including molasses. y In 1920 authorized. Common 70,000 shares of \$100 each; Preferred, 15,000 shares of \$100 each. Issued 57,601 shares of Common stock of \$100 each; no Preferred.—V. 111, p. 2329.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Oct. 31 1920.)

President H. S. Firestone, Akron, Dec. 15, wrote in subst. Results.—Sales for the year were \$114,980,969, as compared with sales for the preceding year of \$91,078,514, an increase of 26%.

The past year, the 20th anniversary of the company, has been the most unusual and difficult in its history. During the first half of the year there was such an unusual demand for our product that we increased our output until in April we reached an average of 28,000 tires per day. Then followed unseasonable weather and a general business depression both at home and abroad, enforcing a readjustment in every line of manufacturing and merchandising. In the face of these conditions we have been able to show, after allowance for depreciation and bad accounts, earnings of \$9,396,912. Out of this profit we have deemed it advisable to set aside \$8,151,750 for depreciation of our inventories.

Building.—We plan to finish the Canadian factory early next year. A rubber preparation mill and warehouse at Singapore, Straits Settlements, has been completed and the plant is in operation. The new steel plant and the new mechanical building, in Akron, are practically completed and both will be put in operation when the demands of production require them.

New Stock.—Last December we issued 25,000 shares of the Common capital stock under our established employees' stock plan. A big asset is our young, loyal and enthusiastic organization, who are stockholder in the company.

With our inventories adjusted, our expenses reduced, and the quality of our product never so good as at present, our position in the trade is most favorable. I am confident of the future and that the ensuing year will see your company grow in strength and stability.

NET SALES AND EARNINGS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING OCT. 31.

Net sales—	*1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Net earnings—	\$41,135,326	\$61,587,219	\$75,801,507	\$91,078,514	\$114,980,969
Net, after ord. deprec., but before Fed. taxes, &c.—	5,837,021	4,619,298	4,664,615	\$9,306,978	\$9,396,912
Depreciation of inventories—					8,151,750
Dividends—				2,597,787	See below

Balance, subject to corp. income & profits tax— \$6,709,191 not shown

* Fifteen months—end of fiscal year changed from July 31 to Oct. 31.

x After Preferred dividend, Federal, &c. taxes, &c.
Note.—The dividends paid on the pref. shares in year 1919-20 called for \$1,300,000. The amount distributed on the common stock is not stated, but the several payments are understood to have aggregated 43 1/2%, viz.: March, 20%; June, 20%; Sept., 2%; Dec., 1 1/2%.

Company's Dividend Record on Common Shares as Reported Unofficially:

1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
5	5	7	10	13	10	25	42 1/2	62 1/2	62	43 1/2

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Land, bldrs., machinery & equip.	29,412,397	18,820,215	6% Cum. Pref. stk.	10,000,000	10,000,000
Investments:			7% Cum. Pref. stk. (authorized \$40,000,000)	10,000,000	10,000,000
U. S. Lib. l. bds.	1,264,217		Com. stock (auth. \$25,000,000)	3,750,000	3,500,000
Misc. stks. & bds.	3,665,212	895,805	Notes & trade acceptances pay.	31,355,816	5,812,691
Inventories (cost)	45,163,710	24,159,520	Accounts payable.	751,919	3,336,518
Cash—	5,198,060	3,749,744	Accrued salaries, taxes, &c.	576,833	1,639,870
Notes & accts. rec.	13,034,702	15,645,417	Mtges. & notes pay.		1,899,112
Due from emp's acct. Com. stock purchases and sundry advances	6,264,847	5,004,811	Subscrip. to U. S. Lib. Loan bonds		238,700
Prepaid int., taxes & insurance—	439,104		Provision out of year's earnings for inventory losses.	8,151,750	
House & lot accts. receivable & un-sold real estate—					

regarding the region drained by the Pitt River with its daily flow of a billion gallons a day, and sites for 15 or more hydro-electric plants which the company will be able to install when and as required to keep pace with its rapidly growing business.

As to earnings, &c., the magazine says in substance:

Earnings.—The increase of \$7,200,386 in the volume of business in the first ten months of the present year, as compared with 1919, is attributable in about equal proportions: (a) To the normal growth of business; (b) to the taking over of the properties of the Northern California Power Co. and the Sierra & San Francisco Power Co., the former by purchase on Oct. 1 1919 and the latter by lease on Jan. 1 1920.

The normal growth of upwards of \$3,000,000 in gross is the largest the company has ever experienced in any like period of its history and is paralleled by the net addition of 33,262 new customers.

The substantial increase of \$1,116,247 in net income is merely a reflection of the larger investment the company has in its properties. Its "plants and properties" account on Oct. 31 1920 stood at \$163,070,197, an increase since Jan. 1 1919 (the period covered by the above comparison) of \$23,754,201. This latter sum represents the additional investment made in a period of 22 months.

Business Development.—At Oct. 31 1920 there were 562,825 customers receiving service from the company, the net addition being 33,262 consumers. If each of these new customers be considered as representing a family of four persons, this additional business would be equivalent to extending "Pacific service" in the first ten months of the current year to every family in a city twice the size of Sacramento.

Statement of Consumers by Departments as of Oct. 31 (Total 562,825).

	Gas Dept.	Electric Dept.	Water Dept.	Steam Sales Dept.	Total	Increase.
1919	266,572	226,286	13,296	424	506,578	33,870
1920	283,383	262,705	16,303	434	562,825	56,247
Gain, 13 yrs.	164,536	210,019	10,798	434	385,807	385,807

Sales of First Pref. 6% Stock.—As a result of our recent offering of First Pref. stock, 2,362 subscriptions, aggregating \$2,456,650, were received down to Nov. 30 1920. This represents an average of about 11 shares per subscriber. One of the company's directors has presented a share of this stock to each of his twelve grandchildren.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31.

	1920.	1919.	Increase.
Gross earnings, incl. miscel. income	\$28,914,815	\$21,714,429	\$7,200,386
Maint. and reserve for depreciation	3,496,327	2,612,988	883,339
Oper. exp. rentals, taxes (incl. Fedl taxes) and reserves for casualties and uncollectible accounts	16,973,495	11,772,695	5,200,800
Total expenses	\$20,469,822	\$14,385,683	\$6,084,139
Net income	8,444,993	7,328,746	1,116,247
Bond and other interest	4,073,376	3,532,622	540,753
Bond discount and expense	246,408	173,669	73,139
Additional depreciation reserve	833,333	833,333	—
Dividends accrued on Pref. stock	1,508,682	1,279,749	228,912
Dividends accrued on Common stock	1,416,836	1,416,836	—
Balance	\$366,357	\$92,916	\$273,442

See bond offering on a following page.—V. 111, p. 2049, 1858.

Yukon Gold Company.

(Special Report to Stockholders Dec. 10 1920)

President Wm. Loeb, Jr., N. Y., Dec. 10, wrote in subst.: **New Properties.**—Ever since our original Alaskan properties began to approach exhaustion, competent mining engineers have been steadily employed in the examination of mining properties in this country and abroad. Current operating earnings have been utilized in this work.

The company has been fortunate in optioning and acquiring an extensive tin territory in the Malay States, capable of profitable exploitation through large scale dredging operations. Tin dredging has been successfully carried on in the districts in question for several years. Operating conditions, metal recoveries and costs are known and established and we shall be able to use much of the equipment released from our expired gold operations.

Our engineers estimate the resulting profit from ground already acquired or in process of acquisition, after paying for properties and equipment and allowing for operating costs, depreciation and all other charges, will amount to between \$10,500,000 and \$16,500,000, depending on the price of tin, realizable over a period of fifteen years. In addition to the proven property the company has under option a further large area of tin bearing ground.

Following the new strike of silver-lead ores in the Mayo District, Yukon Territory, Canada, we have also been able to acquire on favorable terms, control of all the claims on Keno Hill, the richest area so far opened up in the vicinity. On these claims there had been developed up to Oct. 1, 5,000 tons of ore assaying 200 ounces of silver and 68% of lead to the ton, and estimated to yield a net profit of \$1,000,000. In this field, if present promise is realized, the company has what should prove an exceedingly valuable silver-lead property.

Expenditures.—On the Malay tin project, the company has expended to Nov. 1 approximately \$1,200,000, chiefly in the acquisition and proving of the property and in the installation of dredges, &c., preliminary to placing the properties upon producing basis. On the Mayo silver-lead property, the company has expended to Nov. 1 approximately \$150,000 in the acquisition of claims and in the development and blocking out of the ore bodies therein.

Further expenditures on the Malay tin project between now and June 30 will amount to approximately \$700,000. Further expenditures on the Mayo silver-lead and other projects between Nov. 1 and Aug. 1 1921 aggregate about \$800,000. All of these further expenditures will be met by the present resources of the Yukon Gold Co. and the Yukon-Alaska Trust combined.—V. 102, p. 2082, 2173; V. 104, p. 1296; V. 106, p. 1125.

Relations with Yukon-Alaska Trust Financing.—The Guggenheim Exploration Co., at dissolution in 1916, owned upwards of 2,800,000 shares of the 3,500,000 outstanding shares of the capital stock of the Yukon Gold Co. Such shares were conveyed to the Trustees of the Yukon-Alaska Trust together with certain other property, including eight promissory notes of the Yukon Gold Co. aggregating \$5,000,000, representing money loaned by the Guggenheim Exploration Co., one of which notes has since been paid. The Trustees as at once the principal creditors and major stockholders of the Yukon Gold Co. thus became on behalf of the trust beneficiaries, materially interested in the permanent success of the Yukon Gold Co.

Accordingly, as requirements demanded, the Trustees consented to extending the time of payment of three notes of the company for \$625,000 each, thus enabling it to use the money represented thereby in the acquisition and development of new property. The trustees have now consented to make further cash advances aggregating \$1,000,000, to be used in the development of the Malay tin and Mayo silver-lead projects.

Further Financing.—It may be advisable to postpone for a time the completion of the equipment program as outlined in the accompanying reports but it is necessary to the success of the Malay enterprise that sufficient funds be provided now to insure the completion of the purchase of the property and the continuance of the examination work. The necessity of fully financing these new enterprises at this time is happily avoided by the agreement of the Yukon-Alaska Trust to make the advances stated.

It is believed that before June 30 financial and commercial conditions will have so far improved as to permit the company to obtain the additional capital it requires upon satisfactory terms.

Balance Sheet.—In balance sheet of Nov. 1 1920 appended hereto, all properties acquired in the Federated Malay States and in the Mayo silver-lead district of the Yukon Territory are carried at cost. On account of the distance from Malay, the disbursements in Malay since Sept. are estimated.

Extracts from Report of Gen. Manager O. B. Perry, N. Y., Nov. 5.

Placer Gold Properties.—No new properties have been acquired since 1917, and the earnings have steadily decreased as costs have gone up and lower grade ground has been worked. On revised estimates, the Dawson operations, dredging and hydraulic mining, have three years remaining, with an estimated net profit of \$350,000. The California and Idaho dredging properties have an average life of 4½ years, with an estimated net profit of \$770,000; making the total estimated net profit from the placergold properties, \$1,120,000.

Elkoro Mines Co., (Jarbidge, Nev.)—The total of ore milled to Nov. 1 all from the Long Hike mine, is 104,469 tons, which yielded in bullion \$1,181,900, with a net operating profit of \$555,229. This profit has been expended in completion of plant; in development work; and in payment of interest on Elkoro Mines Company notes.

Ore is blocked out for about two years ahead in the Long Hike, Starlight, and O. K. mines, all of which are connected by tramway with the mill. The ore blocked out is estimated to contain a net profit of \$500,000. While the development, in the Long Hike mine particularly, has been disappointing, the Elkoro group of mines has large possibilities. The minimum estimate of probable ore is placed at 100,000 tons, which will yield a net profit of \$500,000 additional. This figure may be greatly increased by further development.

Mayo Silver-Lead.—In July of 1919 a strike of high grade silver-lead ore was reported in the Mayo district, about 125 miles from Dawson, Y. T. Options were taken and development work begun with the result that two strong veins were developed carrying high grade silver-lead ore.

Several additional veins were discovered on "Keno Hill." In late August, nine veins had been found. The ore developed to Oct. 1 was estimated at 5,000 tons, of shipping grade, averaging 200 ozs. of silver, and 68% lead, to the ton. There is also a considerable tonnage of lower grade disseminated ore which will require concentration to be profitable. The ore developed to Oct. 1 is estimated to contain a net operating profit of approximately \$1,000,000.

The Keno Hill veins on which work is being done are fault fissures running north and south, and are thought to be cross fractures from the main faulting east and west. The high grade ore is nearly pure galena (lead sulphide) carrying silver and averages 14 inches in width. No prediction is possible as to the behavior of these veins at depth. The greatest vertical depth in ore is approximately 100 ft. If the values go down only, say 150 ft., the veins discovered thus far should yield some 20,000 tons of ore, having a gross value of five to six million dollars, with possibilities of large bodies of concentrating ore.

A power plant is being installed with transmission line to the top of Keno Hill and all necessary equipment for mining on a small scale. Concentration plants have been made to mine 3,000 tons of ore during the winter which will be hauled to the head of navigation for shipment during the coming open season. Under present conditions, the cost of mining, shipping and smelting is estimated at \$95 per ton. This cost will be materially reduced if a large tonnage is developed.

Discoveries of high grade ore have also been made in other locations in the district, and options have been taken on other groups of claims. The extensive and high grade mineralization, the Mayo district must be considered very promising, and the Yukon Gold Co. controlling all of the important discoveries stands to profit largely.

Malay Tin.—For the past two years the company has been actively engaged in the examination of alluvial tin deposits in the Malay Peninsula. The company now has options on several thousand acres in the heart of the producing fields and is employing some eighteen drill crews and a large staff of engineers on the examination work. Over 5,000 holes have been sunk to date, and the selected areas have been carefully checked drilled.

C. H. Munro, Examining Engineer, estimates that the area developed to Oct. 1 contains a net profit in addition to return of capital expenditure, of over \$13,500,000 with tin at 45c. per lb.; with the probability that adjoining ground within the next year will increase this profit by at least 50%. By systematic examination and purchase of selected areas, the company's holdings should be very materially increased.

The company has expended on this enterprise to Nov. 1, \$1,200,000, and it will require an additional \$2,470,000 approximately to complete the purchase and equipment of the projects already developed. If the program outlined by Mr. Munro is followed, approximately \$1,000,000 of this amount will be required during 1921. Additional equipment to bring the properties up to full production will cost \$1,470,000, all or any part of which can be provided out of earnings of the first three dredges now in course of construction. If the Malay business is further enlarged along the lines suggested, additional capital outlay will be required, with corresponding returns.

Summary.—The properties owned or controlled by the company in the United States, Yukon Territory, and the Malay States, are estimated to contain a net operating profit of approximately \$20,000,000. Further developments in the Malay fields and in the Keno Hill properties are expected to considerably increase this figure. The Dawson, California, Nevada, and Idaho properties are fully financed, equipped, and operating. The Malay financial requirements have been fully dealt with herein. The purchase of the Keno Hill properties (Mayo silver-lead) has been practically completed, and the equipment provided for operation on a small scale. If the development work shows up large bodies of concentrating ore, further equipment will be required, but no estimate of the requirements, or cost of equipment, can be made at the present time.

(The accompanying report closes with a somewhat detailed report by C. H. Munro on the Malay Tin properties, the present status of the Malay tin industry, &c.; and also maps and balance sheet.—Ed.)

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT TO NOV. 1 1920 (PARTLY EST.)

	Oct. 31 '20	Dec. 31 '19	Dec. 31 '18
From Organ. (Feb. 28 1907) to—			
Capital stock par value issued for cash	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000
or properties	17,500,000	17,500,000	17,500,000
Net amount realized from operations	14,375,569	14,818,797	14,403,466
Total	\$31,875,569	\$32,318,797	\$31,903,466
Deduct—			
Distributed to stockholders	\$9,858,110	\$9,858,110	\$9,858,110
Revaluation of properties	7,303,849	7,957,005	7,303,849
Depletion of properties	5,167,059	4,976,556	4,672,594
Depreciation of equipment	6,716,829	6,380,233	5,813,338
Balance of assets over liabilities (see below) incl. properties owned at March 1 1913 on the basis of the fair value and those subsequently acquired at cost	\$2,829,722	\$3,146,892	\$4,255,576

BALANCE SHEET OF DEC. 31 1919 AND AUG. 31 1920 (WITH EST. CHANGES TO NOV. 1 1920.)

	1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.
Assets—	\$	\$		
Properties and Investments as revalued	2,267,457	1,506,137		
Equipment as reval.	2,354,806	2,291,874		
Def. charges (applicable to future work)	179,477	373,251		
Examinations	165,458	—		
Advance royalties	17,463	—		
Materials and supp.	261,940	270,323		
Notes rec. (adv. to Elkoro Mines Co.)	1,924,290	1,874,107		
Accounts collectible	175,085	99,683		
Cash	72,809	902,828		
Bullion in transit (realized in Nov.)	302,560	26,568		
Mine office accounts in transit	104,270	—		
x Pledged to secure unpaid drafts.	—	—		
—V. 111, p. 2433.				
Assets (Concl.)			\$	\$
Liberty loan bonds			200,000	200,000
2nd & 4th issues			x20,000	200,000
Can. vic. loan bonds			x49,000	49,000
Total			7,891,695	7,776,692
Liabilities—				
Notes held by Yukon Alaska Trust			4,375,000	4,375,000
Accounts payable			370,591	156,215
Unpaid drafts (Malay pay 2 to 5 mos.)			316,382	—
Res. for replacements			—	98,555
Balance (cap. stk. equity, but see text and table above)			2,829,722	3,146,892
Total			7,891,695	7,776,692

Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co., East Moline, Ill.

(Financial Plan—Official Statements of Dec. and Nov. 1920.)

Vice-President H. A. Holder writing Dec. 10 says:

As to the condition of the R. & V. Motor Co. to-day, I can only say that it is, as is the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co., without trade liabilities except for purchases since Dec. 1 1920. The automobile business is, of course, at this moment very dull, and it is very doubtful if the operations of the company for this month and the next month or two will show its operating expenses earned, but in the six-cylinder Knight car this company has what is, in my opinion, fundamentally the best specialty in this country and certain faults of construction, which have prevented its receiving full benefits from this type car, are, I feel, being eliminated. I can only say that I am hopeful for the future and meanwhile, for several months at least, the company should remain in good credit because of its financial condition and its ability to take care of purchases very promptly.

[Under the pending plan the Engineering Company (V. 109, p. 278) will cease to be an operating concern and become a holding company, owning the stocks indicated below under "Effect of plan" (see also V. 111, p. 2235), in the first instance for the benefit of its \$1,180,000 8% Cum. Pref. stock, and in the second place for the \$1,187,300 Common stock, all of which is owned by the Root & Van Dervoort Corporation. The latter corporation has outstanding 90,000 Class A and 10,000 Class B shares of no par value.]

R. & V. Motor Co. Tentative Bal. Sheet July 31 1920 (each side \$4,568,509).

[Taking into consideration new money since received for Pref. stock, &c.]

Real est., bldgs. & equip.-----	\$731,152	Common stock-----	\$500,000
Current assets (\$3,837,357)-----		Preferred stock-----	1,230,000
Inventories-----	2,163,634	Reserve, general-----	500,000
Acc'ts and notes receivable-----	299,766	Surplus-----	249,200
Cash-----	1,358,773	Current liabilities-----	
Investments-----	12,500	Acc'ts and notes payable, &c-----	2,089,309
Deferred charges-----	2,684		

Digest of Circular Sent to Shareholders of Engineering Co. by Vice-President H. A. Holder, Nov. 30 1920.

Status Early in 1920.—The year started most auspiciously. Profits promised greatly to exceed the \$392,241 of net earnings after taxes shown for 1919. Cash, accounts receivable and inventories amounted to \$3,646,104; current liabilities, including bank loans of \$755,000, were but \$1,982,862. Orders indicated an annual business \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Results Not Realized.—In April President W. H. Van Dervoort, owing to severe heart illness, was forced to retire from the management. Large amounts of materials had been contracted for, but production was handicapped by non-deliveries of materials, and also for reasons of management. Engine contracts fell behind the time set and into a period of increasing costs. The company in Jan. 1920 had booked for dealers practically 5,000 six-cylinder cars. January shipments were, however, but 33 cars, Feb. 51, March 79, April 101, May 170 and June 107. Moreover, in design and construction the car failed to arouse enthusiasm. No four-cylinder cars had been produced by July 1.

Plan.—Early in July the company was in a serious situation. Its bank loans aggregated \$3,100,000, which, with trade accounts, made total current liabilities of \$4,401,325. The value of inventory had increased to \$4,490,943, but cash and accounts receivable were but \$1,533,382, an amount much too small in view of the volume of production.

A reduction of activities was therefore deemed advisable, together with the sale of the poppet valve engine business and the raising of additional money for the automobile business.

The Moline Plow Co., the buyer of the largest part of the production, agreed to take over your poppet valve engine business at a cost of plant at time of purchase less customary depreciation together with all inventories and accounts receivable belonging to that business. It is also agreed they should receive cash and assume liabilities of the same percentage of total liabilities as was the inventory and accounts receivable taken over to the whole.

Also, the Moline Plow Co. planned [and has formed] a new company [the Moline Engine Co.], which would issue \$1,180,000 in 8% Cum. Pref. stock and certain Common stock for the equity beyond that which the Moline Plow Co. would take and for which it would give an issue of [100,000 shares of] special Preferred stock of its own company [bearing dividend of \$2 50 per share per annum], with a redemption value equal to the net worth of the equity thus determined, plus 86% as a bonus.

Root & Van Der Voort Engineering Co. Division of Assets and Liabilities.

	Total	Engine	Automobile
	July 31 1920.	Dept.	Dept.
Inventories-----	\$4,490,943	\$2,327,309	\$2,163,634
Accounts, notes receivable-----	698,280	398,514	299,766
Investments-----	18,500	6,000	12,500
Liberty bonds, &c-----	4,925	4,925	
Cash-----	840,052	441,279	398,773
Deferred charges-----	19,059	16,375	2,684
Plant and property-----	2,006,185	1,275,033	731,152
Total assets-----	\$8,077,944	\$4,469,435	\$3,608,509
Liabilities-----	4,401,325	2,312,016	2,089,309

Excess of assets over liabilities----- \$3,676,620 \$2,157,419 \$1,519,200

Note.—If to the \$2,157,419 of net assets shown for the Engine Dept. we add the bonus of \$340,581 and deduct the cash commission of \$46,000 and the \$1,180,000 Pref. stock of the Moline Engine Co., we get \$1,772,000 as the redemption value of Moline Plow Co. special Preferred stock.

While some details remain to be concluded, the result, if the sale is by your vote (on Dec. 27) consummated, will be approximately as above.

Financing.—In order to put the automobile company in financial position to take advantage of its opportunities, your directors have transferred to a new company, to be called the Root & Van Dervoort ("R. & V.") Motor Co. all assets of the automobile department as divided above in exchange for all of the Common stock of that company.

The Root & Van Dervoort Corporation has from the special fund belonging to the Class B certificate holders of that corporation subscribed to and paid in cash \$960,000 for \$1,000,000 Pref. stock of the R. & V. Motor Co., and takes for the balance of avails from Government contracts belonging to them as part of the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. surplus, an additional \$230,000 in Pref. stock of the R. & V. Motor Co.

The banks, in consideration of the above plan being carried out, have agreed to loan to the new engine company until Dec. 31 1921 the sum of \$1,839,100, and to the R. & V. Motor Co. \$1,492,100 until Sept. 1 1921, on the endorsement or guaranty of the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co., and the Engineering Company or the Motor Company agree to loan such part of \$600,000 as may be necessary to the new Engine Company for additional working capital until Sept. 1 1921.

By this arrangement both companies are assured ample working capital.

Earnings, &c.—In spite of the fact that your company found itself over-extended, your profit & loss account shows for 7 months ended July 31 1920: Gross profit: Engineering, \$408,470; automobile division, \$255,854; \$664,324 Selling and gen. exp., \$292,186; interest paid, \$83,262; discount and bad debts, \$2,832, less profit of \$4,291 on sale of scrap----- 373,989

Net profit----- \$290,335
Add—Discount received, \$40,061; int., \$4,331; sundry, \$3,392----- 47,784

Net income before providing for income and excess profits taxes. \$338,119

Inventory.—While your inventories are much too large under existing trade conditions, and will probably be depreciated to meet new market conditions by the new companies on Dec. 31, yet all the material covered by them is new and merchantable and current for present production.

New Management.—On July 26 H. A. Holder was elected Vice-President of your company and both the direction of this reorganization and the handling of your business have been under his charge. Your former officers have withdrawn from salaried positions and active participation in the new automobile company, although retaining their stock holdings and, through membership on your board of directors, of which W. H. Van Dervoort will be made Chairman, should his health permit, will assist in every way possible.

Mr. Holder will continue in active direction of the R. & V. Motor Co. as President and General Manager, and a new Treasurer will be secured through co-operation with your banks.

Automobile Business.—The Motor Company has the six-cylinder Knight engine, and the present car, with changes and improvements already well in hand, should in the next season appeal very strongly to buyers looking for continued performance with economy of operation. A smaller 4-cylinder car is now in production, deliveries on which will commence within the next six weeks. As the producer of heavy Knight engines for the Fifth Avenue buses in New York, and also for the bus lines of Chicago and Detroit, it has a potential asset of great value.

In addition to dealers at various points, your company runs its own retail store on Michigan Ave., Chicago.

At East Moline your new automobile company will own the new plant built for the manufacture of naval ordnance and which was taken over by the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. during the past year. In addition, it will lease various other buildings and land now used in assembling and testing automobiles. Its equipment is modern and complete for the manufacture of four and six-cylinder engines of both heavy duty and automobile types; also for the painting and trimming of bodies and tops.

Its whole plant is carried on its books at only \$731,152, and it is estimated that an output of 75 cars per month will carry its overhead and general expenses and earn the dividends on its Pref. stock. On the other hand, the facilities and equipment are such that, if used to the fullest extent, it is estimated could produce in engines and cars up to 6,000 per year.

Profits.—Your automobile business has been conducted at a profit in past years, and in 1920, from Jan. 1 to July 31, in spite of handicaps Marwick-Mitchell & Co. report, outside of 14 truck engines and 52 second-hand cars sold by Chicago store, that there were 570 automobiles sold. In addition, repair parts sold amounted to slightly over \$150,000.

The gross profits on this business for the seven months amounted to \$255,854, which, divided by number of new cars sold, equaled \$448 per car, and this profit was made on a production equal to only one-sixth of the plant's estimated capacity and under unfavorable conditions of cost.

Effect of Plan.—In effect, present Pref. stockholders will have placed behind their stock, in place of assets removed, (a) \$1,180,000 Pref. stock of the new Engine Company, with sinking fund of \$100,000 a year, or 10% of the earnings, whichever is greater, the Moline Plow Co. itself agreeing to purchase any deficiency in amount required to make up the sum of \$100,000. (b) The \$500,000 Common stock of the R. & V. Motor Co. (c) The 100,000 shares of special Pref. stock of the Moline Plow Co. received for balance of the assets turned over. (d) Bonus received from Plow Co. sale.

The Class A Common stockholders of Root & Van Dervoort Corporation will, because of the issue of Pref. stock of the new Engine Company balancing the present Pref. stock of the Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. have as an equity all of the redemption value of the Moline Plow Co. special Pref. stock, which is \$17 72 per share for each share of Root & Van Dervoort Common, plus the value of the Common stock of the R. & V. Motor Co., which, by the figures shown, will be \$12 49 per share, making total asset value as above \$30 21 per share. The cumulative dividends of \$2 50 per year on Engine Company's Common stock will accrue to it, together with earnings from the R. & V. Motor Co. after the 8% cumulative dividend on its \$1,230,000 Pref. stock.

Dividends on redemption of special Moline Plow Co. Pref. stock are to be protected by the deposit in trust of all the Common stock of the Engine Company, which may, under certain circumstances, be sold for such payment.—V. 111, p. 2235, 799.

Cumberland County (Me.) Power & Light Co.

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

The report dated July 31 1920, says in substance:

Wages.—The directors delayed forwarding to the stockholders a report for the calendar year 1919 until labor arbitrations upon wages and the decision of the P. U. Commission upon an increase of fares upon the Railroad were concluded. The Arbitration Boards decided unanimously to increase wages of employees of the company approximately 20% over the scale fixed by the U. S. W. Labor Board in Nov. 1918. This approximate 20% increase in wages has been in effect from May 1 1920, and is incorporated in the labor union contracts for the current year to May 1 1921.

Fares.—The P. U. Commission granted July 24 1920 an increase in ticket fares upon the railroad property from 7 cents to 8 cents and in cash fares from 9 cents to 10 cents. This increase takes effect Aug. 1 1920. Your company petitioned for a 9 cent ticket fare and 10 cent cash fare.

Fiscal Results.—The very severe winter of 1920 not only seriously interrupted service upon your railroad property, thereby materially decreasing its revenue, but entailed extraordinary expense for removal of snow and much damage to railroad equipment. The railroad failed to earn its rentals for the first six months to July 1 1920, by nearly \$150,000, this deficit having to be made up under the lease by your company. Railroad wages to-day take nearly 62 cents out of every dollar collected on the railroad. In spite of this fact, however, it is hoped that with the increased fares a substantial portion of the deficit on the railroad to July 1 may be made up in the balance of this year.

Lewiston-Augusta & Waterville Street Railway.—The properties of this railway company were sold in September, 1919, under a decree of foreclosure upon the First and Refunding Mortgage to a committee representing the First and Refunding mortgage bondholders. The property was transferred to a new corporation.

The Androscoggin & Kennebec Railway Co. (See V. 110, p. 1088) with First Preferred and 2nd Pref. stock to the amount of the former Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville Street Railway First and Refunding mortgage debt, principal and interest. This foreclosure made valueless the \$2,400,000 of Lewiston Augusta & Waterville Street Railway common stock held by your company.

In order to meet this loss, among other readjustments, the common stock of your company was reduced 50% from \$2,700,000 to \$1,350,000, where it now stands. Your company now has no interest in the Androscoggin & Kennebec Railway Co. other than the ownership of a substantial amount of its First and Second Pref. stock, pledged upon the \$614,000 of 7% 3-year notes of this company due June 1 1921.

Improvements, &c.—During 1919 substantial improvements were made in your power properties and the Bar Mills property, so-called, was acquired and has since been improved. This property as now developed gives the company one-half of the Saco River at Bar Mills and adds materially to its power capacity. Improvements made during 1919 in existing hydro-electric stations and now in progress on transmission lines will make further additions to your company's power capacity.

Outlook.—The important problem before your directors at the present time, beside that of bringing the railroad to a point where it will earn the cost of service, is to provide for large hydro-electric developments in the immediate future, in order to keep well in advance of the power requirements of your company's market.

Your company, like the steam railroads and the trolley roads of the country generally, is handicapped by the practically prohibitive cost of new capital; in fact, it is hardly an exaggeration to state that new capital for trolley properties cannot now be obtained. The earnings of the power and lighting departments are good, but even in those departments new capital for further development of the service is not forthcoming.

The foregoing conditions, which have existed for over two years, have required the use of earnings for absolutely essential capital expenditures required of your company to maintain its properties in proper operating condition and meet the needs of public service.

Your Directors are encouraged by the improved showing of your company 1919 over 1918 in spite of the continuing railroad deficit, but in view of its bond and note maturities early in 1921 (amounting to \$1,114,000), and the impracticability of obtaining new capital, deem it imprudent at this time to declare a dividend upon the preferred stock.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.
Gross income (excl. Lewiston Aug. & Wat. St. Ry.—		
See text)-----	\$2,768,599	\$2,376,967
Oper. expenses and taxes-----	1,813,933	1,516,368
Other deductions-----	672,252	661,005
Preferred dividends-----		a69,000

Balance surplus----- \$282,414 \$130,594
Includes dividend paid May 1 1918 in 5 year 6% scrip.

EARNINGS OF THE SEVERAL COMPANIES FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	Cumb. Co. P. & L.	Portland RR. Co.	York Co. P. & L.
	1919.	1918.	1919.
Gross incomes-----	\$97,798	\$908,331	\$1,513,500
Oper. expense-----	323,112	284,506	1,160,210
Taxes accr.—	78,109	80,453	85,964
			69,119
Net, aft. exp. & tax-----	\$596,577	\$543,372	\$267,326
Deductions-----	254,725	247,815	228,724
Dividends-----			(5)99,950
			(5)99,950
Bal., sur.—	\$341,852	\$295,557	\$110,255

CONDENSED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET, JULY 31 1919.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Plant, property & franchises-----	16,313,557	Pref. stock Cd. Co. P. & L. Co.—	2,300,000
Investments-----	1,000,835	Pref. stock—Yk. Co. P. Co.—	383,000
Supplies-----	387,883	Com. stock, Cd. Co. P. & Lt. Co.—	1,348,400
Bills & acc'ts. receivable-----	207,713	Capital stk., P. R. R. Co.—	1,999,000
Cash-----	156,106	Funded debt-----	10,743,000
Special funds-----	59,226	Accr. int. & taxes-----	188,895
Unadjusted debits-----	108,807	Bills & acc'ts. payable-----	171,037
Prepaid accounts-----	1,983	Oper. exp. reserves-----	66,344
Disc. on securities sold-----	339,241	Depreciation reserves-----	716,775
		Unadjusted credits-----	9,143
		Profit and loss-----	649,757
Total-----	18,575,351	Total-----	18,575,351

—V. 111, p. 1187.

See "Electric Railway Section, page 116.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

General Railroad and Electric Railway News.—The following table summarizes recent railroad and electric railway news of a more or less general character, full details concerning which are commonly published on preceding pages under the heading "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either in the week the matter becomes public or shortly thereafter.

Intra-State Rates.—N. Y. roads, no longer enjoined, advance their local passenger rates from 3 to 3.6 cts. per mile. Exception as to Long Island R.R. and Staten Island Rap. Tran. Ohio Utilities Comm. suspends higher coal rates while the State Att'y Gen. institutes suit to enjoin the roads. See full particulars under "Current Events" above.

Anthracite Coal Wages.—Operators refuse to reopen award. "N. Y. Times" Dec. 24, p. 8. Miners reported less insistent.—"N. Y. Sun," Dec. 24, p. 2.

Anti-RR. Strike Bill Passes Senate.—The Poindexter anti-strike bill was passed by the Senate with only half a dozen Senators present, and reconsideration is sought. In any case favorable action by House is considered very doubtful. "Journ. of Com." Dec. 22, p. 3.

New England "Decisions Case."—The hearing before the I. S. C. Commission on the application of the New England roads for a larger share of through rates has been adjourned till Dec. 28. The other trunk lines are said to have offered an adjustment giving the New England roads \$12,000,000 additional revenue, but the latter stood out for \$25,000,000 as a minimum. See Bost. N. B. Dec. 22, and Bost. & Maine and N. Y., N. H. & H. below.

R. R. Earnings.—(a) October net below expectation: Where the money is going; see "Ry. Age" p. 1050, 1051; N. Y. "Times" Dec. 18, p. 20; (b) Western roads report less tonnage in December. "Fin. Am." Dec. 20.

Recommendation as to RR. Mergers.—Prof. Wm. Z. Ripley is expected to file with the I. S. C. Commission early in 1921 his report as to what combination of R.R.s. may properly after hearing be approved by the Commission in compliance with the suggestion of the Transportation Act of 1920 that the roads of the country be consolidated into a few large but competing systems. Compare Act V. 110, p. 727, sec. 407 etc., and Wall St. Jour. Dec. 17, p. 7.

No Reconsideration of Lehigh Valley RR. Decree.—See that Co. below.

Miscellaneous.—(a) Annual report of I.-S. C. Commission with data as to valuation, rate increase, etc. "Ry. Age" Dec. 17, p. 1075 to 1078. (b) Board of Adjustment abolished. Idem, p. 1066. (c) Measure sanctioning continuance till Dec. 31 1921 of right to make joint purchases of railroad supplies. Idem, p. 1070; (opposition, see "N. Y. Times" Dec. 22, p. 20). (d) Waterways and railroads, co-operation and railroad ownership of boats. Charles H. Markham, Pres. of Ill. Cent. RR. Idem, p. 1057. (e) Railroad export and import rates, limitation suspended, hearing on special rates. Idem, p. 1083. (f) National Rys. of Mexico expected shortly to come under U. S. per diem car hire rules, so that cars can enter Mexico. Idem, p. 1081. (g) Belgian State Railway, completion of orders in U. S. for 150 locomotives. Idem, p. 1069.

Matters Fully Covered in "Chronicle" of Dec. 18.—(a) Federal and State authority as to railroad rates, p. 2363. (b) Securities returned by British Treasury, p. 2372. (c) Spanish Govt. aids railroads, p. 2373. (d) Position of railroads, p. 2390. (e) Long-term railroad bonds considered attractive; Brown Bros. booklet; p. 2390.

Alabama Company.—Common Dividend of 3%.—

A dividend of 3% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 22 1920. In July last a distribution of 5% was made, compared with 4% in Jan. 1920 and 3% in July 1919. The board fixes no specific time which this Common dividend covers.—V. 110, p. 2568.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Applications Made to I. S. C. Commission.—The following roads have made application to the I. S. C. Comm. for permission to issue bonds, notes, etc.

Atlantic Coast Line RR. for permission to issue the obligations imposed by a trust agreement and a lease whereby carrier agrees to pay to Safe Deposit Trust Co., Baltimore, \$6,220,000; \$1,720,000 to be paid in cash and the balance of \$4,500,000 to be paid in 15 annual instalments with interest at 6½%. The obligations are for the purpose of purchasing additional equipment and if permission is granted the carrier intends that the entire \$4,500,000 equipment trust certificates shall be sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. at not less than 94.06% of their face value, or on a 7½% basis. \$4,500,000

Boston & Maine RR. for authority to issue \$609,000 7% bonds, to be dated Jan. 1 1921, due Jan. 1 1931, proceeds to pay off \$319,000 3½% bonds of Boston & Lowell RR. and \$290,000 3½% bonds of Connecticut River RR., both of which mature Jan. 1 1921. \$609,000

Raritan River RR. for authority to issue additional capital stock; proceeds to be used to reimburse the treasury for monies expended for current expenses, less. \$160,000

(The New Jersey P. U. Commission has protested to the I. S. C. Comm. against the latter taking any action to the road's application unless the company also apply to the N. J. Commission, as it holds it is required under New Jersey law.)

Toledo Terminal RR. for authority to issue certificates of indebtedness payable on demand at 6% to roads which own the company's stock to secure advances made to the road from time to time. \$98,685

Washington & Lincolnton RR. for authority to issue 7% Cum. Pref. stock for making improvements to property. \$100,000

—V. 111, p. 1751.

Boston & Maine RR.—Status.—Pres. James H. Hustis, at the recent hearing on the petition of the New England railroads for a readjustment of the division of freight rates on through traffic between roads east and west of the Hudson River, said in substance:

The additions and betterments for the growing needs of the property amount to \$48,000,000 during the period from July 1 1910 to Dec. 31 1919, or an average of about \$5,000,000 per year. None of the net income from April 1 1913 to Dec. 31 1919 applicable to dividends on the old pref. and com. stock, and amounting to about \$5,000,000, has been paid to the stockholders. There must continue to be spent annually even larger amounts for the upkeep and extension of facilities.

Your honorable board has recommended the adoption of steel for wooden cars. This one item alone would represent for the Boston & Maine at present prices an expenditure of approximately \$50,000,000, with a doubtful salvage value of present passenger equipment (of which about one-fifth is more than 30 years old and about one-half is 20 or more years old). The adoption of steel passenger car equipment carries with it collateral expenses for heavier locomotives to haul the heavier cars, and for yard and shop facilities for taking care of such equipment, running into a very large capital investment.

The adoption of the most modern methods of electrically locked signaling, which ought not to be unnecessarily delayed, would require a further expenditure likewise running into millions. The recent requirement for the adoption of electric locomotive headlights on the B. & M. alone represents a capital expenditure of approximately \$300,000 and an annual increased operating cost of at least \$30,000 per annum.

If the Boston & Maine should realize a 6% return on even its conservatively stated book value it would have a net railway operating income of more than \$14,000,000, enough to meet fixed charges, preferred dividends and leaving a surplus of more than \$5,000,000 with which to meet equipment instalments, sinking fund requirements and provide a return on approximately \$39,500,000 common stock, much of which was sold at substantial premiums above par and some of which was sold in the market for more than \$200.

Actually the latest estimate of net railway operating income is less than \$2,700,000, or slightly more than 1% on the book value of the property. If this estimate were realized the Boston & Maine would fail by nearly \$3,500,000 to meet its fixed charges, not including dividends on first pref. stocks, which until recently were guaranteed rentals on leased lines. This

estimate makes no allowance for the present reduction in volume of business, and results for current months under existing rates indicate a much larger deficit. Unless an adequate return is earned on the common stock it will not be possible to refund existing bonds on reasonable conditions, or to secure the new capital which is absolutely essential.

President Hustis has addressed a letter to the holders of the \$329,000 Boston & Lowell 3½s, and the \$290,000 Connecticut River RR. 3½s, both maturing Jan. 1, 1921 asking the holders thereof to exchange their bonds for B. & M. 10-yr. 7% bonds.

The letter says: "On account of the present financial conditions these bonds cannot be sold on the market at satisfactory prices. Holders assenting to the proposition should deposit their bonds as early as possible with Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston." See also Atlantic Coast Line R.R. above.—V. 111, p. 2422.

Boston & Worcester Street Ry.—Fare Increase.—

The Mass. Department of Public Utilities has dismissed the complaint of patrons of the line, relative to the proposed fare increase. The new fare schedule effective Dec. 17 makes no change in fare zones. It increases cash fare from 7 to 10 cents, substitutes 5 cent cash fare for certain 4 cent tickets, and abolishes \$6.75—50 ride ticket between Overbrook and Chestnut Hill. Estimated new fare schedule will give \$30,000 additional revenue.—V. 108, p. 682.

Bridge Operating Co., N. Y. City.—Municipal Oper.

It is stated that early after Jan. 1 the city will take over and operate the line which runs over the Williamsburg Bridge connecting lower Manhattan with Brooklyn. The city authorities have appropriated \$300,000 to equip the line.—V. 99, p. 673.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Listing—Fares.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,041,000 Equitable Trust Co. certificates (deposit of 5% 50-Year Gold Mtge. bonds, due Oct. 1 1945, with coupons due April 1 1919 and subsequent attached, deposited under the terms of the deposit agreement dated April 4 1919. (V. 109, p. 72, 1366.)

The New York P. S. Commission has suspended until March 12 1921 the new tariffs filed by the B.R.T. system and the Brooklyn City R.R. Co. on Dec. 14. The tariffs filed proposed to make important changes in operation by the creation of zones and to impose 10-cent fares in some instances. These tariffs, unless suspended by the Commission, would have become operative Jan. 13.—V. 111, p. 2227.

Canadian National Railways.—Vice-President.—

R. C. Vaughan has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 111, p. 2423, 2139.

Central R.R. of New Jersey.—Injunction in Reading Coal Trust Suit Prevents Payment at This Time of Usual Special Semi-Annual Dividend of 2%.—Secretary F. T. Dickerson in circular dated at N. Y., Dec. 21, says:

The company has heretofore for many years declared a dividend of 2% in December payable out of dividends (of 13% per annum) received by it on its \$3,489,400 stock in the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. The coal company this year has declared its usual dividend [6½% semi-annually, but the railroad company is enjoined from receiving its part of this dividend by decree of the Federal Court in the so-called Reading Trust Suit. (V. 110, p. 1816.)

The Railroad Company confidently expects ultimately to receive the amount of this dividend from the coal company and to distribute it to its stockholders, but is prevented by the injunction from doing so now.

[The Central R.R. of N. J. in addition to the 2% paid semi-annually in June and December out of Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. dividends has long paid 8% p. a. (2% Q.-F.) from its own earnings.]—V. 111, p. 1364.

Central Vermont RR.—Bonds Authorized.—The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the following roads to issue bonds or notes as follows:

Central Vermont RR. to issue Refunding Mortgage 5% gold bonds to pay and satisfy in full an equal amount of indebtedness to the Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada. \$1,359,000

Lehigh & Hudson River Ry. to issue additional capital stock to be sold at not less than par, proceeds to be applied to retire \$2,587,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds dated July 1 1890 and \$400,000 debenture bonds, dated May 1 1907, both of which matured July 1 1920. \$2,987,000

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR. to issue 36 promissory notes each for \$5,055.55 bearing int. at 6% p. a., maturing monthly, beginning Feb. 1 1921, for 36 months, and payable to Union Refrigerator Transit Co. at par in part payment for 100 refrigerator cars purchased from company at contract prices of \$227,500. \$182,000

—V. 111, p. 1369.

Chattahoocha & Gulf RR.—Bonds Called.—

Twenty First Mortgage bonds have been drawn for payment out of the sinking fund and will be redeemed on Jan. 1 at the Citizens' & Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga.—V. 109, p. 2439.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.—Reorganization.—Application has been made to the I.-S. C. Commission for the taking over of this road by the Chicago & Eastern Ry., a new corporation. The application asks for permission:

(1) To take over the underlying equipment obligations of the carrier, amounting to \$5,350,000

(2) The issuance of prior lien bonds (int. to be determined later, and not maturing before 1961) to the amount of 4,285,000

(3) The issuance of General Mortgage 5% bonds due Jan. 1 1951 amounting to 32,156,000

(4) The issuance of 6% Preferred stock, amounting to 24,030,150

(5) The issuance of Common stock amounting to 25,500,000

—V. 111, p. 2040.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Status.—

President Byram is quoted as saying "The country is too big and prosperous not to resume. St. Paul is being rehabilitated and making encouraging progress. I am optimistic as to the future of our road. It is in good physical shape, traverses some of the richest territory in the country and is bound to produce and handle its share of traffic, particularly as operating efficiency is showing a steady improvement. I look for a big movement of freight commencing with the spring. Road building materials and grain probably will be offered in large volume. As general business improves railroads will profit proportionately. We have not had time enough to study the hearing of new rates or wages.

See Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern RR. below.—V. 111, p. 2423.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—New Vice-President.—

A. C. Johnson, passenger traffic manager in Chicago, will become Vice-President in charge of traffic on Jan. 1, succeeding H. R. McCullough.—V. 111, p. 2423, 2227.

Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry.—Proposed Lease, &c.—Pres. M. J. Carpenter, in circular dated at Chicago, Nov. 20, says in brief:

999-Year Lease.—The directors of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. have offered to lease for 999 years the railways and property of the Chicago Terre Haute & Southeastern Ry. Co. Your directors have approved the general terms of a lease, which, with respect to income bonds and stock, are as follows:

Income Bonds.—The lessee will endorse upon each Income Bond its guaranty of the payment of both the principal of said bond and a sum equal to the full 5% annual interest thereon, beginning with the interest payable Sept. 1 1921. To obtain this guaranty, each income bondholder must surrender for cancellation all coupons bearing date prior to Sept. 1 1921, representing accumulated and unpaid interest; (that is, all unpaid coupons up to and including No. 40.) depositing same with First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, as depository. [The aforesaid coupons will be held by the depository for a period of about five years from date of lease, while the amount of net assets (available for payment of coupons) remaining after full payment of current liabilities and unfunded debt existing on date of lease are being determined. After this period all unpaid coupons will be canceled by the depository.]

While the deposited bonds are held by it, the depository will collect such of the coupons therefrom as may be paid by the Southeastern Co. out of its net earnings and income prior to the date of the lease, and will remit the proper amount to each income bondholder.

The Southeastern Co. has paid a total of 15 1/4% interest on these bonds since Dec. 1 1910, or only slightly more than 1 1/2% annually, whereas under the proposed lease the full current 5% annual interest thereon, as well as the principal when due, will be guaranteed. [The deposit agreement states that the guaranty will be substantially the following form: [For value received, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. hereby unconditionally guarantees the payment of the principal of the within bond with interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually beginning Sept. 1 1921. (Signed at Chicago, Ill., 1921. Chic. Milw. & St. Paul Ry. Co., by _____, Treasurer.]

Stock.—The Chic. Milw. & St. Paul Ry. Co. offers, under said lease, to purchase the capital stock from the holders thereof for \$10 per share. To effect said purchase, the holders of the present voting trust certificates (which are exchangeable for stock on and after Dec. 24 1920) should send their certificates, endorsed in blank by the owner, to First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.

The stock, during the past five years, has had a merely nominal market value of only one or two dollars per share.

The whole arrangement is contingent upon the purchase of at least 75% of the Southeastern's [\$4,300,000] capital stock. [Par \$100.]

The lease must be approved by the stockholders of both companies. For that purpose a meeting of the Chic. T. H. & S. E. stockholders will be called as soon as convenient, and the Chic. Milw. & St. Paul stockholders will act thereon at their annual meeting next May. The lease must likewise be approved by the Illinois P. U. Commission, the P. S. Commission of Indiana and the I.-S. C. Commission, respectively.

The above service of First Trust & Savings Bank will be rendered without charge to the depositories.

To date income bondholders owning \$2,291,600 of [the \$6,336,055] income bonds, and voting trust certificate holders representing 12,400 shares of the capital stock, have agreed to the above terms.—V. 111, p. 2227.

Cincinnati Northern RR.—Government Loan.—

See New York Central RR. below.—V. 111, p. 2139.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—

See New York Central RR. below.—V. 111, p. 2323.

Cuba RR.—Notes Extended.—

We have been officially informed that the \$2,000,000 6% notes due Nov. 15 1920 have been extended to Nov. 15 1922.—V. 111, p. 1751.

Cumberland (El.) Ry., Carlisle, Pa.—Sale.—

Warwick M. Ogelsby has announced the sale of the road to McGovern & Co., Inc., N. Y. City. The road, extending from Carlisle to Newville, discontinued operations on Nov. 1. It had previously defaulted in the payment of interest on outstanding bonds. ("Electric Railway Journal")—V. 111, p. 1851.

Cumberland (Md.) & Westernport Elec. Ry.—Fare Inc.—

The Maryland P. S. Commission authorized the company, effective Dec. 1, to increase fares in each zone from 7 to 10 cents, and to sell monthly commutation tickets good for 56 rides, at the rate of 7 1/2 cents a zone. Co. must also transport miners, traveling in miners' cars, at the rate of 7 cents a zone, and must sell tickets to clergymen and school children at the rate of 50¢ for \$2.50. Valuation placed at \$1,888,304.—V. 104, p. 2451.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,000,000 10-Year 7% Secured Gold bonds, due June 1 1930. See offering in V. 110, p. 1972.—V. 111, p. 2323.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Sale Not Yet Confirmed.—

The sale of the road to the Western Pacific was not confirmed in St. Louis on Dec. 18. The matter was held up by Federal Judges Sanborn and Lewis, pending the decision of the Federal Appellate Court on the right of the stockholders to intervene.

The stockholders' committee has filed in the Federal Court in Denver two complaints charging conspiracy in matters leading up to the decree ordering the sale and mentioning various corporations and persons as defendants. In addition the bill mentions charges against railroad directors and financiers. These suits are designed to block completely the transfer of the Denver property to the Western Pacific.—V. 111, p. 2323.

Des Moines City Ry.—Fare Increase.—

Federal Judge Martin J. Wade entered an order on Dec. 11 putting into effect an 8-cent fare in Des Moines as soon as the company puts into operation a 40% increase in service which is ordered in the court's decree fixing the fare.

Ten tickets will be sold for 75 cents and 5 for 38 cents. According to officials of the company it will be at least Dec. 20 before the necessary schedules can be worked out and full arrangements made for operating under the new plan. The court's order follows generally the recommendations made to Judge Wade by the three masters in chancery appointed to investigate the situation in Des Moines, although there are some minor changes such as continuing the present 2 1/2-cent fare to school children and high-school pupils.—V. 111, p. 2140.

Detroit United Rys.—To Cut Wages.—

Officials of the company have announced that commencing Jan. 1, it will be necessary to reduce the wages of motormen and conductors possibly 20%. Owing to the failure of the city to afford relief during the war, the cost of operation has so burdened the company that a readjustment is necessary. Members of the street railway men's union representing motormen and conductors have voted to refuse to accept the proposed 20% reduction in wages. The agreement between the company and the union regarding wages, &c., does not expire until May 1 next.—V. 111, p. 2423.

Eagles Mere RR.—Receivership.—

H. Laussat Geyelin was appointed temporary receiver for the road by Judge Ferguson in Common Pleas Court at Phila. on Dec. 22. The company has defaulted in payment of interest on its bonds for the last three months.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Eastern Texas RR.—To Sell Road.—

The company is offering for sale all of the property owned by it, free of all encumbrances, for \$50,000, to any party or parties interested in the community served by the road, on condition that the purchaser, or purchasers, shall continue its operation, in accordance with the order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. See V. 111, p. 2324.

Empire State RR.—Fare Increase.—

The P. S. Commission granted the company, effective Dec. 1, permission to charge 3 cents a mile for cash fares on its line between Syracuse and Oswego, N. Y. Commutation rates are advanced to a basis of 1 1/2 cents a mile. The fare has been 2.77 cents for cash and ticket fares and 1 1/2 cents for commutation fares.—V. 111, p. 2041.

Exeter Hampton & Amesbury St. Ry.—Municipal Oper.—

The citizens of Hampton, N. H., have voted to purchase the road at a cost not to exceed \$80,000, with the understanding that if the road failed to pay expenses the town of Exeter would make an annual contribution of \$2,500 for a term of five years.—V. 111, p. 1660, 792.

Georgia Coast & Piedmont RR.—Sale.—

The Collins & Ludowici RR., a portion of the old Georgia Coast & Piedmont, which was abandoned some time ago, it is stated, will be sold Jan. 4 at public sale.—V. 109, p. 2263.

Georgia Railway & Power Co.—Fare Increase Denied.—

Judge John B. Hutcheson, recently denied the motion of the company for a supersedeas permitting an increase in fares from 5 to 7 cents in Decatur.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Vice-President.—

R. O. Vaughan has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 111, p. 2324, 1566.

Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada.—Initial Payment on

Jan. 1 of Interest Guaranteed by Canadian Government on 4% Guaranteed Stock—Status of Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. 4% Deb. Stock.—Payment will be made Jan. 1 of the initial distribu-

tion at the rate of 4% per annum under the guaranty of the Canadian Government on the £12,500,000 Guaranteed debenture stock covering the period from May 22 to Dec. 31 1920, as provided in the Government Purchase Agreement, less 1/2 of 1% to cover cost of arbitration. The "Stock Exchange Gazette" of London on Dec. 9 said in substance:

Holders of Guaranteed Stock of the Grand Trunk Railway who have been without dividends since April 1917 will receive a cash payment on Jan. 1 next for the period May 22 to Dec. 31. This will be the first payment to the guaranteed stockholders under the agreement for purchase of the line by the Canadian Government. The payment dates from the date of the appointment of the committee of management (May 21 last), and therefore covers a period of six months and forty days, and the gross amount per £100 of stock is £2 8s. 9d.; deduction of [English] income tax at 6s. in the £ (14s. 8d.) leaves £1 14s. 1d., from which has to be subtracted 10s., being 1/2% levy to pay for the costs of the arbitration. The net amount of the payment on Jan. 1 next, therefore [to English holders] will be £1 4s. 1d. per £100 stock.

The levy of 1/2% is in accordance with the agreement that each side shall pay its own costs and that costs common to both parties shall be shared. The circular of Feb. 2 1920 said: "A contribution from the debenture holders and old guaranteed stockholders will be deducted from the first payment of dividends after the appointment of the committee of management to assist in meeting any expenses that may arise. It is hoped that the amount to be deducted will not exceed 1/2% on the old guaranteed stock and 1/4% on the debenture stocks." The subsequent dividends on the Guaranteed Stock, therefore, should be at the full rate of 4% per annum, less tax.

As regards the junior securities, the board of three arbitrators will commence their sittings on Feb. 1 next. It is impossible to say how long their deliberations will last; it may possibly be a matter of months. Obviously distribution can be made to the preference or ordinary stockholders until after the award has been given by the arbitrators and the new Guaranteed Stock has been issued in exchange for the existing securities at present held.

As regards the [\$34,879,252] Grand Trunk Pacific Railway 4% debenture stock, concerning which inquiries are frequently received, this stock has received no dividend for three half-years. [Last payment March 1919]. It is guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Railway as to interest, and ranked after the prior charges of the Grand Trunk Railway, and therefore in front of the latter's old Guaranteed Stock which will receive a dividend on Jan. 1 next. It is confidently assumed that the Canadian Government will become responsible for the interest on those debentures, including the arrears.

In the arguments and correspondence passing between the directors and the Government it has always been understood that the Government would "take over the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and branch lines and the Grand Trunk Railway Co. and acquire all assets and assume all obligations of both companies." It is therefore confidently expected that the interest in arrears and in future on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway 4% debentures will be met by the Canadian Government, but that payment up to date will not be made until the Government formally takes over the Grand Trunk Railway, which will not be until the arbitrators have given their award and the formalities of purchase and sale have been completed.—V. 111, p. 2423, 2324.

Illinois Central RR.—Appoints Electric Commission.—

The company has appointed a commission of engineers to consider the best methods of carrying out the electrification of its Chicago terminals. The members of this commission are: A. S. Baldwin, Chairman; Daniel J. Brumley, Bion J. Arnold, George Gibbs, Dr. Cary T. Hutchinson, and W. M. Vanderstuis. It probably will be about six months before the report of the commission can be made.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Manhattan Railway

Rental—Jan. 1 1921 Obligations.—Pres. Frank Hedley says:

"It is impossible at this time for the company to make any definite statement as to the payment of the Manhattan Railway rental on Jan. 1 1921 amounting to about \$1,050,000.—Ed.]

"Negotiations are progressing for the renewal of the I. R. T. Co. six months' notes. These were issued a year ago to aid in meeting the Manhattan rental, bond interest and other obligations. They were renewed last July and become due Dec. 31 1920.

"With the renewal of these notes and the further forbearance of the holders of the floating debt of which we are hopeful and fairly normal traffic conditions for the remainder of Dec., it is expected that it will become possible to pay the Manhattan rental on Jan. 1 1921 or shortly thereafter."

The Pelham Bay Park line of the extension of the East Side subway was put into operation on Dec. 20 thus completing rapid transit construction provided for the Bronx in the dual system contract. The extension runs from Westchester Sq., a distance of 2 1/4 miles to the terminal.—V. 111, p. 2324.

International Ry., Buffalo.—Modifies Franchise.—

The Council of Lockport, N. Y., has granted the company a franchise permitting the resumption of service on Grand and Gooding streets. Service on these two lines was suspended in August 1919. Provisions of the franchise, which is effective for ten years, release the company from paying any part of the cost of paving the streets until 1924. Freight cars may be operated on Grand St. on the Olcott division between 11 p. m. and 6 a. m. only.—("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 111 p. 2228.

Kanawha & Michigan Ry.—Government Loan.—

See New York Central RR. below.—V. 111, p. 2140.

Kansas City Rys.—Fare Extended—Report.—

The Missouri P. S. Commission has granted the receivers permission to continue to charge the present rates of 8 cents for a single trip fare for six months from Nov. 20. Compare "Annual Reports" above.—V. 111, p. 2324.

Knoxville Sevierville & Eastern Ry.—New President.—

John W. Green has been elected President succeeding William J. Oliver, S. E. Cleage has been elected a director and also as General Manager.—V. 93, p. 940.

Lake Erie & Western RR.—Government Loan.—

See New York Central RR. below.—V. 111, p. 2140.

Lehigh & Hudson River Ry.—Additional Stock.—

See Central Vermont RR. above.—V. 111, p. 1949.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Modification of Decree Denied.—

The U. S. Supreme Court on Dec. 20 denied the company's petition to modify the decree so as to omit the requirements that the road separate itself from the Delaware Susq. & Schuylkill River RR.—V. 111, p. 2423.

Long Island RR.—Justice Benedict Further Enjoins

Proposed 20% Increase in Passenger Rates Pending Final Determination of Injunction Suit.—See article in Intra-State rates under "Current Events" on a preceding page. V. 111, p. 2140.

Manhattan Railway.—Jan. 1 Rental.—

See Interborough Rapid Transit Co. above.—V. 110, p. 78.

Marcellus (N. Y.) & Otisco Lake RR.—Suspends.—

The road, it is stated, has suspended operations. The line owned by Philadelphia interests, has been leased by Marcellus men. This lease expired Dec. 15. There is said to be no present prospect for a resumption of operations.—V. 111, p. 692.

Market Street Ry., San Francisco.—Bonds Redeemed.—

The company on Nov. 29 last, purchased \$161,038 First Consol. Mtge. 5% 30-year bonds of 1894, at 74 to 77 1/2, for cancellation through a sinking fund.—V. 111, p. 896.

Michigan Central RR.—Government Loan.—

See New York Central RR. below.—V. 111, p. 2423.

Michigan Northern RR.—Application Denied.—

The company's application for permission to construct a line from Lansing to Midland, Mich., with a 17-mile branch from Pleasant Valley to Mt.

The I. S. C. Commission has denied the company's application for permission to construct a line from Lansing to Midland, Mich., with a 17-mile branch from Pleasant Valley to Mt. Pleasant, the whole line, incl. branch, to be about 102 miles. The company was organized in Mich. in May 1919 to build a road from Lansing to Bay City, some 235 miles. Authorized capital \$2,400,000 pref. and \$600,000 common.

Milford & Uxbridge St. Ry.—Discontinues Line.—

The company discontinued service between Franklin and Medway, Mass., about 4 miles, for an indefinite period on Nov. 21, by order of the directors. The Franklin-Medway line is one of the lines of the Medway & Dedham St. Ry., operated by the Milford & Uxbridge Street Ry. under lease since Oct. 1914. ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 110, p. 1415.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Notes Authorized.—

See Central Vermont RR. above.—V. 111, p. 2423.

New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Co.—Fares.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has denied the application of the company to increase fares from 7 to 8c. in each of the four fare zones between Trenton and Princeton, but approved the petition for an increase of 40% in commodity freight rates and 20% increase in package express tariffs.—V. 107, p. 2290.

New York Central RR.—\$26,775,000 Govt. Loan.—The I.-S. C. Commission has approved a loan of \$26,775,000 to the New York Central and seven subsidiary lines to help finance the purchase of new equipment and additions and betterments to cost \$56,625,000. The roads are to furnish \$30,000,000 for this purpose and the fund will be expended jointly.

Vice-President A. H. Harris is quoted as saying: "This is a Government loan to the New York Central Lines from the Revolving Fund made available for the I.-S. C. Commission to supplement financing already done by the New York Central Lines (V. 110, p. 1526). No independent new financing is in prospect at the moment."

Following are the subsidiary lines to be aided: The Michigan Central, the Big Four, Cincinnati Northern, Toledo & Ohio Central, Zanesville & Western, Kanawha & Michigan and Lake Erie & Western.

Injunction Vacated—Increase in Passenger Rates From 3 to 3.6 cts Per Mile in Effect Dec. 20.—

See article entitled "New Intra-State Rates" under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 111, p. 2424, 2229.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Common Dividend of 5% to Be Paid Jan. 15, the First Since 1913—Rumors.—

A dividend of 5% has been declared on the outstanding \$14,000,000 common stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 15 1921 to holders of record Jan. 3. Common dividend record: 1910 to 1912, incl., 3% p. a.; March 1913, 4%.

The declaration of the dividend on the common stock has been accompanied by revival of rumors that the Delaware Lackawanna & Western may take over the property on some basis. Representatives of the D. L. & W. inspected the property several weeks ago.—V. 111, p. 1365, 389.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Circumstances Requiring New Division of Through Rates.—In the hearing before Chairman Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, on Dec. 17, President Pearson, said in substance:

Improvements, &c.—In its endeavor to expand capacity and improve service coincidentally with the growing demands of traffic, the company during the past seven years has devoted all the funds it could earn, borrow, or obtain from the sale of non-carrier properties and has made a capital expenditure of \$49,276,715. During the same period there was received in addition \$21,391,000 of new equipment under equipment trusts.

Since Sept. 30 1913, no dividends have been paid, but if they had been paid at the rate of 6% on capital stock they would have aggregated approximately \$66,000,000 up to date.

Increased Efficiency.—As indicating the gain made in operating efficiency of the New Haven, its freight traffic increased from 1915 to 1919 approximately 900,000,000 net ton miles or 35%, and passenger miles increased 538,029,958, or 36%, with a decrease of 5.8% in freight train mileage and a decrease of 7.5% in passenger train miles.

Special Conditions Burdening the Company.—Important among these are: The increased transportation cost of fuel; the different ratio of freight to passenger revenues on which rate advances apply; and the relatively larger number of employees all of whom are subject to the wage awards, but who at the same time produce a smaller number of traffic units because of the character of the service performed.

Because of the distance from the sources of fuel supply the cost to the New Haven of transportation over foreign lines for bringing its fuel to its gateways has always been a large item. The increase in charges paid by the New Haven to other carriers for transporting its fuel because only of the raises in rates, not to mention similar increase in cost of transporting its other materials and supplies, is approximately \$3,050,000 per annum.

Rate advances have been more liberal on freight than on passenger traffic. Trunk line revenues average about three-fourths freight, one-fourth passenger. New Haven revenues are more nearly half and half. If the New Haven could have enjoyed the trunk line proportion between freight and passenger revenues, the increased revenue to the New Haven since 1917 would have approximated \$7,300,000 per annum.

Owing to short hauls, frequent junctions and yards on the New Haven a larger number of employees to handle the same amount of traffic is required on the New Haven than on most other roads. President Pearson estimated the payroll increase due solely to this larger number of employees to handle a corresponding number of ton miles at \$9,000,000 per annum.

In these three items alone, New Haven suffers to the extent of \$19,350,000 as shown below:

Increased cost on transporting fuel.....	\$3,050,000
Disproportionate amount of passenger traffic.....	7,300,000
Wage increase to excess employees in freight service.....	9,000,000

Passenger traffic is now relatively more profitable than freight. Freight traffic on the New Haven has become virtually non-supporting. The difference in character of freight traffic on the New Haven from that on the trunk lines works to its disadvantage.

Increase in Per Diem Charges for Freight Car Hire.—Prior to 1902 foreign cars were paid for at the rate of six mills per mile, an average of about 9 cents per car day. At present the per diem rate is \$1. The change in basis has meant a difference of \$6,259,750 to the New Haven. Compare statement by Vice-President Buckland in V. 111, p. 1942.—V. 111, p. 2423, 2140.

New York State Rys.—Valuation of Syracuse Lines.—

The company in its application to the P. S. Commission for an increase in fares to 10 cents in Syracuse has placed a valuation of \$21,000,000 on its Syracuse lines, contrasting with \$12,300,000 by engineers employed by the Syracuse Street Railroad Commission.

It is stated that the \$750,000 People's RR. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due Jan. 1 1921, will be paid off on that date from funds supplied by the New York State Railways.—V. 111, p. 2325.

Ottawa Traction Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock, along with the usual quarterly dividend of 1%, both payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 15 1920. A like amount has been paid extra in Jan. of each year since 1915, making a total of 5% per annum.—V. 109, p. 2263.

Pennsylvania RR.—Large Rail Order.—

The company, it is announced, has ordered for 1921 delivery 200,000 tons of rail at \$47 a ton (\$9,400,000), contrasting with 106,000 tons purchased in 1919. The new rails, it is said, will be used chiefly to restore the tracks that were badly worn during the war. The order is distributed as follows: Illinois Steel Co., 50,000 tons; Carnegie Steel Co., 50,000 tons; Bethlehem Steel and Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., 40,000 tons each, and Lackawanna Steel, 10,000 tons.

An eight-page circular setting forth the position of the company and its capital stock has been prepared and published under the auspices of the Business Development Committee of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange for the information of the public.—V. 111, p. 2424.

Phila. Rapid Transit Co.—Validity of Rentals Upheld.—

In a decision handed down by the Superior Court, the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission has been ordered to refrain from an investigation of the rentals paid by the P. R. T. to the underlying companies. The city and two local business men's associations sought to have the Commission investigate, regulate and if possible reduce the rentals of the underlying companies in an effort to clear the transit situation and bring about an equitable rate of fare.—V. 111, p. 2229.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR.—Co-Receiver.—

Henry S. Hastings, formerly Comptroller and Auditor, on Nov. 6 1920 was appointed co-receiver with Franklin Sullivan Smith, now deceased. See V. 111, p. 2141, 2230.

Raritan River RR.—Stock Application.—

See Atlantic Coast Line RR. above.—V. 107, p. 2477.

Reading Company.—Segregation Plan Expected Shortly.—

A daily news agency has substantially the following from Philadelphia: It is understood that the Reading segregation plans are gradually assuming shape and that it is unlikely the company will ask for an extension beyond the 90 days from Oct. 8 fixed by the U. S. District Court.

Market action gives no indication of what is in store. Reading stocks have declined with the general market, but the Preferred issues have shown greater relative strength than the Common. Parties conversant with the situation note that it would be possible to file a main [skeleton] plan of segregation and later file a supplemental plan giving in detail how the segregation would be carried out.

It is generally agreed that whatever the plan it will be protested by some class of security holders. If the Pref. stockholders do not share equally with the Common, it is understood certain of them propose legal action to secure equal recognition. While if all three classes of stock are treated on an equal basis then it is expected that action will be brought by Common stockholders who believe that the surplus of the Reading company which was built up from funds which might otherwise have been disbursed as dividends on the Common shares belongs to them. Compare V. 111, p. 1473; V. 110, p. 2388, 2488, 2292, 1850.

Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Power Co.—Consolidation Off.—

See Washington Water Power Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1280.

Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry.—Comptroller.—

Robert Crosbie has been elected Comptroller. See also V. 111, p. 2326, 2230, 2042.

Third Avenue Ry., N. Y.—New Secretary.—

Garrow T. Geer, formerly Secretary to Lindlay M. Garrison, Receiver of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., has been elected Secretary.—V. 111, p. 1747, 390.

Thirty-Fourth St. Crosstown Ry.—Abandonment.—

Stockholders will vote Jan. 19 1921 on abandoning the right, privilege and franchise to construct, maintain and operate its horse car railway in, upon and along 34th St. from a point just east of 11th Ave., westerly in 34th St., to a point near 12th Ave., 972 feet.—V. 111, p. 794; V. 62, p. 549.

Toledo Bowling Green & Southern Traction Co.—

1st Mtge. 5s Due May 1 1920, to be Extended to 1941 at 6%.—

Secretary A. J. Becht in a notice to the holders of the outstanding \$1,420,000 1st Mtge. Consol. 5% 20-year gold bonds due May 1 1921, says: While all coupons have been promptly paid when due, and though business has shown a steady increase for several years, yet the abnormal conditions prevailing have prevented the accumulation of a cash surplus. Consequently company is not in a position to redeem the bonds (or any part thereof) on date of maturity.

Therefore, it is advisable and expedient to ask the holders to agree to an extension from May 1 1921 to May 1 1941, reserving to them all liens, securities, equities and rights which exist under or accrue to the original bonds, the same as if such extension has not been made, and increasing the rate of coupon interest from 5% to 6% p. a. during such extension.

The Ohio P. U. Commission has authorized such extension and increase. Holders of the bonds are requested to deposit them with the Central Trust Co., Cincinnati, O., depository (first detaching the int. coupon due May 1 1921) for proper stamping, &c.—V. 111, p. 2326.

Toledo & Ohio Central RR.—Governmet Loan.—

See New York Central RR. above.—V. 111, p. 2141.

Toledo Terminal RR.—Application.—

See Atlantic Coast Line RR. above.—V. 111, p. 295.

Union Passenger Railway Co.—Dividend.—

The semi-annual dividend of \$4 per share has been declared on the stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15, less third and fourth quarterly installments of the 1919 Federal income tax, amounting to 45 cents per share.—V. 109, p. 2440.

United R.R.s. of San Fran.—Reorganization Plan Approved.—

The California Railroad Commission has approved the proposed reorganization plan without any changes.

See Market Street Railway above.—V. 111, p. 1950, 1853.

Valdosta Moultrie & Western RR.—Order Sold.—

J. W. Talbot has been appointed by Federal Judge Evans to sell the road at an upset price of \$165,000. No date has yet been set for the sale.—V. 111, p. 2042.

Washington & Lincolnton RR.—Stock Application.—

See Atlantic Coast Line RR. above.

Washington Water Power Co.—Consolidation Plan Off.—

President D. L. Huntington says: "While in New York and Chicago I had several talks with those interested in the control of the Spokane & Eastern Ry. & Power Co. We discussed the question of a consolidation of the railways at considerable length. For various reasons, it is not possible at this time to bring it about.

"One of the difficulties is that the consolidation will involve the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars. This expenditure would have to be in cash, and no one at the present time wishes to put such large sums into a property which is earning no return on present investment, to say nothing of additional expenditures.

"Therefore, it seems that one of the necessary steps to be taken before serious consideration can be given to consolidation will be to place the properties in a condition where they can earn a reasonable return upon the money invested in them and thus justify the expenditure of the further necessary sums that would be called for by consolidation. As every one knows, the cost of money is very high at the present time and it is not forthcoming except to enterprises that can pay liberal returns to attract it.—V. 110, p. 659.

West Philadelphia Passenger Ry.—Dividend.—

A semi-annual dividend of \$5 per share has been declared on the stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15, less third and fourth quarterly installments of the 1919 Federal income tax, amounting to 45 cents per share.—V. 109, p. 2441.

White Pass & Yukon Ry.—Earnings, &c.—

The directors' report for the year ending June 30 1920 states that the profit and loss account shows a loss of \$13,206, which reduces the p. & l. credit balance to \$54,641.

"The shareholders have acted or are about to act upon a provisional agreement made with Close Brothers & Co., Ltd., under which the latter will finance the company for a further period of two years, on similar terms to those approved by the Court under the scheme of arrangement. The remaining "A" shares are to be issued to Close Brothers & Co., subject to certain conditions."—V. 107, p. 2478.

Wichita Falls Ranger & Ft. Worth RR.—Officers.—

Frank Ketch of Ardmore, Oklahoma, has been elected President to succeed the late Jake L. Hamon. J. H. Frazer has been elected as Vice-President to succeed Mr. Ketch.—V. 111, p. 794.

Winnipeg Electric Ry.—Prof. Stock Offering.—Nesbitt Thomson & Co., Ltd., Montreal in October last, offered at 90 yielding 7-3/4% with a bonus of 30% in Common stock \$3,000,000 7% Cumul. Pref. (a.&d.) stock. Div. Q.-J. A circular shows:

Properties.—Company does a power, lighting and gas business, and operates the entire street railway system of the City of Winnipeg, consisting of 120 miles. Has a hydro-electric development of 33,000 h.p. capacity and an auxiliary steam plant of 13,000 h.p. In addition controls a large undeveloped water power capable of 170,000 h.p. development capacity. Franchises are considered very satisfactory.

Valuation.—Properties (exclusive of the value of the large undeveloped water power), were valued by the Manitoba P. U. Commission at \$24,369,431. This replacement value is equal to over \$450 per share for the Pref. stock or about \$100 per share for the Common stock.

Earnings.—Average annual net earnings for 3 years ending Dec. 31 1914 were \$1,148,193.

Average annual net earnings 3 years ending Dec. 31 1919 were \$498,637.

Net earnings (est.) for 1920 based on actual figures for first 8 months (equal to 3 times Preferred dividend) \$630,000.

Increased Fares & Rates.—The P. U. Commission authorized company to increase street railway fares to 7c. cash or 4 tickets for 25c; and to increase the price of gas \$1 75 per 1,000 ft. as from Sept. 1 1920.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire notes and bank loans. With these paid off it is expected that company will be in a position to recommend payment of divs. on its Common stock (last payment of 2% made Jan. 2 1916) within a reasonable time.

Capitalization after this Financing.

Common stk [inc. from \$10,000,000 Dec. 4]	Authorized	Outstanding
Preferred stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
5% Bonds (\$289,000 retired by sinking fund)	5,000,000	4,711,000
4 1/2% Perp. Deb. stock		4,380,000
Bonds of subsidiaries (less held in treas \$746,000)	1,900,000	1,154,000

—V. 111, p. 2326, 2330.

Wisconsin & Michigan R.R.—To Restore 20 Miles.—The I. S. C. Commission has authorized the company to rebuild 17 miles of road between Faithorn Jct., and Aragon Jct., Mich., and to resume operation of 13.8 miles of road in Dickinson County, Mich.

In Feb. 1918, the Railroad Administration ordered the service between Faithorn Jct. and Iron Mountain discontinued. In Nov. 1918, company removed its rails between Faithorn Jct. and Aragon Jct., 17.1 miles. Since that time the 13.8 miles of line between Aragon Jct. and Iron Mountain has been out of service. The ties, culverts and trestles on the 7.17 miles of right of way were left in place, and with some minor expenditures for repairs on 1 bridge and for surfacing, the line only requires relaying of the rails to make possible resumption of operations to Iron Mountain. Total estimated cost \$62,740.

The company was incorp. in Aug. 1918 as successor to the Wisconsin & Michigan Ry. sold under foreclosure (V. 105, p. 2096). Capital auth., \$1,500,000; outstanding \$847,500. Main line owned, Menominee to Iron Mountain, Mich., 60 miles. Pres John March, Chicago.—V. 105, p. 2096.

Zanesville & Western R.R.—Government Loan.—See New York Central R.R. above.—V. 111, p. 2141.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

General Industrial and Public Utility News.—The following table summarizes recent industrial and public utility news of a general character, such as is commonly treated at length on preceding pages under the caption "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either concurrently or as early as practicable after the matter becomes public. *New Packing Plan*—See Swift & Co. below.

Price Recession.—The sharp break in the stock markets this week was attended by new low prices for the year for various commodities notably:

	Low 1920	Dec. 15	High 1920
Coffee No. 7 Rio	Dec. 22 80.00%	80.06%	Jan. 11 80.16%
Lard prime	Dec. 20 15.55	14.05	Jan. 9 23.50
Pork, mess	Dec. 21 29.50	30.00	Jan. 2 27.00
Lead	Dec. 22 .04 1/2	.04 1/2	Mar 15 0.09 1/2
Copper	Dec. 21 .13 1/2	.13 1/2	Jan. 8 0.19 1/2
Cotton mid uplands	Dec. 22 0.14 1/2	0.15 1/2	July 22 0.43 1/2
Iron 2x Phila.	Dec. 23 33.00	34.00	Aug. 31 53.51

Live stock values at Chicago are reported at lowest since 1916 "Bost N. B." Dec. 23, p. 6.

The Spanish River and Abitibi Mills of Canada have agreed to fix their price for news print for the first 3 mos. of 1921 at 6 1/2 cents instead of 7 cts.

Steel and Iron.—The independent steel mills have generally reduced their price for heavy open hearth steel rails to \$47, as quoted by U. S. Steel Corp.; and at this price the Pennsylvania R.R. has placed orders for 200,000 tons and the N. Y. Central for 75,000 tons for 1921 delivery.

The leading cast iron pipe maker has reduced his price for water pipe (Class B) from \$7 to \$5 1/2.

The "Iron Age" of Dec. 23 further reports the U. S. Steel Corp. as still operating at 85 to 90% of capacity, the independent cos. at 40 to 70%, with some of the smaller plants closed. Wage reductions of generally 20% (with elimination of overtime) at Johnstown and Coatesville, Pa., Wheeling, W. Va., and Buffalo. Inland Steel Co. returns Jan. 1 to two 12-hour shifts (recently three 8-hour). Expectations of R.R. buying, the "Age" says, appear to have been "far too optimistic." New oil developments promise to keep pipe mills active for some months.

Coal and Coke.—The anthracite coal operators on Dec. 23 refused to accede to the demand for a reopening of the wage award with a minimum wage of \$6 for an 8-hour day. "Times" Dec. 24, p. 8.

Output of bituminous coal for week of Dec. 11 makes another high record, 12,865,000 tons. Steam coal at Connellsville Dec. 23 \$2 75, "hardly producing cost," and foundry and furnace coke of best grades at \$6 50, against about \$9 Nov. 23 1920. Independent coke producers closing down.

Coal trade investigation by Senate committee, N. Y. "Times" Dec. 21, p. 5; Dec. 22, p. 1; Dec. 23, p. 15.

Textile Industry.—The Fall River cotton and textile interests on Dec. 23 announced a 22 1/2% wage reduction, effective Jan. 3. The New Bedford textile workers Dec. 18 voted down a strike proposition and accepted wage reduction of 22 1/2% under protest. Such reduction is becoming general in the New England industry, except for American Woolen Co., which see below.

Of the 111 textile mills in Fall River, 12 are said to be closed and all except 8 or 10 of the remainder are operating from 2 to 4 days a week. Boston "News Bureau" Dec. 20, p. 1.

New Packing Plant.—See Swift & Co. below.

Matters Fully Covered in "Chronicle" of Dec. 18.—(a) Transvaal gold output in Nov., p. 2354. (b) Cotton crop est., p. 2354. (c) Wheat crop est., p. 2355. (d) Russian land concessions of Washington, Vanderlip, p. 2359 ("Times" Dec. 23, p. 9; "Eng. & Min. Jour." Dec. 18, p. 1187). (e) Proposal for regulating packing industry, p. 2365. (f) Farmers' emergency legislation (editorial), p. 2368. (g) Immigration in 1919-20, p. 2371. (h) Foreign Trade Financing Corp., p. 2376 to 2379 (compare V. 111, p. 2264, 2278). (i) American Products Export & Import Corp., p. 2379. (j) Federal International Banking Co., cotton, p. 2380. (k) War Finance Corp., revival, Senate approves, p. 2381. (l) Live stock industry, proposed aid, p. 2381. (m) Agricultural Aid, Rep. McCumber, p. 2386. (n) Suspension of war time laws voted by House, p. 2388. (o) British Govt. holds \$60,000,000 wool, p. 2388.

(p) Fertilizer prices pronounced excessive by Dept. of Agric. Warning, p. 2388. (q) Live stock and wool embargo, Denver appeal, p. 2389. (r) Great Britain's reduction of foreign debt, p. 2372. (s) Floating debt of Europe to American citizens, p. 2374. (t) Readjustment process in 1920, report of Federal Reserve Board, p. 2383.

Abendroth Brothers, Port Chester, N. Y.—Bonds Offered.—Lawrence Chamberlain & Co., New York are offering at 97 3/4 and int. yielding over 8 1/4% \$700,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 15-year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds

Dated Nov. 1 1920. Due Nov. 1 1935. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 105. Sinking Fund \$30,000 per year beginning 1921. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, at Liberty National Bank, New York, trustee. Penn. 4 mill tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 (c*).

Data From Letter of Pres. Philip R. Mallory, Port Chester, N. Y. Company.—Business established in 1840. Has developed a diversified business in related lines, manufacturing gas ranges, stoves, a variety of steam and water heaters for use in homes, apartment houses, office buildings, schools, etc., electrical washing machines, and soil pipe and fittings. Plant located at Port Chester, N. Y. Property covers over 6 acres.

Capitalization After This Financing.

First Mortgage 15-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds	\$700,000
Common stock, authorized \$800,000; issued	775,000

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used to reduce outstanding obligations and to provide additional working capital.

Net Earnings Available for Bond Interest, Federal Taxes and Depreciation

Year	x1920	1919	1918	1917
Net earnings	\$260,000	\$204,708	\$141,753	\$132,864
Int. times earned	3.6	2.5	2.5	2.3

x 2 months estimated and after reserve for inventories.

Acme Packing Co., Chicago.—To Acquire Indian Packing Corp.—Capital Increase—Stock Dividend.

The directors have recommended the declaration of a stock dividend of 32 1/2%. The stockholders have voted to increase the capital stock from \$700,000 to \$12,000,000. The increase in capitalization is with a view to acquiring the Indian Packing Corp., which see below.

Adams Express Co.—Consolidation Approved.—See American Railway Express Co. below.—V. 111, p. 986.

Aetna Explosives Co., Inc.—Over 80% of Stock Deposited.—J. S. Bache & Co. announce that more than 80% of company's stock has been deposited with them under the plan of sale to the Hercules Powder Co., Inc. See V. 111, p. 2425, 2326, 2043.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Listing—Earnings.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 153,023 shares of Common stock (auth. 293,334 shares), no par value, with authority to add 64,000 additional shares upon official notice of issuance, on conversion of its 10-Year 7% Conv. Deb. bonds (V. 110, p. 1749), and 14,029 shares on official notice of issuance and payment in full with statement of application of proceeds or property acquired, making a total amount applied for of 231,072 shares.

Earnings for 9 mos. ended Sept. 30: Gross, \$5,362,536; operating income \$1,819,529; net after current charges (amounting to \$742,028), \$1,077,501 net profits before Federal taxes (est. \$207,233), \$1,025,828; dividends \$458,966; profit and loss surplus Sept. 30 1920, \$1,055,982.—V. 111, p. 2231.

Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.—Listing—Earnings.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of temporary certificates for \$37,326,400 7% Cum. Pref. stock, par \$100, and temporary certificates for 2,143,455 shares of Common stock, no par value, on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding Chemical Consolidation Certificates of Deposit, viz.: (a) General Chemical Co., \$15,438,000; (b) Solvay Process Co., \$21,083,200 Common stock; (c) Somet-Solvay Co. \$10,297,700 Common stock; (d) Barrett Co. \$7,113,900 Pref. stock and \$15,350,200 Common stock; and (e) National Aniline & Chemical Co., Inc., \$13,588,800 V.T.C. for Pref. stock and Pref. stock, and 288,283 shares V.T.C. for Common stock and Common stock.

Combined Statement of Income of Consolidated Companies Six Months Ended June 30 1920 (Inter-Company Dividends Eliminated).

Net income before depreciation, taxes, &c., per books	\$22,381,650
Deduct estimated reserves for depreciation, taxes, &c.	9,545,408
Net income after depreciation, taxes, &c.	\$12,836,242

—V. 111, p. 2425.

All Package Grocery Store Co.—State Lien.—According to a decision of U. S. Supreme Court, the State of New York has a prior lien over all creditors upon the assets of the company to the amount of the franchise tax and license fees. The suit was brought by the State of New York against H. Snowden Marshall, receiver for the company.—V. 110, p. 360.

American Car & Foundry Co.—Fire Loss.—The company's Helmbacher Rolling Mills plant at Madison, Ill., was destroyed by fire on Dec. 15. Estimated damage \$1,000,000.—V. 111, p. 1754.

American Express Co.—Consolidation Approved.—See American Railway Express Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1951.

American Foreign Trade Corp.—To Reduce Stock.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 29 on reducing the authorized Common stock from \$58,500,000 to \$20,000,000 and the authorized Preferred from \$5,000,000 to \$2,000,000. There is outstanding \$1,362,000 Preferred and \$19,441,000 Common.—V. 111, p. 1568.

American Fuel & Shipping Co.—Bankruptcy.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the U. S. District Court on Dec. 15 against this company, 17 Battery Place. The claims of the petitioning creditors are \$865,543 by Davis Coal Co., Morgantown, W. Va., \$55,579 by Rumbough & Mayers, Greensburg, Pa. and \$74,419 by Frame, Friend & Stineman, Inc., New Haven.

American Piano Co.—No Stock Distribution.—The regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the outstanding \$3,658,800 Common and 1 1/4% on the \$3,858,600 Preferred stock (par \$100 each) have been declared, both payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 24. Initial dividend of 1 1/4% in cash was paid on the Common shares, together with a 5% stock dividend; like amounts were paid in cash and in stock in April, July and October last.—V. 111, p. 1280.

American Railway Express Co.—Consolidation Approved.—The I.-S. C. Commission has approved the permanent consolidation of the transportation business and properties of the American, Adams, Wells Fargo & Co. and the Southern Express Co. into the American Express Co.

Condensed Extracts from Statement by Commission.—Even prior to Federal control and the existing consolidation there was practically no competition so far as express transportation rates and charges were concerned, express rates being made on the block system prescribed by us and applying alike to all express companies.

While to some extent there was competition with respect to the service rendered the economies and elimination of wasteful services resulting from the consolidation would appear to be more than sufficient to offset any advantages to the public growing out of the separate operation of the four express companies.

As to the rates and practices of the consolidated company we may regulate and control them to the same extent as if there were separate operation. We are not authorized under the I.-S. C. Act to prescribe terms as to the manner in which claims [of the protestants to the consolidation] shall be handled as a condition of the continuance of the consolidation. Nor are we authorized to require the resumption of operation by the constituent companies. We are merely empowered to approve and authorize the existing consolidation. [see Trans. Act of 1920 in "Chronicle," Feb. 21, p. 727; sec. 407, par. 7.]—V. 111, p. 1474.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Sale of Rights to English Co.—Consideration £165,000, Payable in 165,000 "B" Shares.—See British-American Safety Razor Co., Ltd., below.—V. 111, p. 2425.

American Shipbuilding Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2 1/4% has been declared on the Common stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% both payable Feb. 1 1921 to holders of record Jan. 15 1921. Extra dividends of like amount have been paid quarterly since Feb. 1919.—V. 111, p. 1663, 1366.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Termination on Jan. 1 of Joint Selling Agency for Copper.—The company in a printed statement dated Dec. 18 says:

The American Smelting & Refining Co., which has for many years, marketed along with its own copper, the copper of other companies whose product is treated in its refineries, announces that this practice will be discontinued, and that hereafter it will sell only its own copper, just as it has heretofore sold only its own lead, spelter, tin, silver, gold and other metals. As a consequence, the copper of the Utah Copper Co., the Ray Consol. Copper Co., the Chino Copper Co., the Nevada Consol. Copper Co., the Chile Copper Co., the Kennecott Copper Corp., and the Braden Copper Co., will after Dec. 31 1920, be sold by a separate agency.

The copper smelting and refining contracts between the American Smelting & Refining Company and the other companies mentioned, will however, remain unaffected.

The termination of the joint selling agency, as it heretofore existed, is a natural, if not inevitable, incident to the growth of the industry. With great increase in the volume of production by the several mining companies, with changed conditions in the industrial, commercial and financial situation in this country and abroad, with wholly new conditions in the world metal markets, a certain divergence of interest could not fail to arise from time to time and on various points in handling so large a volume of copper.

As a joint agent, representing a number of very important interests, at the same time that it represented its own, The American Smelting and Refining Co. had come to bear a responsibility greater than it was willing to assume. The several copper companies on the other hand, recognized a necessary difference in point of view as between a smelting and refining company, as such, whose copper is chiefly derived from metal purchased in ores, and a mining company as such, whose copper is derived from its own mines, and preferred, under the changed conditions mentioned, to have their product marketed independently. It was decided, therefore, that the termination of the agency would be for the best interest of all parties concerned.

The new arrangement will become effective on and after Jan. 1 1921 and beginning with that date, Mr. Hamilton M. Brush will have charge of selling the copper produced by the American Smelting & Refining Co.

The firm of Guggenheim Brothers announces that on and after Jan. 1 1921, their organization will act as a sales agent for the sale of metals. This agency will sell the entire production of copper of Utah Copper Co., Chino Copper Co., Ray Consolidated Copper Co., Nevada Consolidated Copper Co., Chile Copper Co., Braden Copper Co. and Kennecott Copper Corp. The sale of metals through this agency will be under the management and executive direction of Joseph Clendenin, who is now Vice-President in charge of sales for the American Smelting & Refining Co.—Ed.]

Suit by Former Vice-President.

Justice Burr has reserved decision in a suit filed in the Supreme Court by Karl Eilers, former Vice-President and owner of shares of stock, alleging wasteful management and asking for a mandamus directing David A. Crockett, Transfer Agent, to permit him to inspect the stock lists and to copy the names of the stockholders.—V. 111, p. 2142.

American Steel Foundries.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 31 1920 of \$2,185,900 additional Common stock (authorized \$25,000,000), par \$33 1-3 on official notice of issuance as a 12% stock div. [\$4 per share], making the total amount applied for \$20,401,000.—V. 111, p. 2231.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—Dividend Outlook—Authoritative Statement.—A director, affiliated with the company since its inception, makes the following statement:

There is every reason existing now why the company should continue the 10% dividend rate on its Common stock. The next quarterly payment involves a disbursement of only \$375,000 as against earnings for the quarter ending Oct. 31 last of \$1,147,000. The company is in a strong cash position with current assets of over \$18,500,000 as against current liabilities of about \$4,500,000. Practically all of its matured tobaccos have been sold at a profit, so that the company has virtually no inventory except the tobaccos now in process of curing. Prices for its merchandise are higher than ever before, and as a result of a short crop the company is forced to urge its customers to reduce their requirements for the coming year so that the tobaccos may be fairly apportioned to the company's customers. Consumption of tobacco does not seem to decrease materially even in hard times.

There has been no thought on the part of the directors of reducing or passing the dividend as long as earnings will permit. Compare V. 111, p. 2327, 2044.

American Woolen Co.—Wage Action Deferred.—The wage reduction of 22 1/2% has made further progress this week among the New England textile mills, and on Dec. 22 it was announced as effective Jan. 3 in about 100 mills in Fall River employing some 35,000 operatives. Even this reduction is said to leave them with a wage scale from 50% to 100% higher than in 1914.

President William M. Wood of the American Woolen Co. on Dec. 22, said in brief:

In the upward movement of wages the American Woolen Co. was behind no competitor or industry. We stated we should be among the last to reduce. We have kept our word. The situation that has compelled and is compelling the reduction in wages we face with great reluctance, hoping that in some way it might not be necessary. But economically it seems inevitable. We are still studying the question. But we are confronted with the serious question of competition. We cannot hope to secure orders for our mills against both foreign and domestic competition if they pay wages lower than our own.

We are very reluctant to make any move, and before deciding definitely on the best course to pursue we would like to give the matter a little more thought.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Anchor Post Iron Works, New York.—Stock Offering.

H. J. Kane & Co., New York, are offering at \$10 per share, 20,000 shares Common stock (no par value). A circular shows:

Capitalization after this financing (No Bonds). Authorized. Outstanding. Preferred stock, 8% Cum., (\$100 par).....\$150,000 \$75,000 Common stock (no par value).....50,000 shs. 44,000 shs.

Company.—Incorp. in New Jersey in 1892. Business, manufacturing and building of wire fences, gates and railings for all purposes. Specializes in anchor posts and high protective fences of chain link woven steel; also electrically welded railings and gates. Manufacturing plants owned and operated in Garwood, N. J., and Cleveland, O.; also storage warehouses in Boston, Hartford, Mineola, L. I.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the 10-year period ended Dec. 31 1919, after Pref. divs., interest, taxes and depreciation, have been at the rate of \$1 26 per share, and for the 5-year period ended Dec. 31 1919 at the rate of \$1 82 per share on the outstanding 44,000 Common shares. Dividends have been paid on the capital stock without interruption since 1909.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to provide additional working capital.

Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.—Interim Dividend.

The directors announce that the company will pay on Jan. 15 1921 an interim dividend of three shillings per share from the net earnings of the current year, free of British income tax. The dividend will be paid by the National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd., Bishops Gate, London, or at the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, at the equivalent in U. S. currency of \$3 50 per pound sterling (equal to 52 1/2 c. per share) to all holders of share warrants to bearer issued in exchange for coupon No. 20 attached to such share warrants.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Anso Co., Binghamton, N. Y.—Capital Increase.

The stockholders on Dec. 16 voted to increase the capital by an additional \$500,000 8% preferred issue. This it is stated will bring the total capital up to \$1,500,000.—V. 111, p. 2327.

Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Extra Dividends.—The directors have declared extra dividends of 2% on both the Common and Preferred stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the Common and 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock, all payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 1. The directors in June last increased the dividend rate on the Common stock from a 5 to a 6% p. a. basis, and the Pref. from a 6 to a 7% p. a. basis.—V. 110, p. 2659.

(J. H.) Ashdown Hardware Co., Ltd.—Capital Increase Supplementary letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, dated Dec. 13 1920, increasing the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000, par \$100.—Compare V. 96, p. 489.

Atlantic-Adriatic Steamship Corp.—Receivership.—George W. Sterling, Asst. Director of Operations for the U. S. Shipping Board, was appointed equity receiver by Judge Julius M. Mayer in the U. S. District Court on Nov. 17 on complaint filed by Marsh & McLennan, insurance brokers of 80 Maiden Lane, in an equity suit to recover \$27,325 for insurance premiums. The liabilities of the defendant are estimated at more than \$3,000,000; assets were not stated, but are said to consist principally of 7 ships of the U. S. Shipping Board. The corporation was recently organized by Benjamin W. Morse, a son of Charles W. Morse, to operate a line of freighters between New York and Mediterranean ports.

Atlantic Ice & Coal Corp., Atlanta.—Bond Call.—One hundred and five (\$105,000) First Mtge. 6% 20-year gold bonds of 1910 have been drawn by lot for redemption Jan. 1 1921 at the Trust Company of Georgia, trustee.—V. 111, p. 191.

Atlas Tack Corp.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors have omitted the declaration of the quarterly dividend due Feb. 1 1921 on the Common stock (no par value). Quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share were paid in May, Aug. and Nov. last.—V. 111, p. 2327.

Autosales Corp.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Dec. 31 1920, of \$119,385 6% Non-cum. Particip. Pref. stock (par \$50) (auth. \$3,000,000), on official notice of the issuance as a 4 1/4% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$2,775,535. Income account, 10 months ending Oct. 31 1920, shows gross collections, \$2,312,482; income from operation, \$219,061; Federal taxes (1920, estimated), \$30,000; net income, \$118,035.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Avery Chemical Co., Boston.—Receivership.—Judge Anderson in the U. S. District Court at Boston on Dec. 14 appointed William H. Hitchcock, of Dedham and Boston, as receiver on the petition of Edward D. George, of Plainfield, N. J. Assets estimated at \$700,000; liabilities, about \$400,000.

Barnsdall Corporation.—Listing—Exchange of "B" Stock for Stock of Bigheart Producing & Refining Co.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,250,000 (auth. \$15,000,000) Class B non-voting stock, par \$25, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding stock of the Bigheart Producing & Refining Co., making the total amount applied for \$4,250,000.

The directors on Dec. 17 adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement with the officials of the Bigheart Producing & Refining Co. of Mass., whereby Class B stock of Barnsdall Corp. will be issued in exchange for Bigheart stock in the ratio of 1 share of Barnsdall stock for each 5 shares of Bigheart stock.

The Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., is appointed depository and fiscal agent to receive the Bigheart stock and to exchange therefor the Barnsdall stock. All Bigheart stock deposited for exchange before Dec. 31 1920 shall be entitled to a bonus of 62 1/2 cents for each full share of Class B stock to which the depositing stockholder is entitled, such bonus to be payable Jan. 31 1921. The acquisition of the Bigheart is to give this company the use of the Bigheart refinery, field lines, tank cars and other facilities in Oklahoma, where the Barnsdall has a big oil production.

Consolidated statement (incl. sub. cos.) of income Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 1920. Gross sales and earnings of all cos., of which entire stock is owned, \$5,886,745; net producing and operating income, \$3,542,923; other income, \$525,603; total earnings, \$4,068,526; deductions (incl. \$655,000 provision for Federal taxes), \$1,769,111; net income of consolidated companies, \$2,299,415; Barnsdall Corp.'s proportion of earnings (after all charges) of affiliated cos., not consolidated, in excess of divs. received, \$450,338; Barnsdall Corp.'s proportion of earnings of all cos., \$2,749,753; divs. paid, \$1,025,000; profit and loss surplus, Oct. 31 1920, \$6,340,669.—V. 111, p. 1755.

Barrett Company.—New Officers and Directors.—William N. McIlravy has been elected Chairman of the board and Thomas M. Rianhard, President, succeeding Eversley Childs and William Hamlin Childs, respectively. W. H. Childs becomes Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Directors.—Resignations: Harry W. Croft, J. H. Fulton, William S. Gray, Alexander C. Humphreys, Isaac B. Johnson, Powell Stackhouse, Hamilton Stewart, J. Henry Staats, H. D. Walbridge and Horace S. Wilkinson.

New Directors.—E. L. Pierce, Pres. Solvay Process Co.; W. H. Nichols Jr., Pres. General Chemical Co.; Orlando F. Weber, Pres. National Aniline & Chemical Co.; Walter B. Harris, M. H. Phillips, D. W. Jayne, Clark McKercher and E. J. Steer. (These changes follow the organization of the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., per plan in V. 111, p. 1379 to 1382.—V. 111, p. 2426.)

Beacon Chocolate Co., Boston.—Initial Dividends.

Initial dividends of 2% have been declared on the First Pref. stock par \$10 and on the Pref. stock, par \$10, both payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 20 1920. Compare offering V. 110, p. 169.—V. 111, p. 495.

Beaver Board Companies.—Notes Offered.—Imbrie & Co., New York, and Federal Securities Corp., Chicago, are offering, at 99 1/2 and interest, \$5,000,000 8% 12-Year Sinking Fund Gold Notes. A circular shows:

Dated Jan. 1 1921, due Jan. 1 1933. Int. payable J. & J., without deduction for normal Federal income tax to the extent of 2%. Company agrees to refund Penn. State tax and Mass. State tax not exceeding 6%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Callable, all or part, upon 30 days' notice, on any int. date: at 106 and int. on or before Jan. 1 1924; at 105 and int. after Jan. 1 1924 and on or before Jan. 1 1927; and at 1% less each year until Jan. 1 1931; at 100 1/2 on July 1 1931 or Jan. 1 1932; and at 100 on July 1 1932. Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.

Security.—The senior obligation and only funded debt, with the exception of \$915,689 mortgages and serial notes of three subsidiary companies, existing when acquired.

Earnings.—For the past 5 years, average net earnings applicable to this issue, after depreciation but before Federal taxes, amount to more than 5 times interest charges on these notes. For the first 10 months of 1920 net earnings were more than 11 times the interest on this issue for the entire year. Compare V. 109, p. 1369.—V. 110, p. 2490.

Berger, Fleming & Brown Co., Calif.—Consolidation.

This company was recently formed in California with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 for the manufacture of machinery for canners and dried fruit packers. A consolidation of B. & C. Machinery Co., Hayward; Smith Manufacturing Co., San Jose; Wonder Dehydrator Co., San Francisco, and National Axle Corp. of San Jose.

Officers are: Otto A. Berger, chairman, W. W. Fleming, President & Gen. Mgr., and E. W. Brown, Vice-President & Treasurer. General offices and factories in San Jose, Calif.

Berlet Silk Yarn Co., Paterson, N. J.—Receiver.

Judge Lynch in the U. S. District Court, Newark, N. J., on Nov. 27, appointed Nicholas Hughes of Paterson, receiver. Counsel for the creditors stated that an application would be made for an ancillary receiver in N. Y. City, where, it was said, one-half of the assets of the company are located. Most of the creditors are Japanese and Russian raw silk producers.

Bethlehem Motors Corp.—Stockholders' Committee.

The committee named below in a letter to the stockholders urging them to deposit their stock with the Bankers Trust Co., depository under a deposit agreement to be dated Dec. 15 1920, says in substance:

On Aug. 25 1920 Clinton E. Woods was appointed receiver. At the instance of a number of shareholders we have consented to act as a committee to protect their interests, and with the ultimate hope of being

able to present to the stockholders a plan of reorganization which will preserve their equity. It is of the utmost importance that the stockholders should act together in this matter, owing to the present condition of the automobile industry, as well as general financial conditions. The committee have been appointed to act for the banking creditors and for the merchandise creditors, and it is hoped that the stockholders' committee can co-operate with the creditors' committees in presenting to all parties interested a practical plan. The committee hopes to send to shareholders, within the next few weeks, a summary of the statement of the affairs of the company, as compiled by auditors employed by the receiver.

Stockholders' Committee.—B. W. Jones, Chairman; Otis A. Glazebrook, Martin E. Kern, M. Morgenthau, Jr., Felix A. Jenkins, Sec., 14 Wall St., New York City.—V. 111, p. 2231.

Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Ltd.—New Officers.—See Bethlehem Steel Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1281.

Bethlehem Steel Co.—New Officers.—E. B. Hill, formerly Treasurer of the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., has been elected Vice-President of the Shipbuilding Corporation in charge of operations, succeeding J. W. Powell. W. F. Hartman, formerly Assistant Treasurer, has been elected Treasurer to succeed Mr. Hill.—V. 111, p. 1281.

Bigheart Producing & Refining Co.—Acquired.—See Barnsdall Corporation above.—V. 111, p. 391.

(E. W.) Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Dividends.—A quarterly dividend of 55 cents per share has been declared on the new Common stock (no par value) together with regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share on the First Pref. stock, par \$50, and of 15 cents per share on the Second Pref. stock, par \$10, all payable Jan. 3 to holders of record Dec. 24. See plan in V. 111, p. 391, 1372, 1952.

Boston & Montana Corp.—\$250,000 Cash Subscribed.—It is stated that a group of stockholders has subscribed \$250,000 to complete payments in connection with the construction of the 750-ton mill being erected at Elkhorn, Mont. Subscribers are to receive 8% one-year notes, convertible into stock at maturity. This subscription, it is said, was necessitated by the inability to sell \$500,000 notes about a year ago, owing to unfavorable financial conditions.—V. 110, p. 2490.

Braden Copper Co.—New Selling Agency.—See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 110, p. 564.

Brier Hill Steel Co.—Stock for Employees.—The company has announced that it will sell 15,000 shares of Common stock to employees at \$27 a share under a monthly payment plan, with bonuses each year for five years to those who buy stock.—V. 111, p. 1186.

British American Oil Co., Ltd.—Capital Increase.—Supplementary letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada dated Dec. 10 1920, subdividing the 30,000 shares, par \$100, each into 120,000 shares, par \$25, and increasing the capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, par \$25.

It is reported that the company has acquired the assets and business of the Winnipeg Oil Co., Ltd.—V. 102, p. 1164.

British-American Safety Razor Co., Ltd.—Stock Offered.—An issue of 225,000 "A" shares of £1 each were recently offered in London at par, of which 100,000 shares were underwritten by two of the directors and their friends and 25,000 shares were taken at par by the American Safety Razor Export Corp. of N. Y. Total auth. stock, 225,000 "A" shares and 175,000 "B" shares of £1 each. Each "A" shares are entitled to one vote and each "B" share to one vote.

The company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the American Safety Razor Export Corp. of New York the sole and exclusive rights for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the whole of Continental Europe, Africa, Mesopotamia, India and Australasia, of manufacturing and dealing in the well-known safety razors known as the "Ever Ready," the "Gem" and the "Star," and the "Safetee" shaving soaps, shaving powders, brushes, and other toilet requisites connected therewith.

As soon as it is deemed advisable, the company will establish and equip in England a factory similar to those existing in U. S. for the manufacture of safety razors, blades, and other articles for sale in England and in foreign markets, where British labor will be largely employed.

The consideration payable by the company to the Export Corporation for the good-will, trade marks and patents, has been fixed at £165,000 (of which \$35,000 is payable for good-will), to be satisfied by the allotment to the Export Corporation or its nominees of 165,000 "B" shares credited as fully paid.

Under the same contract the company will acquire from the Export Corporation all stocks of safety razors, blades, shaving brushes, powders, toilet requisites, and other stock in trade in England and France, and certain book debts in England and on the Continent guaranteed by the Export Corporation, and the leasehold premises at Paris, at a valuation which is estimated (excl. of the said book debts) to amount to £31,000, the amount of such valuation being payable in cash.

Directors include George L. Storm (Chairman American Safety Razor Corp.), Chairman; F. Bunnell Brown (director, British Empire Trust Co., Ltd.), Vice-Chairman; Eric H. Rose (partner in Rose, Van Cutsem & Co.), Capt. William J. Todd (director, Finklader, Mackie, Todd & Co., Ltd.), London; Joseph Kaufman (Pres. American Safety Razor Corp.); Julius B. de Mesquita (Treas. American Safety Razor Corp.); Nelson W. Greenhut (Vice-Pres. American Safety Razor Export Corp.), New York. Office, 14 Copthall Ave., London, E. C. 2.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Listing.—The London Stock Exchange on Dec. 2 granted an official quotation to 25,545 additional Ordinary shares of £1 each, fully paid, increasing the amount listed to £15,868,889.

Final & Interim Dividends—Earnings.—The directors on Dec. 20 decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual meeting Dec. 30, the payment on Jan. 10 1921 of a final dividend of 9% free of British income tax, upon the issued Ordinary shares. The directors also declared an interim dividend of 4% for year 1920-1921 on Ordinary shares, free of British income tax, payable Jan. 10 1921.

Net profits for year ending Sept. 30 1920, after deducting all charges and expenses for management, etc., and providing for income tax and corporation profits tax and adjusting the liability in respect of excess profits tax for the year are officially reported as £4,879,177, as against £3,776,507 for previous year. After paying final dividend of 9% carry forward will be £1,636,462.—V. 111, p. 1086.

British Empire Steel Corp.—Merger in Abeyance.—Montreal dispatches this week stated that official confirmation has been received from London to the effect that Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., will not be included in the merger. This, however, according to other sources of information, does not mean that the merger plan is entirely off. Although nothing definite regarding the plan can be obtained, it is said that a committee will be appointed to carry out a modified plan of amalgamation, but details may not be available for some time.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Brooklyn Edison Co.—Indictment Dismissed.—Judge Julius M. Mayer in the U. S. District Court on Dec. 20 sustained a demurrer and dismissed an indictment charging the company with conspiracy to violate Section 4 of the Lever Act.—V. 111, p. 2323.

Brundige Co., Boston.—Receivership.—William C. Everts, Brookline, Mass., has been appointed receiver by Federal Judge Anderson at Boston on the petition of the Western Electric Co. and the Automatic Switch Co. of N. Y. Company manufactures elevators.

California Packing Corp.—Dividend Rumor Denied.—Sutro Bros. & Co., N. Y., from advices received from California, state that Chairman J. R. Armsby denies the rumors that the company intends to cut the dividend and that the move is not contemplated. Earnings have been satisfactory and the company, it is officially said, has four years' dividends in reserve.—V. 111, p. 1372.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,629,900 capital stock, par \$10, on official notice of issuance in exchange for the

present outstanding certificates of the Consolidated Interstate-Callahan Mining Co., with authority to add \$350,100, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$5,000,000.

The stockholders of Consolidated Interstate-Callahan Mining Co. on April 12 1920 authorized the change of its corporate name to Callahan Zinc-Lead Co. Such change of corporate name has in no way affected the corporate identity of the company, or its rights, powers and obligations.

Financial statement 9 months ending Sept. 30 1920: Net value of shipments, \$1,310,422; misc. income, interest, &c., \$2,433; total, \$1,312,856; total operating costs and expenses, \$1,036,716; net income, \$276,139; previous surplus (net), \$383,844; total surplus, \$659,984; dividends paid, \$565,955; balance, surplus, Sept. 30 1920, \$94,029.—V. 110, p. 1645. See also Consolidated Interstate-Callahan Mining Co. in V. 111, p. 2046.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Output (lbs.) Incl. Subs.—

1920—Nov.—1919	Decrease	1920—11 Mos.—1919	Increase
7,326,763	18,997,512	11,670,749	93,982,977
		112,654,575	18,671,595

—V. 111, p. 2045.

Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.—Scrip Div.—The 22 3/4 % scrip dividend to cover arrears on the Cumulative Preferred stock will become due Dec. 24 1927. Compare V. 111, p. 2426, 2328.

Canadian Western Lumber Co., Ltd.—New Office.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 4 on changing the head office from Fraser Mills, B. C. to Toronto, Ont.—V. 101, p. 1015.

Carib Syndicate, Ltd.—Equatorial Oil Capital Increase.—See Equatorial Oil Co. of New York below.—V. 111, p. 2426.

Cement Securities Co., Denver.—Extra Dividend.—A quarterly dividend of 3% (said to be a regular of 2% and an extra of 1%) was payable on the outstanding \$8,700,000 Capital stock, Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts were paid in July and Oct. last.—V. 111, p. 1372.

Chile Copper Co.—Copper Prod. (in lbs.)—Quart. Report.

1920—Nov.—1919	Decrease	1920—11 Mos.—1919	Increase
8,859,984	10,000,000	1,140,016	99,691,984
			72,015,054
			27,674,930

Chile Exploration Co.—Copper Production for Six Months.

3d Quar. (lbs.)	1920	1919	2d Quar. (lbs.)	1920	1919
July	9,904,000	7,161,444	April	8,072,166	5,024,028
August	10,630,691	8,994,210	May	10,304,848	5,065,394
September	9,501,669	7,043,702	June	7,500,000	5,003,430

Total (3d qu.) 30,036,360 23,199,356 Total (2d qu.) 25,877,014 15,092,852
Av. per mon.—10,012,120 7,733,118 Av. per mon.—8,625,671 5,030,951

Combined Earnings of Chile Copper Co., and Chile Exploration Co. for 3 and 9 Mos. Ending Sept. 30.—(Based on copper actually sold and delivered.)

1920—3 Mos.—1919	1920—9 Mos.—1919	
Net profit (after deprec.)	\$1,500,485	\$825,535
Miscell. income	def30,102	def69,775
Int. on loans, &c.	240,192	18,185
		625,866

Total income—\$1,710,575 \$773,945 \$5,018,976 \$1,038,696
Amort. disc. on bonds—35,000 35,000 105,000 105,000
Accrued bond interest—787,204 686,242 2,360,906 2,037,227
Exp. of Chile Copper Co.—10,363 7,588 17,310 25,723

Balance, surplus—\$878,006 \$45,115 \$2,535,758 \$1,129,253

* Loss in 1919 period.
During the quarter there were treated 1,104,648 tons of ore, averaging 1.51% copper; in the preceding period 1,067,608 tons, averaging 1.46% copper. The cost of copper produced during the September quarter was only 11.179¢ per pound, including selling and delivery expenses, but excluding depreciation and Federal taxes and with no credit for miscell. income.

President Daniel Guggenheim, says in part: "In this period of world-wide disturbed economic and financial readjustment it will be of interest to know that your companies have at Dec. 15 \$11,163,000 representing cash on hand and Liberty bonds, and some \$275,000 due for copper delivered but not yet paid for at that date." See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2142.

Chino Copper Co.—New Selling Agency.—See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2328.

City of Paris Dry Goods Co., San Francisco.—50% Stock Dividend—Earnings.—

A 50% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding \$400,000 Common stock, par \$100.
President Paul Verdier says in substance: "The dividend outlook for 1921 is very good. Earnings to date would warrant placing the stock on at least a 10% basis."

"Net earnings for the first nine months of 1920 were greater than the net for the whole year of 1919, with three of the best months yet to come. Net revenue for the year end Jan. 31 1921, after making allowance for Federal taxes, will be approximately \$250,000, or more than seven times the dividend requirements on the Preferred stock issue."

"November sales were larger than those of Nov. 1919."—V. 109, p. 1276.

Clinton Realty Association, Chicago.—Bond Offering.—First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering at price to net 6 1/2 % \$700,000 personally guaranteed Chicago 1st Mtge. Gold Bonds issued by Robert P. Lamont, William V. Kelley, John Barton Payne and George E. Scott, individually and as trustees of the Clinton Realty Association. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (*). Dated Sept. 1 1920. Maturity 1 to 6 years. Int. payable M & S. at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Red. at 103 and intg.

The bonds are a first mortgage on approximately 206,000 sq. ft. occupying practically all of two square blocks in the business district of Chicago. The property, with the exception of 50 ft. frontage is all improved with 11 principal buildings. Prior to the purchase of this property by the present owners, it was owned by the Western Electric Co. All the available space is rented and is reported as bringing in a gross annual income of \$280,000. The property is appraised at \$3,649,378.

Coast Valleys Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Offered.—Blankenhorn-Hunter-Dulin Co., Los Angeles, &c., are offering at par and int., yielding 8%, \$220,000 Coll. Trust 10-Year 8% gold notes. A circular shows:

Dated Nov. 1 1920. Due Nov. 1 1930. Optional at 105 until 1926 and thereafter at 1% for each year of unexpired term. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable M & N. at Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, trustee, or New York Trust Co., New York, without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to 4%.

Security.—Secured by deposit of First Mortgage 6% bonds at the ratio of \$3,000 bonds to \$2,000 notes.
Company.—Incorp. in March 1912. Owns electric, gas and water properties and operates without competition in Monterey, Salinas, Pacific Grove, Carmel, King City and other towns in the Salinas Valley and adjacent territory.

On Oct. 31 1920 had 5,422 electric consumers, 2,838 gas consumers and 1,486 water consumers. Electricity generated and purchased year ended Oct. 31 1920, 20,844,802 k.w.h., as against 15,336,525 k.w.h. in Oct. 31 1919. Co. generated 86,712,441 cu. ft. of gas for year ended Oct. 31 1920.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be expended for the acquisition of additional property and for the construction and completion of extensions and impts.

Capitalization.

Preferred stock	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
First Mortgage 6% bonds due 1932	3,000,000	3,000,000
Collateral Trust 8% notes (this issue)	10,000,000	x97,000
x In addition \$28,000 held alive in sinking fund and \$330,000 deposited as security for the 8% notes.	400,000	220,000

Earnings Years ended Oct. 31—

1917-18	1918-19	1919-20
Gross earnings	\$338,066	\$446,325
Net, after maintenance and taxes	109,127	142,713
Annual interest on bonds and notes		170,742

Balance—Owns and operates two gas plants (total generating capacity 818,000 cu. ft. per day, with holder capacity of 150,000 cu. ft.), three steam electric generating plants (total installed capacity about 1,832 h. p.), and the

water systems of Salinas and King City. Electricity is transmitted and distributed over a system of about 453 miles covering Salinas Valley and adjacent territory. Gas is distributed through 55 miles of mains. The water distribution system aggregates about 22 miles of mains. Present value of the properties is approximately \$1,588,692.—V. 111, p. 2427.

Cohoes (N. Y.) Power & Light Corp.—Resignation.

T. W. Flowers has resigned as Sec. & Treas., to become associated with the J. G. White Manufacturing Corp. as Assistant Auditor of the Manila (P. I.) Electric Co.—V. 108, p. 272.

Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 1 1921 of not exceeding 63,535 additional shares of Common stock, no par value, on official notice of issuance as a 1/2% stock dividend making the total amount applied for 1,403,671 shares.

The Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., is now prepared to exchange outstanding trust receipts for definitive 5-year 8% sinking fund gold notes, due 1925.—V. 111, p. 2232.

Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.—Gas Plant.

A new brick generator house, built by the Astoria Light, Heat & Power Co. at Astoria, L. I., at a cost of about \$6,000,000, was put in use on Dec. 20. The company is a subsidiary of the Consolidated Gas Co.—V. 111, p. 2328.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Bonds Offered.—Alex. Brown & Sons, Brown Brothers & Co., Jackson & Curtis and Lee, Higginson & Co. are offering at 97 1/4 and int., yielding about 7 3/4%, \$5,000,000 First Ref. Mtge. Sinking Fund 7 1/2% gold bonds, Series B.

Dated Dec. 1 1920, due Dec. 1 1945. Int. payable J. & D. at office of Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore, and Bank of the Manhattan Co., N. Y., without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c^{ts} or ^{rs}. Red. all or part at any time on 60 days' notice at 110 prior to Dec. 1 1930, during next 5 years at 107, during the next 5 years at 105, during the next 3 years at 102 1/2 and during the last 2 years before maturity at 101; plus int.

Data from Letter of Pres. Herbert A. Wagner, Baltimore, Dec. 18 1920.

Company.—Incorp. in Maryland June 20 1906, a consolidation of the gas and electric light companies of Baltimore. Does entire gas, electric light and power business in Baltimore, also the suburbs and surrounding counties. Population about 775,000.

	Year ended June 30—			Cal. Year	Year to
	1906.	1913.	1918.	1919.	Oct. 31 '20.
Gross earnings—	3,595,574	6,114,973	10,619,588	12,813,617	14,930,681
Net, after taxes—	1,653,989	3,151,792	4,203,904	4,800,711	5,295,634
Fixed charges—	1,176,759	1,476,767	2,071,339	2,283,622	2,438,941
Dividends—	457,306	810,672	1,150,864	1,162,026	1,168,575
Balance—	19,924	864,353	981,701	1,355,063	1,688,118

Purpose.—Proceeds, together with additional cash to be furnished by company, will provide \$5,625,000 for refunding \$468,000 Consol. Power Co. of Balto. 6% notes due March 1 1921, and for additions and extensions to gas and electric plants, transmission lines and distribution systems, all of which will be completed before end of 1921.

Security.—The \$5,000,000 First Ref. Mtge. 7 1/2%, Series B (equally with \$3,500,000 6% Series A bonds pledged under the 7% Secured Convertible note issue and \$8,253,100 outstanding Convertible 5% notes—see V. 108, p. 1062, 1167) are secured by mortgage upon all property now owned or hereafter acquired.

Sinking Fund.—Annual sinking fund of 1% of all First Ref. Mtge. bonds from time to time outstanding, first payment not later than Aug. 1 1923, is to be used for their purchase or call and retirement.

Capital Stock and Dividends.—Capital stock outstanding, \$14,608,700. Cash divs. have been paid since 1909 at rates averaging 6 1/4% p. a., for the last 11 years. Present rate, 8%, has been paid since April 1 1917.

Funded Debt of Company Proper and of Constituent and Subsidiary Companies. General (closed) Mtge. 4 1/2% bonds, Feb. 14 1935—x\$13,845,000 7% Secured Conv. gold notes, Aug. 1 1922 (V. 108, p. 1062)—y5,000,000 Convertible 5% notes, Nov. 15 1921—z8,253,100 First Ref. Mtge. Sink. Fd. 7 1/2%, Series B (this issue)—y5,000,000

Issues of Constituent and Subsidiary Companies. Consolidated Power Co. of Baltimore 5-Year 6% Secured notes, Aug. 1 1922 (V. 105, p. 501)—y5,000,000 Consolidated Power Co. of Baltimore 3-Year 6% notes, March 1 1921 (refunded through this issue)—y468,000 Consol. Gas Co. of Balto. City 1st Cons. 5s, 1939 (closed)—z3,400,000 Consol. Gas Co. of Balto. City Gen. Mtge. 4 1/2s, 1954—z6,100,000 United Electric Light & Power Co. 4 1/2s, 1929 (closed)—z4,428,000 Roland Park Electric & Water Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1937—z300,000 Guaranteed bonds and Pref. stock of Baltimore Electric Co.—z4,943,000 Guaranteed bonds and Pref. stock of Public Service Building—z1,600,000 x\$1,155,000 additional deposited as collateral under \$3,943,000 Baltimore Electric 5s, 1947, now in the hands of public. y\$11,000,000 First Mtge. 5% bonds of Consolidated Power Co. of Baltimore (auth. \$15,000,000) are deposited as collateral under the above four issues, incl. \$2,032,000 so deposited (and \$468,000 to be so deposited, under the First Refunding Mortgage.—V. 111, p. 2232; V. 110, p. 1645.

Consolidated Interstate Callahan Mining Co.—

See Callahan Zinc Lead Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2046.

Consol. Power Co. of Balto.—To Pay \$468,000 Notes.—

See Consol. Gas, El. Light & Power Co. above.—V. 107, p. 1482.

Consumers' Gas Co. of Toronto.—Stock Offered.—

The company will receive sealed tenders at its office 19 Toronto St., Toronto, until Jan. 5 1921, for the purchase of 12,786 shares of the unissued stock (par \$50).—V. 111, p. 2138.

Continental Candy Co.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors on Dec. 20 omitted the declaration of regular quarterly dividend due Jan. 20 on the outstanding 500,000 shares of Capital stock no par value. Quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share have been paid on the stock during 1920, making a total for the year of \$1 per share.—V. 111, p. 1664, 1282

Corning (N. Y.) Glass Works.—\$3,000,000 Pref. Stock.

The stockholders have authorized the issuance of \$3,000,000 8% Cumulative preferred stock. A part of this issue is to be sold to employees. The entire issue has been underwritten by Boston bankers. The proceeds are to be used in expanding the local plants and those at Wellsboro, Pa., and Kingsport.

Officers are Alexander D. Falck, President; Arthur L. Day, Vice-Pres.; George B. Hollister, Vice-Pres.; Eugene C. Sullivan, Vice-Pres.; William Sinclair, Sec.; John L. Thomas, Treas.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Usual Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1%, both payable Jan. 20 1921 to holders of record Jan. 3 1921. An extra 1/2 of 1% was paid in each of the four quarters of 1920.—V. 111, p. 2329.

Cuban-American Sugar Co.—To Pay \$2,000,000 Notes

The \$2,000,000 1st Lien 6% Serial gold notes (Series C) maturing Jan. 1 1921, together with the coupons thereon, should be presented for payment in Central Union Trust Co., New York, on or after Jan. 3 1921. See under "Annual Reports" above.—V. 111, p. 2046.

Delaw. Lack. & Western Coal Co.—Stock Increase.—

The stockholders on Dec. 21 ratified an increase in the capital stock from \$6,800,000 to \$20,000,000, of which \$4,943,025 will be issued as a 75% stock dividend.—V. 111, p. 2329.

Detroit Edison Co.—November Earnings.—

Referring to the earnings reported on a preceding page ("Earnings Dept.") an official statement says: "November is the first month which reflects the full effect of rate increases and the removal of restrictions on use of current made possible by the placing in service of the new large turbine and the large turbine which was rebuilt after the accident in July. The company

has available sufficient generating capacity to meet present requirements and continue the overhauling of equipment necessitated by previous overloading. The usual quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared payable Jan. 15 1921 to stockholders of record as of Dec. 31 1920.—V. 111, p. 2233.

Davis Daly Copper Co.—Earnings.—

	Results for Fiscal Years ending June 30.		
	1920.	1919.	1918.
Ore returns—	\$1,778,919	\$1,206,696	\$1,362,135
Miscellaneous revenues—	165,679	32,544	68,952
Total receipts—	\$1,944,600	\$1,239,240	\$1,421,087
Mining cost—	1,079,593	762,555	759,944
Taxes—	65,276	38,052	203,653
General expense—	507,552	71,389	
Balance, surplus—	\$292,178	\$367,244	\$457,489

Detroit Steel Products Co.—300% Stock Dividend.—The stockholders, it is reported, have increased the authorized capital from \$1,250,000 (\$1,000,000 Common and \$250,000 7% Pref.) to \$5,250,000, the \$4,000,000 new stock being all Common. A 300% stock dividend, it has been reported, has been declared. The company had \$592,400 Common stock outstanding on Dec. 31 1919 and reported a profit and loss surplus of \$1,527,162 as of that date.

(Henry) Disston & Sons, Inc., Tacony, Phila.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 17 on increasing the Capital stock from \$3,350,000 (all outstanding) to \$6,000,000, par \$100.—V. 102, p. 1438.

Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.—New Director.—

Ralph King has been elected a director, effective upon increase of personnel of board.—V. 111, p. 2428, 2142.

Durham Hosiery Mills.—Script Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share (1 1/2%) on the Class "B" Common stock, payable in scrip, Jan. 3 1921 to holders of record Dec. 20 1920. Dividends paid in cash during 1920 were: Feb., 4%; April, July and Oct., 1 1/4% regular quarterly and 1/2 of 1% extra each quarter.—V. 111, p. 1283.

Electric Storage Battery Co.—Status.—

President Herbert Lloyd says in substance: The total liabilities are \$334,000, with no incumbrances and no fixed charges. The value of the quick assets, exclusive of inventory, exceeds the liabilities by over \$7,000,000, or over \$35 a share on the outstanding stock. The inventories, after being marked down to present market value, are equal to approximately the same sum, making a total of \$70 a share. The business continues to be satisfactory, and the earnings for 1920 are the largest in the company's history.—V. 111, p. 1087.

Equatorial Oil Co. of New York.—Capital Increased.—

The company on Dec. 21, filed a certificate in Delaware, increasing the Capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$150,000,000.—See V. 111, p. 797.

Famous Players Canadian Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Net earnings before Preferred dividends for the year ended Aug. 28 1920 were \$324,896, and after dividend payment \$144,196.—V. 110, p. 469.

Farr Alpaca Co., Holyoke, Mass.—75% Stock Dividend.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 3 1921 on (a) increasing the authorized Capital stock from \$7,200,000 (par \$100) to \$12,600,000 (par \$100). The additional 54,000 shares are to be issued as of Jan. 3 1921 to stockholders of record of that day, as a 75% stock dividend. (b) On further increasing the Capital stock from \$12,600,000 to \$14,400,000 by the issue for cash at par of 18,000 additional shares (par \$100); the additional 18,000 shares to be offered to stockholders of record Jan. 3, for subscription in the proportion of one of the shares authorized by this vote for every four old shares held.

Treas. Frank M. Metcalf to stockholders, Dec. 6 wrote:

The surplus property, that is, the amount by which the sum total of assets exceeds the amount of Capital stock and debts, is now more than \$6,750,000, and is invested in plant, working capital and other assets. The company's finishing plant is being reconstructed, a new weave shed is nearly completed, a cloth inspection and storage building and a wool storage warehouse are under construction, and land has been bought to provide generally for possible future developments, and particularly for a cotton warp mill, plans for which are drawn and which the company may build soon.

In view of these facts and of the consequent need for additional working capital, the directors recommend an increase of the Capital stock from \$7,200,000 to \$14,400,000 and its distribution as stated above.

The regular quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding \$7,200,000 capital stock, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 20. Extra dividends of 7% each were paid in Dec. 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919; none for 1920.—V. 111, p. 2329

(William) Farrell Son, Inc.—6 Mos. Earnings.—

Sales for 6 months ending Sept. 30 1920, are officially reported as \$3,652,932 Net profits after reserve for bad debts, depreciation, taxes and all other charges—439,533

President Thomas Farrell says: "The company would have made a much better showing if it had not been hampered by insufficient supply due to transportation difficulties and labor conditions at the mines."—V. 110, p. 2079.

Flint Mills of Fall River.—Dividend Decreased.—

A quarterly dividend of 4% has been declared on the stock, payable Jan. 3 1921 to holders of record Dec. 15 1920. During 1920 total dividends amounted to 48%, as against 19% paid in 1919.—V. 111, p. 1187, 77.

(H. H.) Franklin Manufacturing Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—

\$1,500,000 additional 7% Preferred Stock.—

The co. recently announced that it proposed to issue \$1,500,000 additional 7% Cumulative Preferred stock and that the proceeds will be used for working capital. With the disposal of this amount the total authorized \$5,000,000 Pref. stock will be outstanding.

Sales for the Franklin car, it is reported, averaged 40 a day during the first 10 days of December, and it is stated the year 1920 has eclipsed all Franklin sales records, 9,525 cars having been shipped from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1. Production is being maintained at the rate of 33 cars daily. (An adv. on Dec. 7 shows the reduction in prices effective Sept. 23 (f. o. b. Syracuse) including Touting car, \$3,100 to \$2,600, &c.)—V. 111, p. 1374.

(Robert) Gair Co., Brooklyn.—Capital Increase.—

A certificate has been filed in Albany increasing the authorized Common stock from 400,000 shares to 600,000 shares (no par value) and increasing the stated capital to \$10,000,000. Company has an authorized issue of \$3,000,000 7% Pref. stock and \$4,000,000 7% 2d Pref. stock.—V. 111, p. 2233.

General Asphalt Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 98 1/2 and int., to yield about 8.20% by advertisement on another page, \$4,000,000 8% 10-year sinking fund Conv. gold bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1920. Int. payable at Bankers Trust Co., trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. Arthur W. Sewall, Camden, N. J., Dec. 17.

Company.—Through its subsidiary companies, is engaged in the production and sale of asphalt and oil and the manufacture of a wide range of their products. Its diversified production gives it a dependable earning power throughout the year and has developed allied industries which are already established and capable of great future growth.

Property.—Includes valuable rights to deposits of asphalt in Trinidad and Venezuela and under United States patents in State of Utah; also a well equipped railroad of 68 miles, owned and operated in connection with the Utah property. The refineries and manufacturing plants are being expanded to care for the increasingly diversified character of the business. The oil interests, including association with the Royal Dutch-Shell Group in the ownership of petroleum rights on 312,500 acres of land in Venezuela, are considered a valuable asset.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financing.

8% 10-year Conv. bonds \$4,000,000 Preferred stock.....\$7,541,000
 6% Deb. 1925 (closed) 1,415,000 Common stock.....x19,688,350
 Funded debt of New Trinidad Lake Asphalt 6% Deb. 1930.....599,945
 There is held in trust an additional \$3,770,550 common stock to protect the conversion privilege of the preferred stock. There is also reserved unissued \$4,000,000 authorized common stock to meet the conversion privilege of the new \$4,000,000 issue of bonds.

Assets.—Consolidated net assets after completion of this financing are in excess of \$37,000,000, or approximately 6 times the amount of its outstanding obligations, including this issue.

Earnings.—For the 5 years ending Dec. 31 1919, average earnings available to meet interest and sinking fund charges were \$1,284,063, or 2½ times the amount which will be required to pay the company's total fixed charges for interest and sinking fund upon the completion of this financing, exclusive of the sinking fund on the outstanding 6% debentures of General Asphalt Co., which is 10% of annual net earnings. Earnings for Jan. 1 to Oct. 1 1920 available for the same purpose were \$1,795,956, which are the largest in the history of the company for the same months.—See description of bonds, &c., in V. 111, p. 2143, 2233, 2329.

General Baking Co., N. Y.—All the 20% Pref. Dividend Accumulations Payable in Preferred Stock.

A dividend of 20% in Preferred stock has been declared on the Preferred stock, being the accrued cumulative dividends thereon to Oct. 1 1920, payable on Dec. 31 1920 to such holders of record Dec. 24 1920 as have or shall have assented to the plan of Nov. 10, outlined below.

The regular Pref. dividend of 1¼% will be paid Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 24.

Digest of Plan Submitted by Pres. Wm. Deininger, N. Y., Nov. 10.

The accumulated dividends on the Pref. stock on Oct. 1 1920 amounted to 20%. For the past year the company has been gradually reducing the accumulated dividends by regular payments from current earnings, in addition to payment of the current dividends, and so far as is now apparent this course can be continued. This is a slow process, however, and your board has concluded that the best solution would be to issue Pref. stock equal at par to the accumulated dividends, so far as may be without the use of fractional shares, in full satisfaction of all rights and claims to dividends accumulated to Oct. 1 1920. There is now authorized \$10,000,000 Pref. stock, of which \$5,925,000 has been issued. If this plan is approved by a sufficient number of the Pref. shareholders, a distribution will be made to assenting Pref. shareholders on the basis of 1 share of Pref. stock for 5 shares of Pref. stock now outstanding.—V. 111, p. 2047.

General Electric Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15 1921 of \$2,756,500 additional Capital stock on official notice of issuance as a 2% stock dividend, and \$27,565,000 on or after Jan. 20 1921, on completion of subscriptions and full payment for stock subscribed for, making the total amount applied for \$168,379,700. Compare V. 111, p. 2233.

General Motors Corp.—New Plant.

The Scripps-Booth Corp., Detroit, a division of the General Motors Corp., has approved plans for the erection of a new plant early in the spring at Oakland, Cal., on a site recently acquired. Estimated cost \$1,000,000 with equipment.—V. 111, p. 2329.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Stockholder Suit for Receivership Dismissed—Company Reported Solvent.—Judge Edmund B. Kinkead in the Franklin County Court at Columbus on Dec. 23 sustained the motion to dismiss the summons and upheld the demurrer filed by the company in the suit brought by a stockholder against the company, its directors and subsidiary companies, asking for an accounting and the appointment of a receiver and a writ restraining the borrowing of money.

Digest of Statement by President F. A. Seiberling.

From a summary of Mr. Monnett's petition in the papers, I can say that his allegations are inaccurate. The claim that the directors have been operating to their personal advantage and to the detriment of the stockholders through a company known as the Goodyear Investing Co. is wholly without any foundation. No such company now exists or ever did exist.

There is a subsidiary company, the Goodyear Improvement Co., owning warehouses of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in various cities throughout the United States and Canada. This company is operated wholly for the benefit of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and all profits that ever accrue to it have come to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and now belong to it.

Mr. Monnett's statement that the stock dividend declared in June 1920, and the quarterly dividend paid on the Common stock in Sept. 1920, were not paid out of surplus earnings is also inaccurate.

In common with all other industrial concerns the country over, the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has suffered by reason of the present business depression. This depression has caused a loss to it, as to these other concerns, by depreciation in its inventories and contracts taken and entered into at the beginning of the last fiscal year. I can say, however, that after charging off this entire loss the company still has ample assets with which to pay its indebtedness and to cover its entire issue of Preferred stock, and still have many millions for its Common stockholders.

We have every indication that the bottom of the curve of business has been reached. Sales are steadily improving and it is most gratifying to be able to state that in the readjustment of contractual obligations with cotton and rubber connections, they have uniformly shown a spirit of helpfulness and willingness to adjust to existing conditions.

If the plan providing for the permanent financing be adopted by the stockholders Dec. 24, as we fully expect it will be, the officers and directors believe the future stability and prosperity of the company will be assured and the interests of all stockholders, both Common and Preferred, fully protected.

It seems to us that the instigators of this action had a deliberate purpose in view to embarrass the company in its efforts now being made, to protect the stockholders.—Compare financing plan in V. 111, p. 2329, 2428.

Plan Approved.—It was reported on Dec. 24 that the stockholders acted favorably on the permanent financing plan and the creation of \$50,000,000 bonds as outlined in V. 111, p. 2330, 2428.

Goodrich Transit Co.—New Control.

Albert W. Goodrich, it is stated, has disposed of his stock holdings and control of that company to H. W. Thorp, W. J. Thorp and other associates in the company for \$1,000,000. It is also stated that certain Manitowoc, Wis., financial interests, represented by Elia Gunnell are associated with Mr. Thorp in taking over control.

The Goodrich company owns and operates the steamships Alabama, Arizona, Carolina, Indiana, Florida and Christopher Columbus, maintaining year-round service between Chicago and Muskegon, and Chicago and Milwaukee.—See V. 111, p. 593.

Greene Cananea Copper Co.—Dividend—Status.

The directors on Dec. 23 omitted declaration of the dividend on the capital stock resumed in Aug. last at 50c. a share, after an intermission of 1½ years. On account of conditions in the metal market, it is thought best to maintain a strong financial position.

Official Statement as to Financial Position (upon a Consolidated Basis).

"Surplus Dec. 31 1919 was \$7,837,309; profits for the year ended Dec. 31 1920 (December estimated), \$842,449; dividends paid during year, \$500,000; surplus Dec. 31 1920, approximately \$8,179,758.

"The company has in copper on hand, upon the basis of the contract price for that which has been sold but not delivered and cost for the balance, a total of \$7,340,305, against which it owes for advances on metal \$1,812,848.

"The company has no other indebtedness except for current operating expenses."—V. 111, p. 2330, 2234.

Hamilton Woolen Co., Boston.—50 Stock Dividend.

"Employees who became shareholders recently by purchasing the new shares which were issued in Aug. last, have received a 50% stock dividend as was promised them at the time of their purchase of original shares. More than 100 employees are now shareholders." ("Boston Financial News," Dec. 17.) See plan in V. 111, p. 900.

Haytian-American Corp.—Protective Measures.

An official statement says: "In view of the present market for sugar the company is unable to further finance itself through banks, using as credits such sugars as may be produced during the grinding season beginning Feb. 1 1921. Therefore other sources of credit must be employed. "Your directors are doing the best they can to protect all the interests, including the notes and shareholders, and to avoid a receivership. At this moment we request you not to file any of your securities with any committee or sign any proxies. We shall keep you advised of our progress."—V. 109, p. 1991.

Hercules Powder Co.—Sufficient Aetna Stock Deposited.

See Aetna Explosives Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2330, 2047.

Home Insurance Co., N. Y.—Capital Increase.

The shareholders on Dec. 15 authorized an increase in the capital from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000. The new stock is to be offered to shareholders at \$150 per share. This will provide \$9,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 will go to capital account and \$3,000,000 to surplus account.—V. 111, p. 1954.

Hotel Traymore Co., Atlantic City, N. J.—Bond Call.

One hundred eight First Mtge. 6% Sinking Fund gold bonds of \$1,000 each and two bonds of \$500 each, have been called for payment Jan. 2 1921 at 102 and int. to Jan. 1 1921, at the Guaranty Trust Co., Atlantic City, as trustee.—V. 109, p. 2268.

Independent Pneumatic Tool Co.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the outstanding \$9,640 shares of capital stock (no par value) in addition to a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, both payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 23 1920. It is understood that extra dividends of \$4 per share were paid in July and Oct. last. Dividends of 5% were paid quarterly on the old \$100 capital stock from Jan. 1919 to April 1920, with an extra of 5% in April last and in Jan. 1919.—V. 111, p. 587.

Indian Packing Corp., Chicago, Ill.—Proposed Sale.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 3 1921 on authorizing the sale and transfer of the property to the Acme Packing Co. of Illinois. President F. L. Peck, Dec. 22, writes in brief:

In addition to the transfer of all of its property and assets, the company is to pay Acme Packing Co. \$637,500. It will receive 425,000 shares (par \$10) of Acme Packing Co. stock, and Acme Packing Co. will also assume all of the liabilities of Indian Packing Corp., except only any liability incurred in procuring the above \$637,500. Indian Packing Corp. has made arrangements to procure by loan this \$637,500.

It is the intention, as soon as the transfer has been made, to offer to the stockholders of Indian Packing Corp. the right to purchase 127,500 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock at \$5 per share, and thus procure the funds to repay the loan of \$637,500. Arrangements have been made whereby this offer will be underwritten without expense to the corporation. When the loan has been repaid it is the intention to dissolve the Indian Packing Corp. and distribute the remaining stock of Acme Packing Co.

The net result to stockholders of the carrying out of the plan is that each holder of 10 shares, by paying \$15 in cash, will receive 10 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock. If he does not care to make any cash payment he will receive 7 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock in place of 10 shares of Indian Packing Corporation.

The Acme Packing Co. will be incorp. in Illinois and will have an authorized capital of 1,200,000 shares (par \$10). Press reports state that the new company has sold to a syndicate of New York and Chicago bankers an issue of \$1,850,000 8% Convertible 1st Mtge. bonds, which will shortly be offered publicly at par, and also a large block of stock to be offered later by Miller & Co., New York.

The officers of the new company will comprise: C. E. Martin, Pres.; Meyer Katz, V.-Pres.; John M. Clair, V.-Pres., and A. C. Folde, Sec. & Treas.—V. 109, p. 1083.

Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co.—No Dividend—Status.—The directors on Dec. 23 omitted the declaration of the dividend on the capital stock. An official statement says:

The directors decided that on account of prevailing conditions in the metal markets, resources should be conserved and the present strong financial position maintained; therefore no dividend was declared.

Summary of the Financial Position as of Dec. 31 1920 (Dec. Results Estimated).

Net income from the beginning of operation to Dec. 31 1919 amounted to \$44,726,076; the surplus Dec. 31 1919 was \$9,879,259
 Profit for year 1920, after making allowance for all expenses, including Federal income tax and loss on Liberty bonds sold, is estimated at..... 1,938,844
 During 1920 the company declared three dividends at average rate of \$1 17 per share, amounting to..... 4,136,884

Leaving a surplus at Dec. 31 1920 (December estimated) of... \$7,681,218
 The company has in copper on hand, upon the basis of the contract price for that which has been sold but not delivered and cost for the balance, a total of \$10,216,724, against which it owes for advances on metal \$2,212,848. Company has no other indebtedness except for current operating expenses.—V. 111, p. 2330, 1857.

International Cement Corp.—Earnings (Partly Est.).

Quarters ending— Sept. 30 '20 June 30 '20
 Sales, less discount, allowances, &c.....\$2,569,011 \$2,297,568
 Net profits (partly estimated).....\$892,402 \$665,799
 Miscellaneous income..... 10,463 10,663

Total income.....\$902,865 \$676,462
 Interest, reserve for Federal taxes, &c..... 248,764 128,872

Surplus (partly estimated).....\$654,101 \$547,590
 The company has to date declared two dividends of 62½ cents each, payable on its 268,396 shares of capital stock of no par value on Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 1920, respectively. Compare annual report in full in V. 111, p. 997.—V. 111, p. 2234.

International Paper Co.—Bonds Called.

Forty-eight (\$48,000) Consolidated Mtge. 5% sinking fund convertible gold bonds of 1905, have been called for payment Jan. 3 1921 at 105 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y.—V. 111, p. 2047.

Invincible Oil Corp.—Production—Earnings.

It is officially estimated that the total production for the current year would be approximately 3,000,000 barrels, and that earnings would be in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000, or at the rate of about \$20 per share.—V. 111, p. 2234, 1756

Junior Orpheum, Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.

The bankers named below in Nov. offered at par and int. \$1,500,000 1st Closed Mtge. 7% serial gold bonds, unconditionally guaranteed principal and interest by Orpheum Theatre & Realty Co. Dated Nov. 15 1920 and due serially Nov. 15 1922 to 1935 inclusive.

These bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage upon a lot situated on the Southwest corner of Hill and Eighth Sts., Los Angeles, containing 27,825 sq. ft., on which will be erected a modern reinforced concrete and steel building, which will include a theatre with a seating capacity of 3,100; 10 ground floor stores, and 7 floors of modern offices. The lot is owned in fee and no part of the building is on leased ground. The lot is owned by Girvin & Miller, E. H. Rollins & Sons, First Securities Co., California Company and Baer-Brown-Parsons Co.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.

Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Guaranty Co. and Halsey Stuart & Co., New York, are offering at 100 and int. to yield 8% \$10,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 20-year 8% Gold bonds, Series A (see adv. pages).

Dated Dec. 1 1920. Due Dec. 1 1940. Int. payable J. & D. in New York or Chicago without deduction of normal Federal income tax deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c's) \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Red. all or part on any int. on 60 days' notice on or before Dec. 1 1925, at 107½ and int.; thereafter and on or before Dec. 1 1930, at 105 and int.; thereafter and on or before

Dec. 1 1935, at 102 1/2 and int., and thereafter until maturity at 101 and int. The trust deed will provide for an annual maintenance and depreciation fund amounting to 12 1/4% of gross earnings. Penn. 4 mills tax refundable

Data From Letter of Pres. Joseph F. Porter, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18. Company.—Incorp. in 1919 in Missouri. Has acquired and now owns and operates properties formerly owned by Kansas City Light & Power Co. and Standard Electric Light Co. Controls electric light and power business in Kansas City, Mo. and also serves adjacent territory, including practically all of Jackson County, Mo., and Johnson County, Kan., and a portion of Kansas City, and other territory in Wyandotte County. Also owns and operates the steam heating plant in Kansas City. Population served approximately 450,000.

Property.—The physical property owned includes 2 electric generating stations, aggregate installed normal capacity of 83,250 kw., and 16 substations with transformer capacity of 73,894 kw. Has 126 miles of high tension transmission lines, 140 miles of underground cable and 860 miles of low tension distributing lines. Of the installed capacity 60,000 kw. is located at Northeast Power Plant recently completed. This plant is so designed that its present installed capacity may be increased to an ultimate capacity of 240,000 kw.

Capitalization after this Financing— Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock \$20,000,000 \$5,000,000 First Preferred 8% Cumulative stock 25,000,000 4,000,000 First & Ref. Mtge. 8% bonds (this issue) (See below) 10,000,000 Kan. City Lt. & Pwr. Co. 2d Mtge. 6%, 1944 1,917,300 1,695,500 Kan. City Lt. & Pwr. Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1944 (a) 3,060,000

(a) In addition to bonds outstanding \$4,617,000 6% bonds are deposited as collateral for 1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds and any additional bonds that may be issued must be so deposited. (b) \$221,800 additional have been purchased through Sinking Fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire \$8,000,000 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust Notes due Jan. 1 1921.

Security.—Secured (a) by a direct first mortgage on the Northeast Power Plant, certain substations, and transmission and distribution lines, &c., valued at \$10,500,000, (b) on the remaining property, subject only to the underlying bonds now outstanding; (c) through pledge of \$4,617,000 1st Mtge. bonds of Kansas City Light & Power Co.

Valuation.—Total value of properties, as recognized by Missouri P. S. Commission for rate-making purposes, is in excess of \$22,400,000.

Additional Bonds.—Under the trust deed, there will be immediately issued and deposited with the Trustee, \$4,977,300 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, Series B, due Dec. 1 1945, reserved for the refunding of the above 1st Mtge. and 2nd Mtge. bonds.

Additional bonds may be issued in series as directors may determine (not before Dec. 1 1940) only for 80% of permanent improvements, &c when annual net earnings have been at least twice the annual int. requirements on all outstanding and proposed bonds.

Earnings.—Gross earnings have increased from \$2,805,646 for 1915 to \$4,749,419 for year 1919.

Earnings Twelve Months Ended Oct. 31 1920. Gross earnings \$5,762,844 Net earnings after maintenance & taxes 1,975,886 Annual int. on mtg. debt outstanding in hands of public (incl. this issue) and bonds held alive in sinking fund requires 1,068,038

Note.—\$600,000 of these interest charges are attributable to construction expenditures from which company has not yet received full benefits.

Net earnings before depreciation for calendar year 1920, are estimated at \$2,150,000, over twice the annual interest requirements shown above.

Franchises.—Franchise situation eminently satisfactory. Electric light and power franchises both in Missouri and Kansas are, with minor exceptions, perpetual. Steam heating franchise runs until 1935.—V. 111, p. 2234

Kennecott Copper Co.—Production (in Lbs.).— 1920—Nov.—1919. Increase. 1920—11 Mos.—1919. Increase. 11,146,000 6,570,000 4,576,000 106,617,860 74,034,880 32,582,980 See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2048, 1665.

Kings County Lighting Co.—New Directors—Capital.— Francis Weeks, Vice-President of the Mechanics' Bank of Brooklyn, John Gribbel of Phila., Charles H. Dickey of Baltimore and Travis H. Whitney of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been elected directors.

In explaining his policy of giving representation on the board of directors, President Ralph Elmsan says: "There will also be elected to the board a representative of the consumers and a representative of the employees, so that the public of South Brooklyn and the employees, who are devoted to the interests of the company, will have a voice and a share, along with the owners, in the management of the company."

The P. S. Commissioner has authorized the company to issue \$2,000,000 8% Cumulative Preferred stock. Of the proceeds company is ordered to expend \$1,750,000 for improvement of its plant, including the installation of add'l water gas generating sets, &c., and \$250,000 for working capital.

President Elmsan has announced that the stock would be offered to residents in the territory served by the company with a view toward making it an enterprise in which the consumers would to some extent have a voice in the management. To this end a citizens' committee of 16 members has been appointed.—V. 111, p. 2234.

(B. B. & R.) Knight, Inc.—Initial Dividend—Vice-Pres.— An initial dividend has been declared on the Preferred stock payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 20 1920. Colonel G. Edward Buxton, Jr., Treasurer of the Providence "Journal," has been elected Vice-President.—V. 111, p. 2048.

Lancaster Water Filtration Co., Phila.—Bonds Called.— Thirty (\$30,000) First Mtge. 6% gold bonds of 1905 have been called for payment Jan. 2 1921 at par and int. to Jan. 1 1921, at the West End Trust Co., trustee, Broad St. & South Penn Sq., Phila.—V. 81, p. 671.

Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.—New Directors.— Howard S. Borden and Frederic R. Coudert, have been elected directors succeeding William S. Cruikshank and Charles S. Fairchild.—V. 110, p. 560.

Loew's (Canada), Ltd.—Consolidation.— The exchange of common shares of this new company for shares of the companies to be consolidated, it is stated, will be on the following basis: 1. For each \$100 par value of Marcus Loew's Theatres, Toronto, 80 common shares of \$10 par value in new company. 2. For each \$100 par value common stock of Loew's Montreal Theatres, Ltd., Montreal, 25 shares of \$10 each par, in new company. 3. For each \$25 par value common stock of Loew's Ottawa Theatres, Ltd., 5 common shares of \$10 par value in new company. 4. For each \$25 par value common stock of Loew's Metropolitan (Montreal) Theatres, Ltd., 3 1/2 common shares of \$10 par, in new company. 5. For each \$10 par value common stock of Loew's Windsor Theatres, Ltd., 1 1/2 common shares of \$10 par in new company. Compare V. 111, p. 2430.

Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass Co.—Earnings.— Income Account for Years Ending Sept. 30. 1920. 1919. Total income \$4,789,723 \$904,206 Depreciation of patents and miscellaneous expenses 563,085 322,621 Reserve for taxes (estimated) x2,225,000 185,000 Balance, surplus \$2,001,638 \$396,586 x Including contingencies.—V. 111, p. 2430, 2331.

Lucey Manufacturing Co.—Earnings—Notes Ready.— Results to Sept. 30 1920— September. 3 Months. 9 Months. Gross earnings \$1,142,716 \$3,332,310 \$9,250,093 Net earnings applicable to int. on 8% notes 141,664 296,641 944,450 Interest on 8% Notes 10,000 30,000 30,000 Estimated Federal income taxes 29,167 87,500 262,500 Available for dividend on 37,500 sh. Class "A" stock & sink fund \$102,497 \$179,141 \$651,950 Amount per share per annum \$32 80 \$19 10 \$23 18 The engraved definitive notes are now ready for delivery in exchange for temporary notes of the 10-year 8% convertible sinking fund notes, Series "A" at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City. Compare note offering, &c. V. 111, p. 994, 299.—V. 111, p. 2048.

McGraw Tire & Rubber Co.—No Preferred Dividend.— The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred stock, usually paid Jan. 1, in order to conserve cash resources.—V. 109, p. 1797.

McKeesport Tin Plate Co.—233 1-3% Stock Dividend.— A stock dividend of \$7,000,000, equal to 233 1-3%, it is reported, has been declared, payable to stock of record Dec. 23. President E. R. Crawford says: "This company Dec. 22, increased its Capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, making a stock dividend of \$7,000,000; this has been done to take care of the extensions and improvements made to the plant and property, covering the last 10 years. Previously they have not been represented in the company's Capital stock." The company, it is stated, doubled its capacity in the last 10 years, installing improved machinery and purchasing additional property in Portvue, opposite McKeesport. In 1915 a stock dividend of 100% was paid.—V. 106, p. 1348.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.—Gross Sales.— 1920—Oct.—1919. Decrease. 1920—10 Mos.—1919. Increase. \$607,203 \$751,353 \$144,150 \$6,359,339 \$5,727,566 \$631,773 —V. 111, p. 2048, 1666.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—100% Stock Dividend—Regular Quarterly of 1 1/2%—Extra of 1/2 of 1%.— A 100% stock dividend has been declared on the stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 27. [Stock outstanding Dec. 31 1919, \$58,675,500.] An extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% was also declared in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Jan. 5 1921. All dividends are payable to holders of record Dec. 27. Dividend record:

Regular dividends 1914. 1915. 1916-17. 1918. 1919-20. Jan. 1921. 4% 6% p. a. 6% 6% p. a. 1 1/2% of 1% Extras in cash 100% 25% 1% 2% p. a. 1/2 of 1% Stock dividends 100% 25% 1% 2% p. a. 100% The Standard Oil Co. of New York owns approximately 45% of the stock, and will receive stock amounting to about \$26,401,900.—V. 111, p. 1476

Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd.—Interim Div.— An interim dividend of 5% has been declared on the Ordinary shares together with a dividend of 7% on the Preference shares, (less English tax) both payable Feb. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 16 1920.—V. 110, p. 2572.

Mason Tire & Rubber Co., Kent, Ohio.—Sales, &c.— Treas. D. M. Mason, Kent, O., Dec. 14, reports in substance: "Sales for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31 were \$6,598,000, being 95% greater than in 1919. Net earnings, after reduction of inventories to present market values, amounted to \$524,000, being 135% increase over 1919. The company has no high priced fabric or rubber on undelivered contracts, and its stock of finished tires is less than normal. Sales, which gradually declined until October, have since gone steadily upward, and January sales will almost be normal." Comparative Sales and Earnings for the Past Four Years.

Years Ended Oct. 31— 1920. 1919. 1918. 1917. Sales \$6,598,000 \$3,468,000 \$2,324,000 \$1,200,000 Earnings 524,743 223,706 203,406 104,458 —V. 111, p. 1857, 1088.

Metropolitan Edison Co., Reading, Pa.—Trustee.— The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed Trustee for the Series "A" Refunding & Impr. 8% 15-year gold bonds, dated Nov. 1, 1920.—Compare offering V. 111, p. 2430.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Dividends—Capital Inc.— Joseph Walker & Sons, 61 Broadway, are officially informed that the company has declared a div. of 54%, payable Dec. 31 at American Exchange National Bank against presentation of coupon No. 15 on the Ordinary, and coupon No. 22 on the Pref., with \$2,6865 per share. Of this 54% div., 49% represents the final distribution for the fiscal year ended June 30 1920, making with the 5% paid last Jan. and 6% last June, a total of 60% (\$3 per share for the year). The remaining 5% are a first interim dividend in respect of the fiscal year ending June 30 1921. The company further announces the increase of the authorized capital from 115,113,580 pesos to 160,000,000 pesos, and the granting of subscription rights for new shares at par in respect of every two shares now held. These rights expire on Jan. 31 and in order to exercise them coupon No. 16 on the Ordinary shares and coupon No. 23 on the Pref. shares must be sent to London, together with check for 28 shillings per full new share or 14 shillings per half new share.—V. 111, p. 1330.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co.—Wage Readjustment.— The following notice has been posted at the company's Coatesville works: "A revision of the wage schedule is made necessary by reason of the extensive decline in the selling price of iron and steel products. New wage schedules for each department are being prepared and will be made effective Jan. 1 1921. "The common labor rate will be 30 cents per hour [present rate 36 1/2 c.] and the time and half time for over time will be discontinued. "All other hour, day, turn, tonnage and piece work rates will be adjusted in conformity with this new base. The salary schedule will be adjusted upon an equitable basis."—V. 111, p. 1858.

Midwest Oil Co.—Extra Pref. Dividend—Common Div.— An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the Preferred stock in addition to dividends of 2% each on the Preferred and Common stocks, all payable Jan. 15 1921 to holders of record Dec. 31 1920. In Jan. 1914 initial dividend of 2% was paid on the Common stock; none since. The dividend on the Pref. shares was erroneously reported last week as a single distribution of 2 1/2%.—V. 111, p. 2430.

Moline Engine Company.—Financial Plan.— See Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Company below.

Moline Plow Company.—Financial Plan.— See Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. below.—V. 111, p. 798.

Muscatine (Iowa) Lighting Co.—Files Appeal.— The company has filed an appeal in the U. S. Supreme Court from the enforcement of a city ordinance fixing a price of gas alleged to be confiscatory.

Narragansett Mills Inc., Pawtucket, R. I.—Receiver.— Charles F. Collins of Pawtucket, has been appointed permanent receiver.—V. 111, p. 1757.

National Screw & Tack Co., Cleveland.—Acquisition.— The company has taken over the property and holdings of the Adams-Bagnall Electric Co., Cleveland, manufacturer of small motors, lamp reflectors and fans. The plant of the latter company will be operated as the A-B Products Division of the National Company. W. D. B. Alexan de is president of both companies.—V. 103, p. 1596.

National Surety Co.—New Director.— E. L. Doheny, President of the Mexican Petroleum Co. and the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co., has been elected a director.—V. 111, p. 1956.

Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—No Extra Dividend.— The regular semi-annual dividend of 5% has been declared on the stock, payable Jan. 3 1921, to holders of record Dec. 17 1920. Extras of 5% each were paid in Jan. and July last and in July 1919.—V. 110, p. 2662.

Nevada Consol. Copper Co.—Selling Agency.— See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2331.

New England Oil Corp.—Sub. Co. Capital Increase.— The New England Oil Refining Co. has filed a certificate of increase in capital from \$1,500,000 to \$7,500,000 with the Massachusetts Commission of Corporations. Compare V. 111, p. 2048.

New Idria Quicksilver Mining Co.—Receiver.—Federal Judge Anderson at Boston on Dec. 20 appointed J. D. Colt, attorney, receiver.
President Andrew Adie states: Owing to several causes, application for appointment of a receiver was made to preserve the assets and property until some plan of refinancing can be formulated and carried out. The suit brought against the company is a friendly one.
The causes which have created the present condition of the company's finances are: (1) Excess of cost of rebuilding plant above the estimates after the fire last June. (2) Loss of production during reconstruction. Inability to sell product at proper prices owing to the dumping upon the market of large quantities of quicksilver purchased for speculative accounts in Japan and Italy.—V. 111, p. 2431.

New York & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—The "Engineering & Mining Journal" Dec. 18 contains a two page illustrated article regarding operations, plants, etc.—V. 111, p. 1571, 902.

New York Mutual Gas Light Co.—Dividend Decreased.—A semi-annual dividend of 3% has been declared on the outstanding \$3,409,700 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 10 to holders of record Dec. 29. The company has been paying dividends at the rate of 9% p. a. since 1913, usually declaring a dividend of 4% about this time. The present declaration, it is stated, will bring the rate for 1920 up to 8%.—V. 106, p. 2126.

New York Title & Mortgage Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the stock in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Jan. 2 1921 to holders of record Dec. 24 1920; this compares with an extra of 1% paid in Jan. 1920.—V. 110, p. 1193.

North Atlantic Oyster Farms, Inc.—Deferred Interest.—The Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on Dec. 30 will pay coupons No. 7 and 8, due Jan. 1 and July 1 1918 on the First Lien Collateral Trust 5% gold bonds dated July 1 1914.—V. 106, p. 92.

Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% in Victory Loan 4 1/2% notes has been declared on the capital stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% in cash, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. In October last a like amount was paid in Liberty bonds; this compares with 2 1/2% extra paid in Liberty bonds, in January and July last and in January and July 1919.—V. 111, p. 1853, 1285.

Ohio Leather Co., Youngstown, O.—No Pref. Div.—The directors have omitted the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, usually paid Jan. 1, on the Pref. stock.—V. 105, p. 2461.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., N. Y.—Capital Increase.—The company has filed a certificate at Albany increasing its capital from \$2,700,000 to \$4,700,000.—V. 108, p. 176.

Otis Elevator Co.—Extra Dividend of 2%.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding \$9,482,087 Common stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable Jan. 15 1921 to holders of record Dec. 31 1920. Apr 11 to Jan 14 Apr 14 to Jan 20 Apr 20 to Oct 20 Jan. 1921 4% p. a. (1% q. r.) 5% p. a. (1 1/4% q. r.) 2% q. r. 2% q. r. 2% q. r. extra.—V. 111, p. 1571, 300.

Pacific Development Corp.—Listing—Earnings.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 253,676 shares of capital stock, no par value, on official notice of issuance, in exchange for a like number of shares of the par value of \$50 each; with authority to add on or after Jan. 10 1921, 64,358 shares of stock, no par value, upon official notice of issuance and payment in full.
Income account, 6 months ended June 30 1920: Total income, \$610,790; expenses, \$141,320; net income, \$469,470; previous surplus, \$83,723; adjustments (cr.), \$6,223; Dividends paid, \$326,321; surplus June 30 1920, \$233,096. See V. 111, p. 2144, 2331, 2431.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co., San Francisco.—Bonds Offered.—National City Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering, at 99 and int., yielding 7.10%, by advertisement on another page, \$10,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. Gold bonds, 20-year 7%, Series A.

Dated Dec. 1 1920. Due Dec. 1 1940. Int. payable J. & D. in New York or San Francisco without deduction of the Normal Federal income tax of 2%. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (c&cr*) \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 110 and int. oh or before Dec. 1 1930, and at 105 and int. thereafter. National City Bank, New York, and Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco, trustees.
Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund of 1/2% of all outstanding bonds of company after deduction of underlying sinking fund payments, to be utilized in the acquisition and redemption or retirement of First & Ref. M. Bonds. A large fund is also provided annually for the maintenance and replacement of the properties.

Data from Letter of Pres. W. E. Creed, San Francisco, Dec. 18.
Organization.—One of the largest of the well-established and successful public service corporations in the U. S.

Operates 24 hydro-electric generating plants, aggregate installed capacity of 271,500 hp., 4 modern steam turbine electric plants aggregate installed capacity of 156,500 hp., and 20 gas manufacturing plants total daily capacity of 71,600,000 cu. ft. System extends into 36 counties of central and northern California. Estimated population 1,850,000.

Pit River Project.—Through Mt. Shasta Power Corp. company controls undeveloped water power on the Pit River and its tributaries for one of the most promising hydro-electric power projects on the entire Pacific Coast with an ultimate development of more than 420,000 hp., continuous power.

The construction of three new hydro-electric plants on the upper tributaries of the Pit River with a proposed installation of 126,500 hp. is now in progress. Additional capacity of 13,000 hp. is also in the course of installation in another plant of the system. It is anticipated that 46,500 hp. of this increased capacity will be in operation during the coming spring, and the remaining 93,000 hp. within the following year. The operation of this additional capacity in modern steam plants would require the consumption of 2,500,000 barrels of oil per annum at an approximate cost of \$5,000,000.

Number of Consumers Calendar Years.

	Gas.	Electricity.	Water.	Steam.	Total.
1907	122,304	54,772	5,539	—	182,615
1910	152,395	83,005	6,726	—	242,126
1915	227,586	166,149	9,432	378	403,545
1920 (Nov. 30 year)	285,395	264,589	16,190	448	566,617

Purpose.—Proceeds will be devoted principally to the initial development of the Pit River project amounting to more than 126,500 hp. installed capacity and to reimburse the treasury for construction expenditures made.

Capitalization Outstanding in the Hands of the Public, Oct. 31 1920.
Common stock \$34,004,058 (Gen. & Ref. 5%—x\$36,542,000)
Preferred stock 31,235,080 5-yr. 7% Coll. Notes—10,000,000
1st & Ref. M. (this issue) 10,000,000 Divis. bds. (closed mtgs) y49,786,100
x Does not include \$16,000,000 deposited as collateral for Notes and \$1,000,000 owned by company. y In addition, \$6,231,200 held alive in sinking funds, and \$505,700 are in treasury.

Security.—A direct first mortgage on the entire properties (incl. the new Pit River power plants and high tension transmission line) of the Mt. Shasta Power Corp. which will join with the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in execution of the mortgage. Also a direct mortgage on the entire properties of the company now owned and hereafter acquired subject to the prior liens of underlying mortgages. As additional security, company agrees to secure from time to time the certification of all Gen. & Ref. M. bonds which it may issue and will pledge the same under the new mortgage.

Statement of Earnings Calendar Years.

	Gross.	Net.	Interest.	Balance.
1917	\$20,321,728	\$8,717,037	\$4,285,957	\$4,431,080
1918	23,105,718	10,075,388	4,304,085	5,771,303
1919	26,532,688	10,333,561	4,493,208	5,840,353
y1920	34,535,508	11,782,023	5,173,709	6,608,317

x Net after operating expenses, maintenance and taxes. y 12 months ended Nov. 30.—V. 111, p. 2049.

Pacific Oil Co.—Officers—Directors, &c.—The following officers have been elected: Henry W. de Forest, Chairman; Paul Shoup, President; Hugh Neill, Sec'y and Treas. Mr. de Forest, Charles A. Peabody and Mortimer L. Schiff have been elected members of the Executive Committee. Gordon M. Buck was elected a director. See V. 111, p. 2331, 2235.

Peabody Coal Co., Chicago.—Stock for Employees.—It is reported that the company has issued \$1,000,000 stock, to be sold among its employees at par on the extended payment plan.—V. 111, p. 1667.

Pennsylvania Gasoline Co., Bradford, Pa.—Bankruptcy.—The company has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh. Liabilities are placed at \$148,147 and assets at \$441,626.—V. 110, p. 1193.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.—Obituary.—William George Brown, formerly Vice-President and Secretary, died in Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—V. 111, p. 2229, 1571.

Plymouth Rubber Co., Canton, Mass.—Bankruptcy.—A petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the Federal Court at Boston against the company. Claims of petitioning creditors amounted to only \$3,000, but prior to the filing of the petition, it is stated, U. S. deputy marshals attached funds of the company amounting to \$100,000 in four local banks in connection with a suit by A. D. Juillard & Co., New York, claiming \$75,000 damages for alleged breach of contract.—V. 105, p. 1425.

Portland Gold Mining Co.—Dividends Omitted.—The directors have omitted the declaration of the quarterly dividend usually paid Jan. 15 on the \$3,000,000 capital stock, par \$1. Quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% have been paid from April 1920 to Oct. 1920 incl. Total dividends paid up to Oct. last amounted to \$11,692,080.—V. 106, p. 714.

Rand Mines, Ltd.—Interim Dividend of 85%.—The directors have declared an interim dividend of 85%, payable early in February to holders of record Dec. 31. This makes a total of 145% paid during the present fiscal year as against 100% in the year 1919-20.—V. 111, p. 2431, 2049.

Ray Consol. Copper Co.—New Selling Agency.—See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2332.

Remington Typewriter Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) \$1,407,600 7% 1st Pref. Cum. stock, par \$100, issued and outstanding with authority to add \$2,592,400 additional in exchange for outstanding v. t. c. thereof, making the total amount applied for \$4,000,000. (b) \$1,217,000 7% First Pref. Cum. stock, Series S, par \$100 each, in exchange for outstanding v. t. c. thereof, with authority to add \$1,618,000 additional on official notice that same has been issued on conversion of First Mtge. 6% Conv. bonds, due serially 1921 to 1926, making the total amount applied for \$2,835,000. (c) \$1,558,100 8% 2d Pref. Cum. stock, par \$100, issued and outstanding with authority to add \$4,441,900 additional in exchange for outstanding v. t. c. thereof, making the total amount applied for \$6,000,000. (d) \$1,714,200 Common stock, par \$100, issued and outstanding with authority to add \$8,285,800 additional in exchange for outstanding v. t. c. thereof, making the total amount applied for \$10,000,000. The voting trust agreement expires Dec. 31 1920. See V. 111, p. 2332.

Rhineland Paper Co., Rhineland, Wis.—Capital.—The company, it is stated, has increased its Capital stock from \$1,070,000 to \$3,500,000 to provide for additional facilities and equipment.—V. 104, p. 1495.

Riordon Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Parkinson & Burr, Coffin & Burr, Inc., Royal Securities Corp., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 8.10%, \$6,500,000 20-Year Sinking Fund 1st Mtge. & Ref. 8% gold bonds, "Series A."

Dated Dec. 1 1920. Due Dec. 1 1940. Callable all or part on 60 days' notice on any int. date to and incl. Dec. 1 1930 at 110; thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1935 at 107 1/2; thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1936 at 105; thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1937 at 104; thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1938 at 103; thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1939 at 102; and thereafter at 100. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c&cr*; \$1,000 or multiples. Int. payable J. & D. in gold in Montreal, New York and Montreal. Montreal Trust Co., Montreal trustee. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any present or future Canadian taxes except income tax upon residents of Canada, or for any United States income tax up to 2% which it may be required or permitted to pay. A sinking fund for the purchase and cancellation of the First & Ref. bonds is provided which, it is estimated, will retire at least 80% of this issue before maturity.

Data from Letter of Vice-Prest. Carl Riordon, Montreal, Dec. 20.
Company.—Incorp. in June 1920 under laws of Dominion of Canada. A consolidation, [per V. 110, p. 2573]. Is one of the largest manufacturers of bleached sulphite pulp in the world and is one of the largest lessees of pine and pulpwood timber lands in North America. These timber lands aggregate 12,105 sq. miles and are estimated to contain not less than 25,000,000 cords of pulp wood and over 1,200,000,000 feet of pine, besides large quantities of other saleable lumber. Company's sulphite pulp mills have an aggregate annual capacity of 102,000 tons, now being increased to 132,000 tons, of which over 93% will be bleached sulphite pulp. The timber areas are located on watersheds tributary to the company's principal mills on the Ottawa River.

Capitalization after This Financing—

Common shares	Authorized.	Outstanding.
7% Cumulative Conv. Preferred stock	\$40,000,000	\$27,000,000
8% Conv. 1st Pref. stock (V. 110, p. 2573)	10,000,000	10,000,000
1st Mortgage & Ref. bonds (this issue)	30,000,000	10,000,000
Riordon P. & P. Co. 1st M. Deb. 6s. 1942	30,000,000	6,500,000
Riordon P. & P. Co. Gen. M. 6s. 1929	closed	x1,500,000
Purchase money mortgages on timber limits	closed	x4,000,000
		2,793,000

x The sinking fund for the 1st M. debentures will retire that issue before maturity and the sinking fund for the Gen. M. 6s is to retire 35% of that issue before maturity.

Earnings.—Net earnings from operation of the properties being mortgaged to secure these bonds (excl. earnings from controlled properties) for the first 10 months of 1920, after depreciation, taxes, &c., were \$3,218,082, or at the rate of more than three times the annual interest charges on the total funded debt. The average net earnings of the Riordon Co., Ltd., as computed above, and of its predecessor for the last three calendar years (last two months of 1920 estimated) were \$2,169,920.

These earnings do not include any income from operation of Kipawa plant prior to April 1 1920, when its first unit started, and do not include the substantial income accruing from subsidiaries, which, it is estimated, will exceed \$1,000,000 for the year 1920. The Kipawa mill properties and leases on timber limits, upon which these bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage, could be independently operated and would alone produce annual net earnings very largely in excess of the interest and sinking fund requirements of this issue.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on the Kipawa property, including the pulp, bleaching and electrolytic plants, the 7,200 h. p. hydro-electric development and Kipawa town, together with leasehold rights on 937 1/2 sq. miles of timber lands. Further secured by a mortgage subject to \$5,901,100 underlying liens on the entire physical property formerly owned by the Riordon Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., and by a mortgage on leasehold rights on 1,995 sq. miles of timber lands, subject to \$2,700,000 purchase money mortgages.

Compare V. 110, p. 2573.—V. 111, p. 1190.
River Raisin Paper Co.—Bonds Called.—See G. H. Wood Paper Co. below.—V. 104, p. 957.

Root & Van Dervoort Corporation.—Financial Plan.—See Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Co. below. and in V. 109, p. 1993

R. & V. Motor Company.—Financial Plan.—
See Root & Van Dervoort Engineering Company, above.

Rothschild & Co., Chicago.—Capital Increase.—
The company has filed a certificate at Springfield, Ill., increasing its capital from \$3,300,000 to \$5,500,000. It is stated that the company intends declaring a stock dividend.—V. 93, p. 51.

Rubber Celluloid Products Co., Newton, N. J.—
The company on Dec. 20 filed notice at Trenton, N. J., increasing its capital from \$300,000 to \$3,000,000.

Salt Creek Producers' Association, Inc.—Extra Div.—
An initial dividend of 2% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, par \$10, together with an extra dividend of 1%, both payable Jan. 31 1921 to holders of record Jan. 15 1921.
See Midwest Oil Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2431, 2332.

San Antonio Land & Irrigation Co.—
The London committee of bondholders, 3 London Wall Buildings, E. C. 2, received on Nov. 29 from their lawyers in the United States a cable reading in substance: "At last minute have telegrams from Stewart and his counsel stating owing financial conditions cannot proceed now with contract [for purchase of assets]. Have reluctantly consented to sale as arranged, as situation in Texas is such that some arrangement must be made at once."
—V. 107, p. 1198.

Santa Cruz Portland Cement Co.—Extra Dividend.—
An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$5,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable Jan. 1 1921 on record Dec. 18.—V. 108, p. 2246.

Saraguy Electric & Water Co.—Pref. Stock Redeemed.—
The Montreal P. S. Corp. has redeemed at par all the outstanding Preferred shares issued in 1911 and at the same time has paid off the accumulated dividends on the 6% Preferred stock up to Nov. 1920. The total payment amounted to over \$237,000. ["Monetary Times" of Canada, Nov. 26 1920.]

Singer Manufacturing Co.—Dividend Payable in Francs.—
The directors on Dec. 20 declared a dividend of 30 francs per share, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 20. With French exchange quoted at about 5.93 cts. per franc the present rate, the dividend equals about \$1.78 per share, or approximately 1 1/2%.
President Douglas Alexander says in substance: "In explanation of this dividend we wish to state that by reason of the extraordinary exchange situation, we have not been able to avail ourselves of the usual means of liquidating the company's foreign balances, and the directors have felt it wiser to distribute its French funds rather than to postpone the payment of a dividend at this time."
The stock dividend of 50% declared Nov. 11 will be paid Jan. 3 1921 to holders of record Dec. 20 1920.

The bulk of the stockholdings of the late Frederick G. Bourne, for many years President of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., consisted of stock in this company. The total stockholdings have been appraised at \$26,510,018.—V. 111, p. 2049, 1957.

Southern Express Company.—Consolidation Approved.
See American Railway Express Co. above.—V. 111, p. 196.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—Capital Increase.—
The stockholders on Dec. 20 ratified the plan reducing the par value of the Common stock from \$100 to \$25 per share and increasing the authorized Common stock from \$100,000,000 to \$110,000,000.

This action is taken for the purpose of enabling employees, with the assistance of the company, to acquire an investment interest in the shares.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 898,338,300 Common stock, par \$25, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding shares of common stock, par \$100, with authority to add \$11,661,700 additional common stock on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$110,000,000. Compare V. 111, p. 2145, 2236.

Standard Oil Co. of New York.—Debentures Sold—Earnings.—Equitable Trust Co., Blair & Co. and Wm. A. Read & Co., New York, announce the sale at 100 and int., by adv. on another page, of \$30,000,000 7% Serial Gold debentures dated Jan. 2 1921 and maturing serially.

Earnings Six Months Ending June 30 1920.

Total earnings, after deducting expenses incident to operation, including Federal taxes and sundry reserves and depreciation	\$26,194,976
Dividends paid (8%)	6,000,000
Surplus for period	\$20,194,976
Surplus Dec. 31 1919	142,583,873
Adjustments of amortiz., depreciation, taxes, &c.	137,557
Surplus June 30 1920	\$162,916,406

Net Earnings before and after Federal Taxes.

Calendar Years—	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Net before Fed. taxes	\$58,330,176	\$44,157,080	\$39,376,043	\$37,401,764
Net after Fed. taxes	43,165,109	28,642,387	30,000,672	36,638,495

For description of debenture bonds and other data see last week's "Chronicle" page, 2432.
See Magnolia Petroleum Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2432.

Standard Parts Co., Cleveland.—Reorganization.—The Creditors' Committee in a notice to the creditors says:

Owing to the fact that all the legal matters for reorganization could not be completed by Dec. 15, it being necessary to have an adjourned stockholders' meeting on Dec. 18, it will be impossible to complete the reorganization and make payment to the creditors and issue the notes on Dec. 15.
The Reorganization Committee and other committees are using their utmost endeavors to complete the financing so that payment can be made shortly after Jan. 1 1921.
The Creditors' Committee will assume that if it is completed on or before Jan. 10 1921, the creditors, who have already signed the extension agreement, will consent to the same and that payment at that time will be in substantial compliance with the extension agreement.—V. 111, p. 2432

Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Earnings.—

Total income	Nov. 1920.	11 mos. '20.
Interest, Federal taxes, &c.	\$1,379,940	\$14,391,698
	467,616	4,102,349
Net income	\$912,324	\$10,289,349
Preferred dividends	102,083	1,122,916
Balance, surplus	\$810,241	\$9,166,433

—V. 111, p. 2050, 1668.

Sterling Coal Co., Ltd.—Interest.—

The company gives notice that Coupon No. 11, due July 1 1915, will on presentation and surrender be paid at company's offices, 95 Bay St., Toronto, Can., on and after Jan. 3 1921, with compound interest thereon from July 1 1915 to Jan. 1 1921, amounting to \$11.50 on each \$30 coupon, aggregating in all to \$41.30 (or \$4.13 on a \$3 coupon). The coupons due Jan. 1 and July 1 1915 and 1916 were deferred by a resolution of the bondholders.—V. 110, p. 2663.

Superior Oil Corporation.—Earnings.—

For three months ended Sept. 30 last, gross income from operations were \$1,116,493, compared with \$829,730 for six months ending June 30 1920; operating expenses, depreciation, &c., \$436,838; net income from operations, \$679,655; other income, \$27,335; total income, \$706,990. Deduct: Reserves \$81,050; reserve for Federal taxes, \$45,053; dividends, \$477,104; surplus, \$103,783; previous surplus, \$128,948; total surplus, \$232,731.—V. 111, p. 2146.

Sweets Co. of America, Inc.—Financing.—

It is stated that the stockholders have approved new financing, through loans secured by mortgages on the company's properties which brought \$150,000 into the treasury. Reduced costs, due to cheaper sugar and lower prices for other raw materials, are said to be helping the company.—V. 110, p. 1533.

Swift & Co.—Ask Approval of Sale of Yards.—

Counsel for Swift & Co. and Armour & Co. on Dec. 21 asked Justice Stafford, in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, to approve a plan for the disposition of their stock-yard interests similar to that proposed by F. H. Prince & Co., Boston bankers, and to give the companies time in which to find a new buyer in place of the Boston company, which has withdrawn its offer.

The Court was also asked to take into consideration the condition of the money market, counsel declaring that it would be difficult to dispose of the property now except at a great reduction from the \$40,000,000 value. They said that the sale plan proposed was feasible, despite the Government's opposition, but conceded that it would have to be modified.

The Government asked that trustees be named to sell the stock yards property and opposed any extension of time.

Counsel for Morris & Co. argued in favor of the proposal of that company that trustees be named to operate its stock-yard holdings for five years, after which the yards would be sold.—V. 111, p. 2336.

Tank Ship Building Corp., Newburgh, N. Y.—Call.—

Thirteen First Mtge. 6% 15-year gold bonds due 1931, of \$1,000 each; nine bonds of \$500 each, and one bond for \$100 have been called for payment Jan. 1 1921 at 105 and int. at the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. C.—V. 102, p. 1065.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 3 1921 of \$165,648 additional capital stock, par 10, on official notice of issuance as a 2 1/2% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$8,448,048.—V. 111, p. 2333.

Thayer-Foss Co.—Preferred Dividend.—

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the \$500,000 Preferred stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 3 1921, to holders of record Dec. 20 1920. Compare offering V. 110, p. 86.

Tiffany & Co.—Reorganization.—

The stockholders on Dec. 21 authorized the reorganization of the corporation, pursuant to the Stock Corporation law of the State of New York, so as to permit the issuance of shares without par value. They also authorized the issuance of 12,000 shares of the stock, without par value, the present par value stock to be exchanged for the non-par value stock at the ratio of 5 shares of non-par value stock for one share of par value stock.—V. 111, p. 2432, 2333.

Tonopah United Water Co.—Bond Redemption.—

Twenty-three (\$23,000) Series "B" Consolidated First Mtge. 6% bonds of 1906 have been drawn for payment at par and int. on and after Jan. 1 1921 at the Anglo-California Trust Co., 532 Market St., San Francisco.—V. 109, p. 2445.

Union Bag & Paper Corp.—Dividend Fund.—

The company informs us that the sum of \$1,200,000 recently set aside was deposited in a general dividend reserve and not specifically for the dividends to be paid in 1921.

The company is paying dividends at the rate of \$8 per annum on its outstanding \$15,000,000 capital stock, par \$100.—V. 111, p. 2432, 2237.

United Eastern Mining Co.—Production, &c.—

	Tons Ore Milled.	Gross Value.	Operating Costs.	Tailing Loss.	Operating Income.
10 mos. end. Oct. 31 '20.	85,641	\$1,814,347	\$779,606	\$57,480	\$977,260
November 1920	8,410	183,929	77,396	6,424	100,109

11 mos. end. Nov. 30 '20 94,051 \$1,998,276 \$857,002 \$63,904 \$1,077,369
This company was incorporated in Arizona in Nov. 1913. Capitalization: Auth. capital stock, \$1,500,000; outstanding Dec. 31 1919, \$1,363,000; par \$1. Dividend record: 1917, 30 cents; 1918, 60 cts. regular and 2 cts. per share extra; 1919, 66 cts.; 1920, 72 cts. Philip Wiseman is President, with offices at Los Angeles.

United Fruit Co., Boston.—100% Stock Dividend.—

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange on Dec. 16 ruled that the Capital stock be not quoted ex 100% stock dividend on Dec. 20 1920, and not until Jan. 17 1921.—Compare V. 111, p. 2333, 2050.

United Paperboard Co., Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 10 1921, of \$918,600 additional of Common stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance as a 10% stock dividend making the total amount applied for \$10,105,000.

Income account 3 months ending Aug. 28 1920: total sales, \$4,653,024; gross earnings, \$1,176,691; sundry profits, \$32,391; total net profit, \$1,183,779; divs. paid, \$278,282; surplus, \$905,497; profit and loss surplus, \$2,534,908.—V. 111, p. 2050.

United Shoe Machinery Corporation.—

The Boston Stock Exchange has added to the list 1,425 additional shares (par \$25) Preferred stock, making the total authorized for the list, 399,845 shares. These shares are issued for the purchase of outside shares in a subsidiary company and in accordance with a vote of the directors had on Dec. 15 1920.—V. 111, p. 1573.

United States Envelope Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 7 1921 on increasing the authorized Common stock from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

James Logan, General Manager, Dec. 17 1920 writes:

When your company was organized in 1898, capital stock was fixed at \$4,000,000 Preferred and \$1,000,000 Common, and there remained, unissued, \$250,000 of each issue. In Feb. 1913 the \$250,000 Pref. stock was issued to the stockholders at par, that being the only increase in the working capital received by the company from its stockholders since organization.

The increased business, together with the increased cost of materials, make necessary an increase in the working capital; hence the proposed increase in the Common stock to be issued from time to time as the interests of the company require. At this time, it is proposed to issue \$750,000.

Each Common stockholder at the time of issue will be entitled to subscribe for one share of new stock for each share of his present holdings.—V. 111, p. 2146.

Utah Copper Co.—New Selling Agency.—

See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2333.

Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford.—Annual Report.—

Results for Fiscal Years ending October 1.					
	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.	
Gross earnings	\$14,234,518	\$8,076,319	\$7,888,120	\$5,302,189	
Oper. expenses & deprec.	12,470,024	7,461,598	6,690,225	4,596,507	
Net earnings	\$1,764,494	\$614,721	\$1,197,895	\$705,682	
Balance Sheet October 1.					
Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Land, buildings & machinery	\$2,658,393	\$2,325,000	Capital stock	\$3,831,160	\$3,000,000
Mdse., material & stock in process	4,357,288	4,834,217	Notes & acc'ts rec.	577,005	2,810,680
Cash & debts rec.	1,548,025	1,830,813	Res. for inventory	264,880	564,880
			fluctuations	400,751	333,749
			Reserve for taxes	1,090,333	930,333
			Depreciation	120,000	120,000
			Dividends	2,309,577	1,230,388
			Surplus		
Total each side	\$8,563,706	\$8,990,030			

On April 15 last the authorized capital stock was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. The stockholders up to Oct. 1 had subscribed to \$831,160 of the additional stock.—V. 110, p. 1858.

For other Investment News, see page 2532.

Reports and Documents.

THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR 1920.

To the Stockholders of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico:

The Board of Directors hereby begs to submit its Second Annual Report of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico.

The final result of the Company's operations has been very satisfactory. Weather conditions were very favorable during the year, in consequence of which the crop was the largest in the Company's history, reaching a total of 382,094 tons of cane, being 102,903 tons more than in the 1919 crop.

Grinding commenced on January 8, 1920, and ended July 3, 1920, covering a period of 174 working days. The factory output was 277,642 bags of sugar of 310 pounds net weight of sugar per bag, this being equal to 43,034 net tons of sugar. The total outturn of molasses was 2,110,438 gallons.

The following is a comparison of the work done for 1919 and 1920:

	1919 Crop.	1920 Crop.
Tons cane ground per day of run	2,148	2,147
Tons cane tandems per hour of work	55.33	57.52
Yield in 96 degree sugar	11.22	11.28
Average sucrose in juice	14.74	14.99
Average purity of juice	81.79	82.28
Total cane ground	279,191 tons	382,094 tons

Below we give you an explanatory statement showing the standing of the company as of July 31 1920:

THE COMPANY OWES:	
On Accounts Payable	\$1,323,357 53
This item includes money we owe in open account to our agents in New York, to planters for balance of cane accounts, and other smaller accounts.	
	<u>\$1,323,357 53</u>

FOR THIS PURPOSE WE HAVE:

Investments:	
Property and Plant, less Reserve for Depreciation	\$3,168,644 71
This was bought several years ago, and represents a much higher value to-day.	
Investments at Cost	109,800 00
American R. R. in P. R. and Insular Govt. Bonds.	
Work Animals, Live Stock and Equipment, less Reserve for Depreciation	651,561 89
If sold to-day, these would bring at least this figure.	
	<u>\$3,930,006 60</u>
Current Assets and Deferred Charges:	
Cash in Banks	\$565,562 90
Demand Loans	500,000 00
Accounts Receivable for Sugar Sold	2,467,733 84
This amount has since been received in cash.	
Miscellaneous Accounts and Bills Receivable	60,966 95
These accounts have been examined and found correct.	
Planters' Accounts	163,743 96
Raw Sugar on Hand	1,750,044 38
All this sugar has been sold since and moneys received with the exception of a small balance of raw sugar which we have included in the above figure at the market price of November 12 1920.	
Growing Cane	779,661 59
This represents money invested in the coming crop for 1921 and 1922.	
Materials and Supplies	483,736 96
Represents general stock, coal, firewood, fertilizer, etc., on hand.	
Mortgages and Agricultural Loans	75,782 00
Loans secured by mortgages which represent property of much higher value.	
Deferred Charges to Operations	77,073 72
This amount includes principally unexpired insurance, taxes and rents paid in advance.	
	<u>\$6,924,306 30</u>
	<u>\$10,854,312 90</u>
This leaves an excess of Assets over Liabilities of	\$9,530,955 37
Set aside as an insurance and replacement reserve	342,149 61
Which leaves a net excess of Assets over Liabilities of	\$9,188,805 76
This amount is represented by Capital Stock of \$5,760,100 and Surplus of \$3,428,705 76. From this latter sum will have to be deducted the Insular Profits Tax for 1920.	
The rates applicable for the entire fiscal year will not be definitely known until action on the matter has been taken by the next legislature in Porto Rico.	

Attached will be found Consolidated Balance Sheet as well as Statement of Profit and Loss, duly certified by Public Accountants.

For the Directors,
JAMES BLISS COOMBS, *President.*

THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO AND ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31 1920.

Sugar Produced, at prices realized excepting as to 34,246 bags still unsold which are at cost or market, whichever was lower on November 12 1920	\$12,183,919 20
Molasses Produced	84,417 52
Miscellaneous Income	156,996 68
	<u>\$12,425,333 40</u>
Less:	
Expenses of Producing, Manufacturing, Selling, etc.	6,634,472 52
	<u>\$5,790,860 88</u>
Deduct:	
Provision for Depreciation	\$174,894 97
Provision for Anticipated Increased Cost of Replacements	83,614 06
Interest on Bills Payable, etc.	75,433 87
	<u>333,942 90</u>
Net Profit, before providing for Income and Profits Taxes	<u>\$5,456,917 98</u>

THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO AND ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31 1920.

ASSETS.	
Property and Plant, less Reserve for Depreciation	\$3,168,644 71
Work Animals, Live Stock and Equipment, less Reserve for Depreciation	651,561 89
Investments, at cost (excluding uncalled installments of \$88,200 00 on Insular Government Bonds)	109,800 00
Current Assets and Growing Cane:	
Planted and Growing Cane	\$779,661 59
Materials and Supplies	483,736 96
Mortgages and Agricultural Loans	75,782 00
Planters' Accounts	163,743 96
Raw Sugar on Hand	1,750,044 38
Accounts Receivable—for Sugar Sold	2,467,733 84
Miscellaneous Accounts and Bills Receivable	60,966 95
Demand Loans	500,000 00
Cash in Banks and on Hand	565,562 90
	<u>6,847,232 53</u>
Deferred Charges to Operations:	
Ratoons Purchased on Leased Lands	\$4,606 89
Rents paid in advance	29,067 86
Unexpired Insurance and Taxes	32,839 07
Miscellaneous Expenses	10,559 90
	<u>77,073 72</u>
	<u>\$10,854,312 90</u>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Authorized:	
Common—70,000 shares of \$100 each	\$7,000,000 00
7% Preferred—15,000 shares of \$100 each	1,500,000 00
	<u>\$8,500,000 00</u>
Issued—57,601 shares of Common Stock of \$100 each	\$5,760,100 00
Fajardo Development Company—Outstanding Stock	1,000 00
Current Liabilities:	
Bank Overdraft	\$32,458 79
Planters' Accounts—credit balances, for cane delivered, not yet withdrawn	270,020 54
Accounts Payable	399,102 21
L. W. & P. Armstrong	620,775 99
	<u>1,322,357 53</u>
Reserves:	
For anticipated Increased Cost of Replacements	\$242,149 61
For Insurance	100,000 00
	<u>342,149 61</u>
Surplus:	
Balance at August 1 1919	\$1,791,769 99
Deduct:	
Income and Profits Taxes of Prior Years	96,102 21
	<u>\$1,695,667 78</u>
Add:	
Profit for the year ended July 31 1920, before providing for Income and Profits Taxes, per annexed accounts	5,456,917 98
	<u>\$7,152,585 76</u>
Deduct—Dividends paid:	
Cash	\$1,352,070 00
Stock	2,371,810 00
	<u>3,723,880 00</u>
	<u>3,428,705 76</u>
	<u>\$10,854,312 90</u>

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CERTIFICATE

November 15 1920.

To the President and Directors of
The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico:

We have examined the books and accounts of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico and its Associated Organizations, for the year ended July 31 1920, and find that the annexed Balance Sheet and relative Profit and Loss and Surplus Accounts for the period have been correctly prepared therefrom.

The raw sugar on hand has been valued at the net prices subsequently realized, except as to 34,246 bags still unsold which have been valued at cost or market price on November 12 1920, whichever was the lower, less all estimated shipping and selling expenses.

No provision has been made for Income and Profits Taxes for the year, due to the fact that the rates applicable for the entire fiscal year will not be definitely known until action on the matter has been taken by the next legislature in Porto Rico.

The Consolidated Surplus includes the Capital Stock and Surplus of The Fajardo Sugar Growers' Association, the stock of which is held in trust by the Greenwich Trust Company for the benefit of the stockholders of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico.

Subject to the foregoing we certify that, in our opinion, the annexed Consolidated Balance Sheet is properly drawn up to show the true financial position of the companies at July 31 1920, and that the relative Consolidated Profit and Loss Account correctly shows the results from operations for the year.

LOVEJOY, MATHER, HOUGH & STAGG,

Members of The American Institute of Accountants.

THE CUBAN-AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1920.

New York, Dec. 15 1920.

To the Stockholders of the Cuban-American Sugar Company:

Your Board of Directors submit the following report for the fiscal year ending September 30 1920:

The production of raw sugar during the year was 256,127 tons (of 2,000 pounds), a decrease of approximately 18% as compared with the previous year. This decrease came from a drought that extended throughout the growing season from September well into the spring of the present year, not only unusual in its extent and effect, but without precedent in our experience.

The tonnage of the cane ground and the year's output of raw and refined sugar for the last two years, appear in the following table:

	1919-1920.	1918-1919.
Cane Ground	2,217,616 Tons	2,745,554 Tons
Raw Sugar Produced:	(Bags 320 lbs.)	(Bags 320 lbs.)
Chaparra	427,452 Bags	559,503 Bags
Delicias	587,781 "	712,733 "
Tinguaro	254,508 "	275,663 "
Unidad	85,851 "	83,451 "
Mercedita	117,230 "	129,716 "
Constancia	127,975 "	204,575 "
Total	1,600,797 Bags or 256,127 Tons	1,965,641 Bags or 314,503 Tons

Refined Sugar Production:		
Cardenas Refinery, Cuba	75,674,874 Lbs.	43,163,954 Lbs.
Gramercy Refinery, La.	206,449,920 Lbs.	143,589,696 Lbs.

The net profits of the Company for the fiscal year amounted to \$12,117,191.09, after deducting \$6,500,000 for Income and Excess Profits Taxes, and reducing the value of refined sugar unsold as of September 30th to the present prevailing market price. The usual provision has also been made for doubtful accounts and the year's proportion of cane plantings, also for depreciation on buildings, machinery and equipment.

During the year the Company sold approximately 50,000 acres of land, situated in the Tanamo Bay Section of Oriente Province, acquired in the year 1918 and received in exchange shares of the purchasing Company.

Regular quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% were paid on the preferred stock and an amount equivalent to \$4 per share for the year was paid on the new shares of the common stock of \$10 par value.

The First Lien Six Per Cent Serial Gold Notes (Series B) for \$2,000,000 with coupons attached, were retired at maturity, January 1 1920.

The \$2,000,000 Gold Notes (Series C) maturing January 1 1921, together with coupons attached, will be paid by the Central Union Trust Company, 80 Broadway, when presented on and after January 3 1921.

The further development at Chaparra and of our railroad lines is in keeping with the increased growth of population and industries, and the equipment in cars and locomotives is sufficient for handling the increased tonnage which is evidently in sight for the coming campaign.

Our factories and their mechanism with ample railway equipment on every estate alike are fully prepared for their required tasks in the course of our active operations.

The year under review has been the most erratic and sensational in the wide fluctuations of values in Cuba's history. By general agreement for the two years of the war, Cuba sold her entire production of sugar at the lowest prices that prevailed for any existing food product in the world, and so contributed her full strength to the needs of the time.

In the absence of an understanding between the American and Cuban Governments, we have witnessed in the year now closing a fever of speculation which not only interfered with the normal distribution of sugars to importing countries where needed and accustomed to buy from us, but diverted to us from producing countries in every part of the globe, sugars which usually went elsewhere, or the growers required for their own consumption. This artificial situation and the consequent congestion of supplies in American markets will soon pass; while distribution lags, actual home consumption continues at a satisfactory rate in this country, and the European demand for Cuba's sugar, it is confidently believed, will exceed that of the year now closing.

Concerning Cuba's output to meet these needs and our own relation to the year's work, in the season we are now entering, our active operations will begin later than usual, and this applies to nearly every part of Cuba. Our cane fields are well advanced, but from recent general rains are full of moisture and the cane low in sucrose; under these conditions we will await the improved sugar contents which at this season steadily increases. It should also be noted that the prices of the day exercise an influence in delaying the industry as a whole, this enforced attitude of the producer and distributor on both counts can have but one result, the market must inevitably react to higher levels, otherwise the output of sugar will largely decrease, and the field be left to those most favorably situated and prepared for every contingency. In our state of development and readiness

your organization is confident of maintaining its place among the most economical producers in the sugar world, and the year's output should prove at least equal to our highest record.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

R. B. HAWLEY, President.

THE CUBAN-AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY,
AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30 1920.

ASSETS.	
Capital Assets:	
Lands	\$9,391,747 76
Buildings, Machinery, Railroad Tracks,	
Rolling Stock, &c.	24,600,837 58
Investment in Other Companies	675,984 57
	\$34,668,569 91
Goodwill	3,929,340 28
Work Animals, Live Stock and Equipment	1,518,623 71
Current Assets and Growing Cane:	
Planted and Growing Cane	\$3,399,366 21
Advances to Colonos and Contractors (after deducting Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Accounts)	5,500,238 81
Raw Materials, Supplies and Merchandise in Stores	6,494,370 23
Raw and Refined Sugars	9,099,563 83
Accounts and Bills Receivable (after deducting Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Accounts)	3,042,685 72
Victory Loan and Company's Serial Gold Notes	445,600 00
Cash in Banks, with Fiscal Agents and on Hand	4,837,835 64
	32,819,660 44
Other Assets:	
Advances in connection with Contracts for Future Delivery of Fuel Oil	\$688,715 61
Discount on Serial Gold Notes	7,537 12
Prepaid Insurance, Taxes, &c.	423,631 54
	1,119,884 27
	\$74,056,078 61

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock:	
Common (Authorized \$10,000,000 00)—	
1,000,000 shares of \$10 00 each	\$10,000,000 00
Seven Per Cent Cumulative Preferred Stock (Authorized \$10,000,000 00)—	
78,938 shares of \$100 00 each	7,893,800 00
	\$17,893,800 00
First Lien 6% Serial Gold Notes Outstanding:	
Due January 1 1921	2,000,000 00
Real Estate Mortgages and Censos	462,192 76
Current Liabilities:	
Bills Payable	\$2,171,865 83
Bankers' Loans	2,164,346 74
Accounts Payable	3,103,730 73
Salaries and Wages Accrued	120,178 78
Interest Accrued	38,768 90
	7,598,890 98
Reserve for Income and Excess Profits Taxes and on Revaluation of Stock of Refined Sugar	9,229,713 55
Reserve for Depreciation	6,939,716 41
Surplus, per annexed statement	29,931,764 91
	\$74,056,078 61

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1920.

Raw and Refined Sugars Produced, less Commissions, &c.	\$90,413,179 33
Molasses Produced	1,028,104 50
Interest Received	426,982 22
Profit on Stores, Cattle, &c.	876,149 33
	\$92,744,415 38
Less:	
Expenses of Producing, Manufacturing, Selling, &c. of Raw and Refined Sugars	70,461,756 47
	\$22,282,658 91

Deduct:	
Reserve for Income and Excess Profits Taxes and on Revaluation of Stock of Refined Sugar	\$8,500,000 00
Provision for Depreciation	1,096,797 01
Discount on Serial Gold Notes	45,833 33
Interest on Serial Gold Notes	145,808 33
Interest on Bills Payable, Current Accounts, &c.	307,323 15
Loss on Liberty Bonds sold	69,706 00
	10,165,467 82

Net Profit for Year \$12,117,191 09

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 1920.

Balance, October 1 1919	\$22,367,139 82
Add:	
Profit for the year ended September 30 1920, per annexed exhibit	12,117,191 09
	\$34,484,330 91

Deduct:	
Dividends on 7% Preferred Stock:	
Paid Jan. 2 1920 for three months to Jan. 1 1920—	
1 3/4%—	\$138,141 50
Paid April 1 1920 for three months to April 1 1920—	
1 3/4%—	138,141 50
Paid July 1 1920 for three months to July 1 1920—	
1 3/4%—	138,141 50
Paid Sept. 30 1920 for three months to Oct. 1 1920—	
1 3/4%—	138,141 50
	\$552,566 00
Dividends on Common Stock:	
Paid Jan. 2 1920 for three months to Jan. 1 1920—	
2 1/4%—	\$250,000 00
Paid April 1 1920 for three months to April 1 1920—	
2 1/4%—	250,000 00
Paid July 1 1920 for three months to July 1 1920—	
\$1 75 per share—	1,750,000 00
Paid Sept. 30 1920 for three months to Oct. 1 1920—	
\$1 75 per share—	1,750,000 00
Equivalent to \$4 00 per share for the year on the new shares of \$10 00 par value—	\$4,000,000 00
	4,552,566 00
Surplus at September 30 1920	\$29,931,764 91

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNTANTS.

To the President and Directors of
The Cuban-American Sugar Company:

We have examined the books and accounts of The Cuban-American Sugar Company and its Subsidiary Companies for the year ended September 30 1920, and hereby certify that the annexed Consolidated Balance Sheet has been correctly prepared therefrom and, in our opinion, sets forth the true financial position of the companies as at that date and that the relative Profit and Loss Account correctly shows the results of the operations for the period.

The stock of raw sugar on hand has been valued at prices subsequently realized after deduction therefrom of all estimated shipping and selling expenses. Refined sugars are carried at market price on September 30 1920 which was below cost, and a satisfactory reserve has been provided towards further declines in the market price since that date.

LOVEJOY, MATHER, HOUGH & STAGG,

Members of The American Institute of Accountants.

123 Liberty Street, New York City.

December 8 1920.

Wagner Electric Mfg. Co., St. Louis.—*New Director.*—George S. Jones, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., has been elected a director to succeed the late James M. Bell.—V. 110, p. 1855.

Wells Fargo & Company.—*Consolidation Approved.*—See American Railway Express Co. above.—V. 111, p. 700.

Western States Gas & Electric Co. of California.—The company has petitioned the Calif. RR. Commission for authority to issue \$264,000 bonds.—V. 111, p. 503.

Westfield (Mass.) Manufacturing Co.—*Annual Report.*

Aug. 31 Years—	1919-20	1918-19	1917-18	1916-17
Sales (net)-----	\$3,181,541	\$3,257,673	\$3,030,882	\$1,560,380
Net income-----	264,365	247,134	257,262	226,232
Bond & note int.---	---	4,965	25,778	23,475
Preferred dividends, Pf. stk. ret.	(3½) 14,000	(7) 28,000	(7) 28,000	(7) 28,000
Common dividends (18%)	144,000	(9%) 72,000	(6) 48,000	(6) 48,000

Balance, surplus \$110,365 \$156,169 \$155,483 \$126,757
V. 109, p. 2272.

Westmoreland Coal Co.—*Extra Dividend of 5%.*—An extra dividend of 5% in Second U. S. Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds has been declared on the outstanding \$7,500,000 capital stock, par \$50, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2½%, both payable Jan. 3 1921 to holders of record Dec. 21. In Jan. 1920 an extra dividend of 2½% was paid in cash, while in Jan. 1919 2½% was paid in Liberty bonds.—V. 109, p. 2363.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—*New Leather Co.*—*Sinking Fund.*—The company, it is stated, has caused the formation of the Phoenix Leather Co., all the Common stock of which it owns. The Phoenix Leather Co., it is said, has acquired from Wilson & Co. its interest in the Phoenix Tannery at Pittsburgh, and in the future this tannery will be operated by the Phoenix Leather Co.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee, was to receive tenders up to Dec. 20 last for the sale to it of First Mtge. 6% 25-year Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series A, of 1916, at not exceeding 107½ and int., to an amount sufficient to absorb \$228,877 in the sinking fund.—V. 111, p. 2237, 1958.

Wisconsin Edison Co., Inc.—*Larger Dividend.*—A dividend of \$1 50 per share has been declared on the outstanding 215,000 shares of Capital stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 23. Dividend record:

1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	June '20.	Dec. '20.
\$3 50	\$2 75	\$4 25	\$3 00	\$2 00	\$4 00	\$1 00	\$1 50

—V. 109, p. 2364.

(G. H.) Wood Paper Co.—*Bonds Called.*—One hundred seventy-nine First Mtge. 5¼% Sinking Fund gold bonds of \$1,000 each, 35 bonds of \$500 each and 17 bonds of \$100 each, being all the bonds now outstanding, have been called for payment Jan. 1 at par and int. at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Detroit, Mich. Bonds Nos. M-5 to 10, 20, 21 and D-1, called for redemption July 1 1920, have not as yet been presented for payment.—V. 104, p. 958.

(J. S.) Young Co., Baltimore.—*50% Stock Dividend.*—A 50% stock dividend has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 22, thus increasing the outstanding Common stock to \$1,500,000. The usual quarterly cash dividends of 2½% on the Common and of 1¼% on the Preferred stock have also been declared, payable Jan. 1 1921 to holders of record Dec. 21.—V. 106, p. 935.

Yukon-Alaska Trust.—*Dividend Omitted.*—The trustees state that it has been decided to omit the dividend usually paid Dec. 30. Dividends of \$1 per share have been paid quarterly from June 1916 to Sept. 1920, incl.
See Yukon Gold Co. under reports above.—V. 106, p. 1125.

CURRENT NOTICES

—George E. Jones, George W. Weeks, Herbert A. Northon, Jasper W. Tully and Collis Mitchum announce their association under the name of Mitchum, Tully & Co., to engage in the distribution of Government, municipal and corporation bonds, with offices in the American National Bank Building, San Francisco. Their correspondents are Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston and New York.

—The firm of Freeman & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange 34 Pine St., New York, have given a cash bonus to their employees amounting to 10% of all annual salaries. The announcement of the bonus was made on the occasion of their annual dinner recently given at the Bankers' Club by the firm, which was attended by the entire organization.

—The attention of bankers and brokers is called to the advertisement of Edward E. Hall & Co., Insurance Brokers, 80 Maiden Lane, on another page. This firm makes a specialty of placing insurance on bonds, also fire, automobile, holdup and liability policies.

—Elliott Falk, formerly a partner in the firm of Chase & Falk, has become associated with Prince & Whitely as manager of their New Haven office. Dr. William Kent Shepard, formerly of Yale University, has also become associated with Prince & Whitely in their New Haven branch.

—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, have issued a list of New York and New Jersey municipals, yielding from 4.70% to 5.75% at present prices.

—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed Transfer Agent and Registrar of the Preferred stock of the K-T Oil Corp.

—Bristol & Bauer, 120 Broadway, are issuing for distribution to investors a descriptive circular on the American Tobacco Co. 8% dividend scrip.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 24 1920.

More reasonable weather has helped trade some in winter goods at the North and West, notably clothing. There has been snow in those sections, after a prolonged period of mild weather, which certainly did trade a good deal of harm in connection with high retail prices. Here in the East the weather for the most part has continued mild, and naturally it has had a tendency to keep down business. A fair amount of holiday trade has been done, but it has still fallen below that of a year ago. What is more, manufacturers throughout the country have been even less active than heretofore. Unemployment is spreading, wages are falling. Though prices are somewhat lower, the cost of living is still high, at a time when wages under the dire necessity of a bad market are being reduced. Textile workers in New England have had their pay cut 22½%, and recently in the South such workers have been reduced 20% to 30%. Much of the week, too, the stock market has been depressed. This has tended to cast a kind of pall over some of the commodity markets. The War Finance Corporation Act has passed the Senate and is now in the President's hands. Whether he will sign it or not is purely conjectural, but rightly or wrongly there is an idea in Washington that he will veto it, partly, it is believed, on the advice of Secretary of the Treasury Houston, who plainly intimates that if the bill is signed it will entail another bond issue by the United States Government. At the same time private projects looking to the advancement by the United States Government of large sums to enable various Continental countries to buy American products are deprecated because of the fact that the Government is already saddled with enormous obligations. A bill to put a tariff of 30 cents a bushel on wheat, a prohibitive tariff on wool and imposts also on other products of the country for a period of 10 months seems likely to fail in the Senate as the measure is considered contrary to public policy, at a time when food and clothing are still high. In fact, all special legislation of a palliative kind for the easing of present economic burdens is viewed with reprehension by very many who prefer to let all such problems work themselves out in their natural way through the operation of economic law. They think, in other words, that the remedy is worse than the disease.

Meantime retail trade falls well below that of a year ago, although in the South it has been somewhat better than it was recently, and also, as already intimated, in some parts of the North and West. For the most part the country has been buying, however, from hand to mouth. Merchants are not buying ahead. Cotton has further declined, and metals, provisions and pig iron are also down. Outside prices of steel rails have dropped \$10. Many cancellations of orders for general merchandise are reported. Large sums of money are locked up in commodities in transit, which buyers decline to take. This includes domestic and foreign trade. Tobacco prices have fallen sharply in Kentucky and North Carolina. The farmer sees that what he has to sell has declined much faster in prices than what he has to buy. There is where the shoe pinches in a large section of the working population of this country. Meanwhile the financial situation within a few days has eased somewhat, although security prices average the lowest for three years past, something which the commercial world has viewed with more or less disquietude. The lumber trade is dull on the Pacific Coast and Southern mills are also doing little. Prices of other building materials are lower except brick. Poultry is still high; also meats and dairy products, although 1,000,000 lbs. of Danish butter has just arrived. Turkeys have been selling here at 65 to 75 cents per pound. Meanwhile a big export business has been done in wheat. The condition of the winter wheat crop is good. The number of failures is smaller than in recent weeks. But money in parts of the West is still tight, despite somewhat greater ease at the East. What the country needs, needless to say, is increased production. That can only come from lower costs of output, and a larger market. Liquidation of retail stocks throughout the country would react favorably on production and the wholesale trade of the country. Retailers have been playing dog-in-the-manger.

Farmers and merchants have been greatly interested by the fact that the Emergency Farmers' tariff, to be in force for 10 months, passed the House of Representatives on Dec. 23. There was a defection of the New England delegation because of the omission of dairy products and the prospect that a prohibitive duty on wool and products of wool would increase the prostration of the spinning industry. Southern Democrats were disposed to go over to the majority on the rates allowed for rice, peanuts, cottonseed oil and sheep and wool. Some rates, it is said, are 600% higher than duties under the Payne-Aldrich Act. The flour millers of Minneapolis tried to have an amendment passed to except from the 30-cent rate on wheat all wheat under contract for im-

portation prior to Dec. 20, but it was lost. The fact came out that there were at Port Arthur and Port William in the terminal elevators 72,000,000 bushels of wheat ready for importation into this country. It was claimed that many orders had been placed over the telephone and to adopt the amendment would open the door for a vast amount of fraud.

A wage cut, averaging 30% under the peak wages paid in November, 1919, to clothing workers, was announced with the new piece-work wage schedule by the Clothing Manufacturers' Association of New York. The War Finance Corporation Bill has passed and gone to the President for his signature. Opinions as to his action on the bill were divided. Washington, D. C., dispatches announce that all financial restrictions in the way of trade and communication with Soviet Russia have been removed, but the United States Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board say that American firms must trade at their own risk, and may find difficulties in obtaining payment for goods. As to rumors that department stores in this city intend to close for a greater or less period after the holidays, possibly two or three weeks, they are declared to be baseless. The general opinion is that the public is spending less than a year ago. The Fall River, Mass., Bleachery Corporation announces a wage reduction of about 22½%, effective Jan. 10. The Wachusett Shirt Co., of Leominster, Mass., employing 1,000 hands, has closed its plant until Jan. 3, owing to dulness. The Stirling Mills and the Belvidere Woolen Co., at Lowell, Mass., which have been closed for the last four or five weeks, resumed operations on the 22nd inst. Boston clothing manufacturers have reduced wages 22½%, and shops have been placed on a piece-work basis. In London there is said to be much unemployment and short-time in most industries, especially textiles and clothing. Trade disputes, it is said, involve 1,138,000 workers. Montreal had a parade of unemployed, estimated at 10,000. Some declared they had not eaten for two days. One out of every four workers in Massachusetts is said to be idle, and the Legislature has been asked to appropriate \$2,000,000 for relief. Labor seeks the job nowadays, not the job the worker.

The Georgia Wholesale Grocers' Association has issued a bulletin in which the depressed conditions in the South are attributed to the attitude of the cotton planters. The "Bulletin" says: "Until our farmers are willing to take their medicine like everyone else, just so long will we have present conditions and a continuation of stagnant business."

Paterson, N. J., has a report that many silk mills there may reopen about Jan. 15. One of the largest woolen concerns in Rhode Island has reduced wages 22½%. A large part of the woolen industry of the State is likely to follow suit. Southern cotton mills, in addition to an advantage of seven hours a week longer running time than in New England, are reducing wages 30% from top war-time levels. Southern mills have been underselling New England. Lawrence, Mass., cotton hands, who struck against a reduction of 22½%, have returned to work. Knit goods mills of Troy, Cohoes and Waterford have announced a cut in wages to take effect Jan. 3. The Cambria Steel Co., at Johnstown, have made a reduction of 25% in wages, to take effect Dec. 23, and all but a few of the smaller departments are to be closed down for at least two weeks. At Salt Lake City, the Utah-Apex mine, one of the largest lead producers in the State, closed down, owing to the present low price of lead, high freight rates, and inability to secure satisfactory contracts with the smelters.

The Merrimack Manufacturing Co., of Huntsville, Ala., one of the largest mills in the South, has posted notice of a change in the operating schedule from a 60-hour week to a 55-hour week and cuts of from 25 to 30% in wages. Shoeworkers at Lynn, Mass., have refused to accept an annulment of the 20% bonus agreement made some time ago. Knitting goods mills at Needham, Mass., have cut wages 20%. Two auto-tire companies at Toledo, Ohio, have closed. The Goodyear Tire Co. has defeated the attempt to put it into the hands of a receiver. Banks, it is said, may help it. There is a deadlock in New York's clothing trade fight over the question of the open shop. Three more clothing firms at Rochester, N. Y., have begun work on spring orders. Merchants of Rio Janeiro have rejected proposals that the Government establish a moratorium for four months. At Chicago a reversion to war methods in fighting high food prices has been adopted. Russell J. Poole, Secretary of the Fair Price Committee of the City Council, announced that "fair price" quotations for meats will be issued daily by the council committee. Wholesale prices quoted by packers at the stockyards will be made the basis of the "fair price" schedule, he said. To this will be added overhead charges and a fair profit.

Two more building trades combinations have been broken up here and arraignment of the fifty-two individuals and corporations in the plumbing industry indicted last Monday for alleged violations of the Donnelly anti-trust law, are other interesting developments in the Lockwood Committee's investigation. Stone mason contractors have agreed to disband and resume competition. Roofers are to change their rules. An official revealed the fact that a corporation controls all stone work done by fifty firms. Some 26 more combinations await inquiry, including the paint trade. Fol-

lowing the handing down of a Supreme Court decision against picketing, the State Arbitration Committee announced that the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union had agreed to accept its offer in the garment trades "war" now going on, but that the Clothing Manufacturers had refused their offer. The employers want an open shop and no dictation from workers and are determined to carry their point.

LARD quiet; prime Western \$14 25@14 35; refined to the Continent 17¼c.; South American 17½c.; Brazil in kegs 18½c. Futures have declined in sympathy at times with wheat, stocks and cotton and packers have sold. Cash trade was dull. On Thursday prices advanced with grain, &c. Hogs also have advanced. Shorts covered rather freely. Cold storage stocks of meat and lard in the United States on Dec. 15 were approximately 22,000,000 lbs. less than on Dec. 1, when they had reached the lowest point in several years, according to a statement by the Institute of American Meat Packers. To-day prices declined and they closed lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery.....cts.	13.07	12.92	12.92	13.05	13.35	13.00
May delivery.....	13.32	13.27	13.42	13.57	13.85	13.50

PORK steady; mess \$29@30; family \$40@44; short clear \$33@38. January closed at \$23 40, showing an advance for the week of 60 cents. Beef lower; mess \$16@18; packet \$19@21; family \$25@27; extra India mess \$42@45; No. 1 canned roast beef \$3 15; No. 2 \$8. Cut meats quiet and lower; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17½@18½c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 18@19c. Butter, creamery extras, 56½@57c. A steamer from Denmark the other day brought in 1,000,000 lbs. Cheese, flats 20@28c. Eggs, fresh-gathered extras, 76@78c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet but rather steady; No. 7 Rio 6¼@6½c.; No. 4 Santos 9½@10c.; fair to good Cucuta 11¼@11¾c. Futures have fallen in a dull market. Brazilian finances are disorganized by the adverse rate of exchange on dollars expressed in milreis. But Brazilian business men do not want a moratorium. Shorts have been covering here. There is nothing new as to the fundamentals of the situation. There is plenty of coffee and too little demand or buying power. Some hedging sales have been made against recent purchases. The trade has bought to some extent. To-day prices declined and they end lower for the week.

Dec.....cts.	5.95@6.00	May.....cts.	6.85@6.87	July.....cts.	7.18@7.19
March.....	6.46@6.48	September.....	7.43@7.44		

SUGAR higher; centrifugal, 96 degrees test, Cuban and Porto Rican, 5.39c. Refined remains generally steady at 7.90@8c. for granulated. Futures advanced partly on Cuban buying. Trade in Cuban sugar on the spot is said to have increased somewhat at higher prices. Willett & Gray state that there has been a checking up and readjustment of stocks in Cuban shipping ports, which shows that there are now but 205,272 tons held there, 24,400 having been deducted from previous figures of stocks held in ware house as having passed into consumption during the past month or so. This is something. Stocks, however, are large. Peru in port sold at 4½c.; later at 4.25c. Cuba later afloat and prompt sold at 4.50c. cost and freight and Porto Rico afloat at 5.51c. c. i. f. On Monday, it is said, the Cuban Congress will take up the question of negotiating a loan with the United States. The size of the sugar stocks in warehouses here is large and the insurance on such stocks is estimated at about \$20,000,000. One large Philadelphia refinery is said to hold stocks valued, roughly, at \$9,000,000. Beet sugar manufacturers, it is said, face a loss on the 1920 output. It was stated that 500 tons of Peru afloat were sold to a Canadian refiner at 4.875c. c. i. f., equal to 4.25c. cost and freight for Cuba. American refiners have been inclined to hold aloof. To-day futures declined, but they end at a moderate net rise for the week.

Dec.....cts.	4.25@4.35	February cts.	4.44@4.47	May.....cts.	4.68@4.70
January.....	4.34@4.37	March.....	4.53@4.54	July.....	4.87@4.90

OILS.—Linseed quiet and lower; Dec.-Jan. carloads 80c.; less than carloads 82@83c.; five bbls. or less 86c. Ceylon bbls. 11½@12c.; Cochin 11¼@12c. Olive \$2.75@3.00. Cod, domestic 75@76c.; Newfoundland 80@82c. Spirits of turpentine, 78c. Common to good strained rosin \$8.50.

PETROLEUM remains steady; refined in bbls. 24.50@25.50c.; bulk 13.50@14.50c.; cases 26.50@27.50c. Gasoline in only fair demand at unchanged prices, i. e. steel bbls. 33c., wood bbls. 41c., gas machine 50c. Kerosene meets with a fair inquiry. Daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 11, amounted to 1,291,220 bbls. compared with 1,291,915 bbls. the previous week, according to an estimate of the American Petroleum Institute. California continued to lead, with output averaging 310,000 bbls. daily. Oklahoma produced 306,475 bbls. daily.

Pennsylvania.....	\$6 10	Indiana.....	\$3 83	Strawn.....	\$3 00
Corning.....	4 25	Princeton.....	3 77	Thrall.....	3 25
Cabell.....	4 46	Illinois.....	3 77	Healdton.....	2 75
Somerset, 32 deg.		Plymouth.....	3 48	Moran.....	3 00
and above.....	4 50	Kansas & Okla.		Henrietta.....	3 00
Ragland.....	2 60	homa.....	3 50	Caddo, La., light.	3 25
Wooster.....	4 05	Coriscana, light.	3 00	Caddo, crude.....	2 50
North Lima.....	3 73	Coriscana, heavy	1 75	De Soto.....	3 40
South Lima.....	3 63	Electra.....	3 50		

RUBBER dull and lower; smoked ribbed sheets 16c.; first latex crepe 16 1/4c.; brown crepe thin, clean 14 1/2c. Early in the week prices were depressed on the report that an application for a receiver had been made for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Bankers it seems are to help the company.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have remained dull and more or less depressed. Some steamship companies find traffic so poor that they are laying up steamers.

Charters included 19,000 quarters grain from New York to Malta, 12s. prompt; 33,000 quarters from Atlantic range to North Spain, 10s., December; 20,000 quarters from a Gulf port to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg or Weser, 10s., December; coal from Atlantic range to Boucan, \$6 50, December; to west Italy, \$7; to St. Nazaire, \$5 25; three or six months transatlantic time charter, 10s.; lumber from Puget Sound to San Domingo, \$32 50; 28,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to two ports in the United Kingdom, 8s. prompt; 28,000 quarters from a Gulf port to Hamburg, 8s. 6d. prompt; 25,000 quarters from a Gulf port to north Spain, 11s. option of Spanish Mediterranean, 12s. prompt; 22,000 quarters from Atlantic range, including Portland, to Spanish Mediterranean, 10s. 6d.; coal from Cape Breton to Rotterdam, \$5 75. Canadian gold, prompt; 44,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to the United Kingdom, 7s. 6d.; December; 28,000 quarters from Galveston to Hamburg, 10s. 6d. prompt; coal from Atlantic range to French Atlantic port, excluding Rouen and Nantes, \$7 56, prompt; to River Plate, 47s. 6d., December; one round trip in West India trade, \$2 50; 28,000 quarters grain from a Gulf port to United Kingdom, Antwerp or Rotterdam, 8s. 6d., January; coal from Atlantic range to Amsterdam or Rotterdam, \$4 25 prompt; ties from Brunswick to Philadelphia, 40 cents; asphalt in barrels from Trinidad to Gulfport, Miss., or Mobile, \$2 75; coal from Philadelphia to Rotterdam, \$4 57 prompt; timber from a Gulf port to United Kingdom, 285s., January-February; coal from Atlantic range to Rio Janeiro, \$5 05 prompt.

TOBACCO has been dull and more or less weak or nominal. Buyers are playing a waiting game. They look to see tobacco price fall with those of other commodities. On the other hand supplies of tobacco and cigars, some maintain, must be falling steadily as a result of the manufacturer's policy of aloofness for many weeks past. Owensboro, Ky., wired Dec. 23: "The organization of tobacco growers of the Green River district formed here recently to work for higher tobacco prices, has disbanded. Reports showed that tobacco pledged to the pool was 3,000,000 lbs. short of the amount required before the association would attempt to handle sales. Meantime prices on the market here have reached an average of \$11 per 100 lbs., compared with \$4. the opening day a month ago. In this period only 2,000,000 lbs. have been sold bringing an average of \$7.90 per 100 lbs. About 6,000,000 lbs. had been sold at this date last year for a \$19 average. At Wilson, N. C. 3,500,000 lbs. of tobacco were sold last week at an average price of \$17.79 per 100 lbs. This is \$1 lower than the previous week, and is the lowest price seen since the season opened. Thirty-six and a half million pounds were sold at Wilson, N. C., this year at an average price of \$23.71 per 100 lbs. The warehouses there will close and will not reopen until Jan. 11."

COPPER quiet and steady at 13 1/2 @ 14c. for electrolytic. Large agencies refuse to sell under 14c. There has been some business, it seems, at 13 3/4c. but it has been on a very small scale.

TIN quiet but steady at 32 1/2. Lead declined in sympathy with London. Trade is quiet. Spot New York was quoted at 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4c. Zinc remains dull at 5.65c. spot St. Louis.

PIG IRON has remained quiet and more or less depressed, though some express themselves hopeful of better things in the new year now about to open. Declines in prices are smaller than recently. Small lots of resale iron are being disposed of. New England reports some low prices. Furnace business is very dull. Cast iron pipe is down 25%, with little trade. Youngstown, Ohio, people are predicting pig iron at below \$30. Production is said to be at the rate of about 50%. Prices dropped \$1 per ton for foundry iron at Chicago and gray forge at Pittsburgh.

STEEL has remained dull and certainly none too steady. As usual at this time of the year the demand is distinctly slack. Some are predicting lower prices after Jan. 1. They are looking for cuts in wages, as well as in product, with the cost of living gradually declining. The railroad companies have bought rails at lower prices, i. e. \$10 a ton reduction by outsiders, to the level of that maintained for nearly two years by leading interests. It was said that orders have been released for some 3,000 tons by leading railways for which reservations have already been made. This is the one bright spot in the steel business.

WOOL was plentiful and dull. Now and then there is a little more inquiry, but it does not last. Some are basing hopes of better times in 1921 on an embargo on wool imports at American ports, or a very high tariff. Prices are said to be a trifle steadier in some directions. But some doubt whether anything will be done at this session of Congress in the matter of a tariff. If an embargo or a high tariff is imposed the question is whether the President will sign such a measure or veto it. Meanwhile consumption runs behind world's supplies. The October consumption in the United States turns out to have been 38,510,000 lbs., which was larger than expected. It is 45% less than in Oct. 1919, but it compares not unfavorably with that of July, August and September this year, being almost equal to that in those months. The surprising thing is that the total held up so well despite the curtailment announced by the mills. Still it lagged behind what could have been wished. In London the series of wool auctions, so far as the British Government wools are concerned, is over. The last selection, comprising 9,500 bales, maintained a fair average price, but hardly 2,500 bales were sold. Greasy merino from Sydney attracted the most attention, ranging from 15d. to

33 1/2d. The offerings at the series reached 54,000 bales, of which it is estimated only 16,000 bales were sold. On the 16th inst. the sale at Brisbane was at 20 to 30% lower prices on super-merinos and 30 to 40% lower on skirtings of all kinds. Inferior grades were ignored. Japanese bought 10,000 bales of indifferent selections. Only a small percentage of the offerings was sold. But at Adelaide, Australia, on the 18th inst. there was keener competition for good top making wools and there were smaller withdrawals. Prices were 5 to 10% above those of Nov. 27. Inferior merinos were neglected. Of 15,000 bales offered, only 30% was withdrawn. That looked better, partly, no doubt, because buyers had their last chance for a month. No Australian sales will be held in January except in Tasmania, where there will be only moderate offerings suitable for the American trade. But at Bradford, Eng., prices were weak, with great pressure to sell. Tops and yarns were especially weak and in the piece goods section prices were described as chaotic. It is reported that several firms there are receiving assistance to tide over this trying crisis. London cabled Dec. 20: "At the wool sale in Wellington, New Zealand, 1,430 bales were offered and 1,140 sold. America was operating in good half-breds. Half-bred greasy superior sold at 12d. to 13 1/4d.; medium 9d. to 11 1/4d.; inferior, 7d. to 8 1/2d.; cross-bred greasy 46s-48s, 8d. to 11d.; 44s-46s, 5d. to 7 1/2d.; 36s-40s, 3 1/2d. to 5d.

COTTON.

Friday Night, Dec. 24 1920.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 178,079 bales, against 189,642 bales last week and 210,301 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1920 3,288,986 bales, against 3,588,196 bales for the same period of 1919, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1920 of 299,213 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	8,267	10,997	22,477	12,531	8,028	10,338	72,638
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	362	362
Houston	—	—	10,155	—	—	—	10,155
Port Arthur, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	2,894	2,894
New Orleans	7,518	11,323	10,689	8,467	7,409	8,348	53,754
Mobile	359	901	856	646	1,689	782	5,233
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Savannah	1,784	3,317	3,442	1,132	929	2,373	12,977
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	200	200
Charleston	715	466	521	609	—	248	2,817
Wilmington	545	564	941	228	728	348	3,354
Norfolk	2,303	1,386	2,506	1,356	777	2,937	11,265
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	29	29
New York	—	399	—	—	—	—	399
Boston	725	—	—	—	—	—	838
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	113	—	709
Philadelphia	—	105	200	125	25	—	455
Totals this week.	22,216	29,458	51,787	25,094	19,946	29,578	178,079

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1920 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Dec. 24.	1920.		1919.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1920.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1 1919.	1920.	1919.
Galveston	72,638	1,605,880	69,148	1,181,257	368,052	346,228
Texas City	362	13,871	14,774	167,248	2,887	88,023
Houston	10,155	243,548	17,623	144,891	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	2,894	17,834	—	15,514	—	—
New Orleans	53,754	732,505	32,721	547,438	458,415	474,878
Mobile	5,233	48,156	4,995	169,913	26,325	22,696
Pensacola	—	—	—	1,170	—	—
Jacksonville	—	—	452	3,413	—	7,000
Savannah	12,977	349,044	28,102	782,774	153,022	349,251
Brunswick	200	8,824	2,000	9,800	2,449	20,000
Charleston	2,817	40,691	7,728	175,639	243,747	68,781
Wilmington	3,354	50,188	5,060	93,402	44,065	50,943
Norfolk	11,265	130,002	11,520	204,634	76,600	86,006
N'port News, &c.	29	998	58	1,614	—	—
New York	399	6,833	212	11,977	23,358	62,307
Boston	838	16,908	4	9,824	11,964	3,724
Baltimore	709	18,847	125	56,267	3,052	5,533
Philadelphia	455	3,844	720	11,421	6,694	12,245
Totals	178,079	3,288,986	195,242	3,588,196	1,422,767	1,587,615

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Galveston	72,638	69,148	44,924	43,191	61,694	63,382
Texas City, &c.	13,411	32,397	2,598	4,829	12,520	19,602
New Orleans	53,754	32,721	35,430	37,322	28,692	45,847
Mobile	5,233	4,995	6,585	251	2,934	4,070
Savannah	12,977	28,102	24,089	18,154	11,259	13,320
Brunswick	200	2,000	2,600	3,000	1,000	1,500
Charleston	2,817	7,728	5,577	3,414	1,644	4,225
Wilmington	3,354	5,060	3,306	952	1,175	1,222
Norfolk	11,265	11,520	7,721	6,655	8,727	12,429
N'port N., &c.	29	58	81	362	—	6,212
All others	2,401	1,513	2,530	6,345	10,751	6,758
Total this wk.	178,079	195,242	135,441	124,475	142,234	178,567
Since Aug. 1—	3,288,986	3,588,196	2,664,593	3,427,050	4,616,685	4,036,341

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 140,558 bales, of which 68,445 were to Great Britain, 11,787 to France and 60,326 to other destinations. Below are the exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1920:

Exports from—	Week ending Dec. 24 1920. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1920 to Dec. 24 1920. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	28,071	3,669	11,379	43,119	483,040	198,912	539,559	1,221,511
Houston	-----	-----	10,155	10,155	127,259	44,111	72,178	243,548
Texas City	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,980	2,709	6,373	18,062
Port Arthur	-----	-----	-----	-----	650	-----	-----	650
San Antonio	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,244	8,244
El Paso	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	177	177
Port Nogales	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	950	950
New Orleans	30,235	8,002	21,750	59,987	136,156	47,882	217,733	401,771
Mobile	-----	-----	18	18	6,957	3,925	818	11,700
Jacksonville	-----	-----	-----	-----	701	-----	-----	701
Savannah	-----	-----	16,414	16,414	77,221	35,206	100,896	213,323
Brunswick	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,427	-----	-----	7,427
Charleston	4,900	-----	-----	4,900	7,499	-----	-----	7,499
Wilmington	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,800	10,299
Norfolk	5,150	-----	-----	5,150	32,811	-----	-----	37,700
New York	89	116	610	815	6,215	7,181	28,729	42,125
Boston	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,272	119	3,287	5,678
Baltimore	-----	-----	-----	-----	349	1,246	2,429	4,024
Philadelphia	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	559	559
Los Angeles	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,697	-----	-----	2,697
San Fran.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10,647	10,647
Seattle	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,877	5,877
Tacoma	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4,600	4,600
Total	68,445	11,787	60,326	140,558	900,234	341,291	1,053,631	2,295,156
Total 1919	73,527	14,786	71,312	159,625	1,397,070	271,176	1,003,345	2,671,591
Total 1918	39,664	35,550	38,415	113,629	977,960	253,853	694,470	1,856,983

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.

Dec. 24 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont't	Coast-wise.	
Galveston	33,986	5,173	27,399	28,152	2,000	96,710
New Orleans	20,322	4,145	10,138	33,150	75	67,830
Savannah	12,000	3,000	-----	-----	-----	15,000
Charleston	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,500	1,500
Mobile	9,019	2,375	-----	4,361	-----	15,755
Norfolk	-----	-----	-----	-----	500	500
New York *	200	300	500	200	-----	1,200
Other ports *	4,000	-----	2,500	2,000	-----	8,500
Total 1920	79,527	14,993	40,537	67,863	4,075	206,995
Total 1919	186,606	25,226	3,398	112,043	15,800	343,073
Total 1918	75,671	48,822	-----	31,606	19,390	175,410

* Estimated. a 3,675 for Japan.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has not been active, trading, in fact, being on a more or less restricted scale. At the same time prices have been gradually falling and have reached a new low level for the season and for the calendar year. The news and also the rumors have been against the price. The stock market has been falling and another failure has occurred on the Stock Exchange. The firm in question was not a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, and to all appearance had no cotton contracts out through others. But the incident had a more or less unpleasant effect, being the second failure recently on that Exchange. An unconfirmed and apparently unwarranted rumor that a Southern cotton mill had failed also had more or less depressing effect. A reported strike of 45,000 coal miners in the Rhonda Valley, England, certainly did not help matters. Neither did the sharp decline in spot prices at the Southwest, nor the fact that exports were small, nor the heavy selling of July here, which rightly or wrongly was put down to spot interests. And the ginning was big. It is said that some 6,000,000 spindles are idle in New England. Textile industries in this country, whether of cotton, wool or silk, are dull. Manchester, too, is in a gloomy mood. Its sales are small, both of yarns and cloths. China and India have practically suspended buying at Manchester. Some of Lancashire's fine fabrics there are £6 10s. lower than the best quotations of last spring. The cost of living keeps up. Wages are declining owing to dullness of trade. New England operatives are accepting a decrease in wages of 22½%, though in some cases under protest. Liverpool sold here at times on a large scale. And its own prices have been declining sharply. Private advices from that market have been uncheerful. Stocks there are big and spot business small. London advices were not cheering either. They spoke of depression owing to the persistent fall of commodity prices and the general financial situation. It has all reacted on the cotton business of this country. In such circumstances, not only Liverpool, but Wall Street and uptown interests, have been free sellers here. Recent and disappointed buyers for a rise have also been selling. What is more the South has sold on perhaps a somewhat larger scale. In any case it has been a steady seller, partly, it is supposed, for hedge account. And, as usual, at this season of the year, selling of "Christmas cotton" to provide farmers and others with funds for the holidays, had a more or less weakening effect on prices. The spot situation has not been calculated to cheer the farmer. On the 21st inst. spot prices fell 75 points here, 55 in Dallas, Texas, and 50 at Houston.

And as regards the reviving of the War Finance Corporation, nobody seems to have an inkling whether the President will sign it or not. It is believed that he will veto it. It is in his hands after having passed the Senate. Secretary of the Treasury Houston is strongly opposed to the measure. Meantime Europe is poor, finds it hard to get credits, and the United States is in the throes of a transition more or less rough, from a war basis to a peace basis, which entails

a rather heroic bit of surgery in cutting prices of everything from securities and the great staples of the country downward. And many are inclined to think that this process has not ended. The situation is not helped by the presence of the rumor monger. The circulation of stories of a mill failure is only one specimen of his work. Another of a cruder and more bungling kind was a report that the big department stores of this city would close down after Jan. 1 for two or three weeks. This was started a couple of weeks ago, and has been repeatedly denied, only to be renewed from some mysterious source, supposedly in Wall Street. And London on the 20th inst. reported the failure of the Farrows Bank, Ltd. This, too, had an unfavorable effect, even though it was not one of the big business banks of London.

On the other hand, trade buying has been an evident feature at times. And there are not wanting experienced men who believe in buying at under 15 cents, especially under 14 cents. They maintain that the end of the long lane of depression is not far off. Proverbially the man who tries to get in at the very bottom usually misses it. Mindful of this, some members of the trade are not waiting for that, but are proceeding on the assumption that the price is near the bottom, if not actually at the bottom. For one thing they expect a big cut in the acreage next spring. This, it is believed, will be practically mandatory through the influence of the banks, not to speak of public opinion throughout the South. Banks in some cases have had to take cotton. They are in a position in not a few cases to require farmers to take the only course which the South believes open to it, i.e., to reduce the acreage some 33 1/3%. Some land owners are refusing to rent lands to farmers unless they agree to cut the acreage to cotton 33 1/3%. Meantime measures are being pushed looking to the granting of credits to Europe. It is believed that they will become operative early in 1921, or say about Feb. 1, if not sooner, in certain instances. Poland would like to buy 300,000 to 400,000 bales. Possibly some way will be found to supply her. The United States Government has removed all restrictions on trading with Russia, only specifying that merchants must trade at their own risk. In Berlin there are said to be plans under way to provide a broader and possibly more stabilized market for exchange. At times foreign exchange has latterly advanced. Mill operatives in New England have, as already intimated, had their wages reduced 22½%. This, with the big decline in cotton since last July, and the fall in the price of coal opens up a better chance for mills to make goods there on a basis that is likely to stimulate the market. And the Southern mills are similarly situated. In other words, the way is being cleared for a return to normal and healthy conditions in the cotton manufacturing business of the United States. And after Jan. 1 it is intimated that retail prices of commodities throughout the country are likely to be sharply reduced, possibly at a broad hint from the banks, which some time back gave a similar hint, it is understood, to wholesalers. Once retail business is loosened up, and the blockade created by the refusal of the people to buy freely is broken, the outlook, it is believed, will brighten. In any case, the United States will take the lead in the worlds revival of business. London recognizes that fact, and, as already intimated, not a few believe that the ebb in this country will shortly turn to the flood. To-day prices were rather irregular, but advanced at one time, and ended at a small net rise for the day. But for the week they were some 50 to 70 points lower on futures. Spot cotton ended at 15.25c. for middling, after having touched 14.50c. on the 22nd instant. The closing shows a net loss for the week of 75 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec. 18 to Dec. 24—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	15.65	15.50	15.25	14.50	15.00	15.25

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Dec. 24 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1920 c.	15.25	1912 c.	13.20	1904 c.	7.60	1896 c.	7.06
1919	39.25	1911	9.50	1903	13.70	1895	8.25
1918	32.60	1910	15.15	1902	8.75	1894	5.69
1917	31.00	1909	15.75	1901	8.56	1893	7.94
1916	16.75	1908	9.45	1900	10.31	1892	9.88
1915	12.15	1907	11.70	1899	7.56	1891	7.94
1914	7.65	1906	10.55	1898	5.88	1890	9.31
1913	12.60	1905	12.10	1897	5.94	1889	10.25

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending Dec. 24.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	15.25	15.25	15.25	14.50	14.00	14.00
New Orleans	14.75	14.25	14.00	13.75	14.00	14.00
Mobile	14.75	14.25	14.00	13.75	13.75	13.75
Savannah	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75
Charleston	15.75	15.75	15.75	-----	15.75	-----
Norfolk	14.50	14.25	14.00	13.50	14.00	14.00
Baltimore	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00
Philadelphia	15.90	15.75	15.50	14.75	15.25	15.50
Augusta	14.88	14.63	14.13	13.50	13.50	13.50
Memphis	15.00	15.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Dallas	13.60	13.45	13.45	12.90	13.35	13.50
Houston	14.25	14.40	13.75	13.00	13.25	13.50
Little Rock	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.50	14.50	14.50
Fort Worth	-----	13.50	13.25	12.75	13.25	13.40

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 18.	Monday, Dec. 20.	Tuesday, Dec. 21.	Wed'day, Dec. 22.	Thurs'dy, Dec. 23.	Friday, Dec. 24.	Week.
December—							
Range	15.13-31	14.85-00	14.60-05	13.85-55	13.85-55	14.30-92	13.85-131
Closing	15.12-15	14.90	14.73	14.05	14.45		
January—							
Range	15.15-40	14.90-17	14.58-06	13.92-74	14.15-73	14.50-92	13.92-140
Closing	15.16-18	14.93-96	14.78-80	14.15-20	14.65	14.75-80	
February—							
Range			14.98-00	14.10	14.55	14.65	14.98-00
Closing	15.12	14.95					
March—							
Range	15.12-30	14.80-08	14.46-05	13.82-61	14.05-65	14.47-80	13.82-130
Closing	15.15-18	14.80-84	14.62-66	14.03-08	14.50-52	14.58-61	
April—							
Range							
Closing	15.20	14.90	14.65	14.10	14.57	14.65	
May—							
Range	15.22-39	14.93-15	14.60-12	14.00-75	14.34-80	14.61-97	14.00-139
Closing	15.25-27	14.93-95	14.74-77	14.18-20	14.65-67	14.67-75	
June—							
Range		15.15		14.45			14.45-15
Closing	15.35	15.00	14.75	14.25	14.68	14.70	
July—							
Range	15.30-48	15.02-25	14.65-18	14.11-78	14.42-82	14.70-00	14.11-148
Closing	15.30	15.02-03	14.80-83	14.25-32	14.69-72	14.75-79	
August—							
Range				14.25-95		14.58	14.25-95
Closing	15.35	15.10	14.90	14.40	14.80	14.58	
September—							
Range							
Closing	15.45	15.20	15.00	14.70-80	15.00	14.90	14.70-00
October—							
Range	15.35-50	15.10-30	14.80-28	14.32-88	14.75-00	14.95-12	14.32-150
Closing	15.33-35	15.10	14.95	14.48-50	14.90	14.95	
November—							
Range				14.75			14.75
Closing				14.65	15.05	15.00	

15c.
THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales..	974,000	837,000	305,000	449,000
Stock at London.....	3,000	11,000	16,000	21,000
Stock at Manchester.....	89,000	161,000	75,000	45,000
Total Great Britain.....	1,066,000	1,009,000	396,000	515,000
Stock at Ghent.....	13,000			
Stock at Bremen.....	134,000			
Stock at Havre.....	202,000	182,000	65,000	148,000
Stock at Rotterdam, &c.....	14,000	8,000	1,000	2,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	81,000	45,000	23,000	65,000
Stock at Genoa.....	39,000	64,000	14,000	25,000
Stock at Trieste.....				
Total Continental stocks.....	483,000	299,000	103,000	240,000
Total European stocks.....	1,549,000	1,308,000	499,000	755,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	60,000	77,000	15,000	36,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe.....	571,911	666,882	332,000	268,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur.....	82,000	57,000	62,000	116,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	180,000	261,000	368,000	350,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	910,000	473,000	*550,000	*450,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,422,767	1,587,615	1,453,829	1,310,580
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,686,965	1,341,811	1,448,017	1,310,441
U. S. exports to-day.....	22,700	27,220		2,240
Total visible supply.....	6,485,343	5,799,528	4,727,846	4,589,261
American—				
Liverpool stock.....bales..	596,000	626,000	*177,000	281,000
Manchester stock.....	79,000	91,000	42,000	24,000
Continental stock.....	415,000	223,000	*86,000	*211,000
American afloat for Europe.....	571,911	666,882	332,000	268,000
U. S. port stocks.....	1,422,767	1,587,615	1,453,829	1,310,580
U. S. interior stocks.....	1,686,965	1,341,811	1,448,017	1,310,441
U. S. exports to-day.....	22,700	27,220		2,240
Total American.....	4,794,343	4,563,528	3,538,846	3,398,261
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	378,000	211,000	*128,000	168,000
London stock.....	3,000	11,000	16,000	21,000
Manchester stock.....	10,000	70,000	33,000	21,000
Continental stock.....	68,000	76,000	*17,000	*29,000
India afloat for Europe.....	60,000	77,000	15,000	36,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	82,000	57,000	62,000	116,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	180,000	261,000	368,000	350,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	910,000	473,000	*550,000	*450,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,691,000	1,236,000	1,189,000	1,191,000
Total American.....	4,794,343	4,563,528	3,538,846	3,398,261
Total visible supply.....	6,485,343	5,799,528	4,727,846	4,589,261
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	9.54d.	26.68d.	20.40d.	22.68d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	15.25c.	39.25d.	32.30c.	31.65c.
Egypt, good sakes, Liverpool.....	26.00d.	53.00d.	30.79d.	33.15d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	17.00d.	39.50d.	37.00d.	32.00d.
Bronch, fine, Liverpool.....	9.65d.	24.50d.	18.04d.	21.65d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	10.50d.	24.35d.	18.29d.	21.83d.

* Estimated.
 Continental imports for past week have been 132,000 bales. The above figures for 1920 show an increase over last week of 128,361 bales, a gain of 685,815 bales over 1919, an excess of 1,757,497 bales over 1918 and a gain of 1,896,082 bales over 1917.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.
 The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet 35 pts dec.	Barely steady.			
Monday	Quiet 15 pts dec.	Easy		200	200
Tuesday	Quiet 25 pts dec.	Steady			
Wednesday	Quiet 75 pts dec.	Barely steady.		200	200
Thursday	Quiet 50 pts adv.	Barely steady.			
Friday	Quiet 25 pts adv.	Quiet.			
Total				400	400

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Dec. 24 1920.			Movement to Dec. 26 1919.			
	Receipts.		Shp-ments. Week.	Stocks Dec. 24.	Receipts.		Shp-ments. Week.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.	
Ala., Eufaula..	200	7,330	6,434	4,634	3,620		
Montgomery..	1,070	44,362	674	32,496	1,376	58,905	
Selma.....	656	28,125	120	16,699	417	33,585	
Ark., Helena..	1,500	26,586	1,000	16,144	654	23,793	
Little Rock..	7,452	116,388	5,694	62,243	7,636	130,370	
Pine Bluff..	4,199	104,628	744	69,435		22,330	
Ga., Albany..	100	9,929	100	6,476	50	9,114	
Athens.....	6,280	88,862	12,050	58,811	4,412	102,620	
Atlanta.....	3,756	72,599	2,836	32,311	6,128	158,167	
Augusta.....	13,243	237,402	6,511	160,876	11,252	381,106	
Columbus..	1,902	17,073	90	18,736	875	32,134	
Macon.....	1,387	27,739	719	19,276	5,000	172,125	
Rome.....	1,072	20,635	776	8,556	1,000	40,447	
La., Shreveport	2,881	63,016	825	60,454	1,984	57,389	
Miss., Columbus	496	6,961	176	4,648		13,217	
Clarksdale..	5,044	83,226	2,657	88,315	3,500	95,664	
Greenwood..	3,532	77,876	2,834	64,957	3,000	89,438	
Meridian...	1,185	18,009	579	12,766	500	27,191	
Natchez....	600	16,638	600	7,534	450	24,108	
Vicksburg..	1,086	9,548	305	13,277	500	14,126	
Yazoo City..	1,700	21,920	1,117	20,207	700	30,555	
Mo., St. Louis	23,795	227,508	21,572	17,966	32,174	266,896	
N. C., Gr'nboro	686	6,127	518	4,838	800	27,070	
Raleigh....	86	2,529	104	2,555		8,043	
Okl., Altus..	3,377	30,503	2,908	16,453		14,035	
Chickasha..	1,666	25,835	1,955	10,467		20,687	
Hugo.....	400	16,700	700	7,134	425	20,687	
Oklahoma..	2,016	32,558	1,229	9,184		19,424	
S. C., Greenville	3,837	28,896	1,782	14,309	3,500	77,480	
Greenwood..	2,239	13,467	415	12,546	424	13,569	
Tenn., Memphis	29,573	415,523	22,314	377,129	36,738	544,161	
Nashville..		415	1,273			653	
Tex., Abilene..	1,725	88,677	933	3,565	1,847	31,008	
Brenham...	361	9,498	222	4,314	40	5,585	
Clarksville	600	21,400	800	12,700	791	33,478	
Dallas.....	1,204	29,233	1,039	16,931	2,330	46,085	
Honey Grove	700	19,500	900	9,799	1,065	23,881	
Houston....	70,522	1,650,928	59,609	339,765	53,947	1,139,895	
Paris.....	3,455	58,874	2,931	22,255	3,227	86,546	
San Antonio	820	32,644	544	3,683	1,636	31,105	
Fort Worth*	5,706	59,559	4,491	21,756	1,500	27,200	
Total, 41 towns*	212,190	3,869,926	165,370	1,686,695	180,946	4,027,118	

* Last year's figures are for Cincinnati.

The above totals show that the interior market has increased during the week 46,820 bales and are to-night 345,154 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 22,253 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1920		1919	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis.....	21,572	222,360	631,712	6,373,253
Via Mounds, &c.....	6,327	99,648	12,798	229,141
Via Rock Island.....	480	6,933	570	8,824
Via Louisville.....	1,721	25,135	1,394	43,237
Via Virginia points.....	1,987	45,454	741	72,737
Via other routes, &c.....	6,923	97,752	11,318	159,993
Total gross overland.....	39,010	497,282	58,533	887,185
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	2,401	46,432	1,061	89,489

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Advices to us by telegraph this evening from the South indicate that rain has fallen in most localities during the week, and that at a few points along the Gulf the rainfall has been rather heavy.

	Rain.		Thermometer		
	Rainfall.		high	low	mean
Ablene, Texas	dry		high 70	low 22	mean 46
Brownsville	dry		high 84	low 40	mean 62
Dallas	1 day	0.52 in.	high 58	low 24	mean 41
Corpus Christi	dry		high 80	low 30	mean 55
Palestine	2 days	0.86 in.	high 58	low 26	mean 42
San Antonio	1 day	1.02 in.	high 76	low 30	mean 53
Del Rio	2 days	0.03 in.		low 32	
Galveston	1 day	0.32 in.	high 68	low 36	mean 52
New Orleans, La.	3 days	1.12 in.			mean 54
Shreveport		3.54 in.	high 62	low 25	mean 44
Vicksburg			high 68	low 28	mean 48
Selma, Ala.	3 days	2.85 in.	high 59	low 26	mean 42
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	1.16 in.	high 67	low 36	mean 52
Savannah, Ga.	5 days	1.68 in.	high 71	low 37	mean 54
Charlotte, N. C.	2 days	0.65 in.	high 53	low 28	mean 40

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.—The Commercial Company of Egypt, Inc., Boston, has the following by mail from Alexandria under date of Nov. 13:

Crop 1920.—The Ministry of Agriculture, owing to exceptional difficulties, publishes its estimate with reserve and subject to revision if later returns make it necessary, as follows: The total acreage planted in cotton consists of 1,827,868 feddans, or an increase of 16.1% over previous year, when it was 1,573,663 feddans. This is a record figure. 69.5% of the acreage was planted with Sakellarides and 30.5% with other varieties. Taking as a basis the returns received from the inspectors and ginning factories, the total crop of ginned cotton may be estimated at 6,187,000 cantars, being an average of 3.38 cantars per feddan for the whole of Egypt.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1920.		1919.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Dec. 17	6,356,982		5,772,490	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,956,257		4,792,018
American in sight to Dec. 24	299,786	5,828,082	312,784	6,233,045
Bombay receipts to Dec. 23	885,000	466,000	80,000	693,000
Other India ship'ts to Dec. 23	64,000	109,000	11,000	146,000
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 22	835,000	297,000	22,000	511,000
Other supply to Dec. 22*	68,000	104,000	6,000	89,000
Total supply	6,788,768	11,760,339	6,204,274	12,464,063
Deduct				
Visible supply Dec. 24	6,485,343	6,485,343	5,799,528	5,799,528
Total takings to Dec. 24 a	303,425	5,274,996	404,746	6,664,535
Of which American	227,425	4,018,996	282,746	4,869,535
Of which other	76,000	1,256,000	122,000	1,795,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills—1,350,000 bales in 1920 and 1,448,000 bales in 1919—takings not being available; and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners—3,924,996 bales in 1920 and 5,216,535 bales in 1919, of which 2,668,996 bales and 3,421,535 bales American. b Estimated.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Dec. 2 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

June 10, Receipts at—	1920.		1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	58,000	357,000	54,000	469,000	50,000	406,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1920		4,000	22,000	26,000	13,000	187,000	115,000	315,000
1919	2,000	21,000	30,000	53,000	19,000	165,000	461,000	645,000
1918						54,000	54,000	108,000
Oth. India*								
1920		2,000	2,000	4,000	6,000	56,000	40,000	102,000
1919		2,000	4,000	6,000	12,000	44,000	57,000	113,000
1918								
Total all—		6,000	24,000	30,000	19,000	243,000	135,000	417,000
1920		2,000	23,000	25,000	31,000	209,000	518,000	658,000
1919						54,000	54,000	108,000
1918								

* No figures for 1918.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—The following are the receipts and shipments for the week ending Dec. 1 and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, December 1.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	143,861	320,840	230,133
Since Aug. 1	1,652,026	3,029,853	2,482,350

Exports (bales)—	1920.		1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	7,500	32,930	5,864	141,713		78,113
To Manchester, &c.	4,450	24,382	15,100	78,893	7,106	46,970
To Continent & India	176	31,489	4,582	45,623	500	31,089
To America	1,400	9,683	14,441	89,285		11,792
Total exports	13,526	98,484	39,987	355,514	7,606	167,964

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 1 were 143,861 cantars and the foreign shipments 13,526 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market continues weak for both yarns and cloths. The demand for both home trade and foreign markets is poor. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1920.						1919.					
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Col'n Mid. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Col'n Mid. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Col'n Mid. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.	Col'n Mid. Upl's
Oct. 29	d. 32 1/2	@ 40 1/2	s. d. 26 6	@ 29 6	d. 16.55	d. 45	@ 52	s. d. 27 10	@ 32 10 1/2	d. 24.25		
Nov. 5	35	@ 40	26 6	@ 29 6	15.55	46	@ 52	30 0	@ 34 6	25.50		
12	32	@ 37 1/2	26 6	@ 29 0	14.56	48 1/2	@ 52	30 6	@ 35 0	24.93		
19	29	@ 35	25 0	@ 27 6	12.41	47 1/2	@ 54 1/2	30 6	@ 35 6	23.75		
26	28 1/2	@ 33 1/2	24 0	@ 26 6	11.23	48 1/2	@ 55 1/2	30 6	@ 35 6	24.58		
Dec. 3	25	@ 30	22 6	@ 24 6	10.46	49 1/2	@ 57	31 0	@ 36 0	25.47		
10	24	@ 29	21 6	@ 23 6	11.42	50 1/2	@ 59	34 0	@ 38 0	25.98		
17	24	@ 29	21 0	@ 23 0	10.58	52	@ 61 1/2	35 0	@ 39 0	26.18		
24	21 1/2	@ 26 1/2	20 0	@ 22 6	9.54	53	@ 63	36 6	@ 40 0	26.62		

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Dec. 21—Nile, 89	89
To Havre—Dec. 17—Remus, 116	116
To Genoa—Dec. 21—Pollenzo, 360	360
To Piraeus—Dec. 23—Glenetive, 250	250
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 17—Napierian, 14,113	14,113
Dec. 23—Philadelphia, 13,958	28,071
To Havre—Dec. 18—Quistconck, 3,669	3,669
To Bremen—Dec. 18—Hogland, 9,379	9,379
To Japan—Dec. 23—Seattle Maru, 2,000	2,000
HOUSTON—To Bremen—Dec. 21—Minnewawa, 10,155	10,155
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Dec. 17—Patrician, 14,174	14,174
To Manchester—Dec. 18—Alpine Ranger, 7,561	21,735
Nortonian, 8,500	16,061
To Havre—Dec. 18—Virginia, 8,002	8,002
To Bremen—Dec. 18—Oconee, 7,377	7,377
To Rotterdam—Dec. 17—Andijk, 398	398
To Antwerp—Dec. 20—Burgundier, 561	561
Invier, 4,530	5,091
To Gothenburg—Dec. 22—Noruega, 100	100
To Genoa—Dec. 18—Gonzaga, 1,076	1,076
To Venice—Dec. 23—Graf Tisza Istvan, 4,212	4,212
To Piraeus—Dec. 18—Anthracite Bridge, 550	550
To Japan—Dec. 20—Seattle Maru, 2,946	2,946
MOBILE—To Bilbao—Dec. 18—Schooner Fieldwood, 18	18
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—Dec. 18—Mar Tirreno, 4,638	4,638
Dec. 21—Frederick Gilbert, 8,000	12,638
To Ghent—Dec. 20—Starkad, 1,200	1,200
To Danzig—Dec. 20—Democracy, 2,176	2,176
To Gothenburg—Dec. 18—Mar Tirreno, 100	100
To Rotterdam—Dec. 21—Frederick Gilbert, 300	300
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 21—Johnson City, 4,900	4,900
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Dec. 18—Gramplan Range, 5,150	5,150
Total	140,558

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Ger—many.	Other Europe—North.	South.	Japan.	Total.
New York	89	116			610		815
Galveston	28,071	3,669	9,379			2,000	43,119
New Orleans	30,235	8,002	7,377	5,589	5,838	2,946	59,987
Mobile					18		18
Savannah			12,638	3,776			16,414
Charleston		4,900					4,900
Norfolk		5,150					5,150
Total	68,445	11,787	39,549	9,365	6,466	4,946	140,558

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	Liverpool, 1.15c.	Manchester, 1.15c.	Antwerp, 75c.	Ghent, via Antwerp, 75c.	Havre, 50c.	Rotterdam, 1.00c.	Genoa, 1.00c.	Christiania, 1.00c.	Stockholm, 1.00c.	Trieste, 1.25c.	Fiume, 1.25c.	Lisbon, 1.15c.	Oporto, 1.15c.	Barcelona, direct, 1.15c.	Japan, 1.25c.	Shanghai, 1.25c.	Bombay, 2.75c.	Vladivostok, 1.25c.	Gothenburg, 1.00c.	Bremen, 85c.	Hamburg.	Danzig.	Libau.	Riga.	Reval.
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LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 3.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 17.	Dec. 24.
Sales of the week	23,000	16,000	17,000	8,000
Sales, American	15,000	14,000	11,000	6,000
Actual export	5,000	7,000	3,000	3,000
Forwarded	53,000	53,000	47,000	34,000
Total stock	883,000	904,000	937,000	974,000
Of which American	516,000	533,000	562,000	596,000
Total imports	31,000	78,000	87,000	83,000
Of which American	62,000	59,000	63,000	77,000
Amount afloat	293,000	307,000	267,000	252,000
Of which American	243,000	240,000	218,000	196,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12.15 P. M.		Quiet.	Dull.	Quiet.	Quiet.	
Mid. Upl's		10.06	9.91	9.76	9.54	HOLIDAY
Sales	HOLIDAY	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	HOLIDAY
Futures Market opened		Easy, 35@51 pts. decline.	Quiet, 12@14 pts. decline.	Quiet, 18@22 pts. decline.	Quiet, 9@14 pts. decline.	
Market, 4 P. M.		Steady, 34@49 pts. decline.	Steady, 5@9 pts. decline.	Easy, 40@45 pts. decline.	Quiet, adv. to 3 pts. dec.	

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 18 to Dec. 24.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	4 p. m.
December	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January	10.31	10.33	10.16	10.24	10.01	9.84	9.79	9.99				
February	10.45	10.47	10.31	10.39	10.16	9.95	9.84	9.97				
March	10.54	10.56	10.40	10.48	10.23	10.03	9.92	10.04				
April	10.64	10.66	10.50	10.57	10.31	10.12	10.00	10.11				
May	10.69	10.72	10.55	10.63	10.37	10.18	10.02	10.15				
June	10.77	10.79	10.65									

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON WINTER WHEAT AND RYE DEC. 1.—The Agricultural Department's report on cereal crops Dec. 1 was issued on the 17th inst., as follows:

The condition of winter wheat on Dec. 1 was 87.9, against 85.2 on Dec. 1 1919, 98.5 on Dec. 1 1918 and a ten-year average of 88.4.

The area sown this fall is 40,605,000 acres, which is 2.8% less than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1919 (viz. 41,757,000 acres).

The condition of rye on Dec. 1 last was placed at 90.5, compared with 89.5 on Dec. 1 1919, 89.0 on Dec. 1 1918 and a ten-year average of 91.2.

The area sown this fall is 4,653,000 acres, which is 11.4% less than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1919 (viz. 5,250,000 acres).

Unofficial estimates place the indicated yield of winter wheat at 553,000,000 bushels, compared with the latest Government figures of 580,513,000 bushels harvested in 1920 and 729,503,000 bushels harvested in 1919.

Unofficial estimates put the yield of rye at 68,000,000 bushels, compared with the latest Government figures of 69,318,000 bushels harvested in 1920 and 88,909,000 bushels in 1919.

Details for winter wheat by States are as follows:

WINTER WHEAT.

State—	Area Sown—		-Condition Dec. 1-			
	Autumn 1920, Pre-liminary.	Autumn 1919, Revised.	Compared with 1918.	1919-1917.	10-Year Average.	Per Cent.
Ohio	2,253,000	2,476,000	91	85	90	91
Indiana	1,953,000	2,170,000	90	82	79	89
Illinois	2,470,000	2,600,000	95	86	82	89
Michigan	839,000	922,000	91	89	92	90
Wisconsin	86,000	94,000	91	91	95	94
Minnesota	77,000	70,000	110	85	91	85
Iowa	426,000	458,000	93	83	91	85
Missouri	2,820,000	2,820,000	100	90	84	85
South Dakota	66,000	66,000	100	90	87	85
Nebraska	3,301,000	3,368,000	98	90	91	90
Kansas	10,343,000	10,554,000	98	88	82	85
Kentucky	625,000	625,000	100	84	80	88
Tennessee	470,000	470,000	100	80	75	88
Alabama	55,000	70,000	78	86	82	89
Mississippi	8,000	15,000	53	85	88	89
Texas	1,834,000	1,310,000	140	89	79	83
Oklahoma	3,100,000	3,100,000	100	86	75	83
Arkansas	132,000	132,000	100	89	71	89
Montana	292,000	450,000	65	70	80	92
Wyoming	66,000	73,000	90	85	96	95
Colorado	920,000	1,000,000	92	87	91	91
New Mexico	284,000	258,000	110	90	98	91
Arizona	47,000	45,000	105	93	95	99
Utah	143,000	168,000	85	97	92	91
Nevada	3,000	3,000	90	90	87	92
Idaho	378,000	445,000	85	95	84	92
Washington	1,107,000	1,035,000	107	97	84	89
Oregon	717,000	815,000	88	97	90	93
California	702,000	783,000	90	95	77	90
New York	439,000	467,000	94	98	99	94
New Jersey	101,000	105,000	96	95	94	91
Pennsylvania	1,462,000	1,555,000	94	93	99	92
Delaware	119,000	125,000	95	93	95	90
Maryland	665,000	700,000	95	89	94	90
Virginia	895,000	942,000	95	82	95	91
West Virginia	319,000	319,000	90	85	95	91
North Carolina	672,000	730,000	92	84	89	90
South Carolina	173,000	165,000	104	86	85	90
Georgia	244,000	222,000	110	90	89	92
United States	40,605,000	41,757,000	97.2	87.9	85.2	88.4

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, December 24 1920.

Flour has been dull. Buyers have supplied their wants for the most part by purchases from resellers at lower prices. Prices have been called in the main steady. Certainly mills have endeavored to maintain quotations, despite some weakness at times in wheat. On the other hand, wheat has now and then shown a strength that tended to encourage the mills. Meanwhile what is certain is that trade is dull and opinions as to the future of the trade are divided. The fall in the stock market was regarded by some as a kind of barometer of business in general. Others take a more hopeful view. They look for better things early in 1921. Viewed from the standpoint of supply and at least potential demand, they think the prospects are not bad or at any rate may easily be painted in too dark colors. The world needs flour. Buyers have been purchasing from hand to mouth for a long time past. It stands to reason that they are not well supplied. Still it is a fact beyond controversy that the present condition of the flour business is unsatisfactory. Export as well as domestic trade is slow. The Continent wants flour, but the question of credits seems to oppose a serious if not unsurmountable obstacle to business at present. But the rise in wheat of late has tended to steady flour prices and to cause a slight increase in trade which yet is still unsatisfactory. Broomhall cabled from Liverpool: "Flour sales in the United Kingdom are showing a slight improvement due to the reduction of 1s. per sack of 280 pounds just made by the millers. The quality of the wheat flour has been strengthened by a shorter milling reduction or extraction. Supplies of bran and offal are now expected to increase. Government regulation flour 81s.; government imported 88s. 3d. per 280 lbs. Low grades of Plate and American flours are offering on the spot at 70s. per sack of 280 lbs. or equal to \$8.50 a bbl. of 196 lbs. The controlled price of imported wheat flour in Egypt has been reduced by 1s. per sack of 280 lbs. equal to about 12c. a bbl. This is due to improved sowing conditions of the new crops and a larger acreage is anticipated."

Wheat has been irregular, now and then falling somewhat with the stock market. It ended higher for the week. Yet a fall in the stock market has at times hit wheat hard. Another failure was reported on the Stock Exchange on the 23d inst. A bank failure in London occurred earlier in the week. The War Finance Corporation bill has passed the U. S. Senate and is in the hands of the President. Nobody knows whether he will veto it or not or, if he does veto it, whether it will be passed over his veto or not. Secretary of the Treasury Houston is unalterably opposed to the bill, and it is suggested that if it should become law there might be delays in carrying it out or, in other words, to all intents and

purposes nullifying it at least for a time. Many doubt the expediency of such an enactment in time of peace. Some are hoping that the project to put a tariff on wheat will shortly be carried out.

Some export business has been done. Belgium has been buying. The British commission, which bought heavily last week, was out of the market early this week. Continental purchases early in the week amounted to about 1,150,000 bushels at the Gulf. The export demand for a time lacked its recent snap. Later some 2,000,000 bushels were sold to England and Germany. Interesting news came from Argentina to the effect that wheat shippers there were refusing to make sales to Europe unless buyers agree to pay whatever surtax may be imposed by the Argentine Government. Foreign buyers have refused to trade there on those terms. America has, it is believed, derived some advantage from this. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,035,000 bushels, leaving it 47,376,000 bushels, against 82,700,000 a year ago. On Dec. 23 prices advanced 4 1/2 to 5 1/4c. on the news from Washington that the emergency farmers tariff bill had passed the House by a big majority.

France is still reporting a larger acreage for wheat. In some sections of Italy sowings have been hindered by unseasonable weather. Floods have damaged new seedings in some parts of that country. The outlook in Spain is generally satisfactory. Conditions in North Africa have improved moderately. Cereal sowings are expected to be larger in Egypt. Crop reports from Germany are more pessimistic, and it appears that the yield will be smaller than was at one time expected. Premature frosts and extra abundance of vermin have done considerable damage there. The deficit has been estimated at 2,000,000 tons of bread grain. Wheat flour is extremely scarce in that country. To-day prices were irregular, closing 1 to 4c. higher for the week. In Washington, it is believed that the President will veto the War Finance Corporation Act, also that the Senate block the project to put a tariff of 30 cents on wheat. Sales of late to exporters are estimated at as high as 3,000,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	cts. 198	Sat. 197	Mon. 196	Tues. 194	Wed. 193	Thurs. 193	Fri. 203 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts. 169 1/2	Sat. 170 1/2	Mon. 168 1/2	Tues. 166	Wed. 170 1/2	Thurs. 171	Fri. 171
March delivery in elevator	163 1/2	161 1/2	162 1/2	160 1/2	166	165	165
May delivery in elevator	158 1/2	161	158 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2

Indian corn advanced partly on large buying by big Western elevator interests. This at one time was a paramount feature. Another leading factor was reports that exporters were in the market. Their bids, too, were said to be on a workable basis via the Gulf of Mexico. This and buying by cash and elevator interests gave corn independent strength irrespective of the course of prices for wheat and other grain. It showed firmness, too, regardless of some things in the corn situation itself which were a bit adverse to holders' interests. The visible supply decreased last week 352,000 bushels. There has been new buying. Sentiment has been more bullish. The passage of the Emergency Farm tariff by the House has encouraged it. Chicago wired on Dec. 21: "An amendment to the rules of the Chicago Board of Trade was made yesterday which makes all deliveries of grain now taking place between 8.30 a. m. and 9.15 a. m., Chicago time, commencing today. There will be no afternoon deliveries except on the last day of the month." Larger receipts tended to hold back December now and then when other months advanced. The visible supply is 4,127,000 bushels against 2,174,000 a year ago. One of the leading food industries closed down its plant on the 22nd instant until after the holidays. At times weakness in stocks hurt corn as well as other grain markets. Cash prices have occasionally weakened. Wall St. news caused some temporary pressure to sell. Today prices declined, but they end generally higher for the week by 2 to 3 cents.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	cts. 99 1/2	Sat. 98	Mon. 99 1/2	Tues. 96 3/4	Wed. 97 1/2	Thurs. 95	Fri. 95
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts. 69	Sat. 69 3/4	Mon. 70 3/4	Tues. 70	Wed. 71 1/2	Thurs. 69 1/2	Fri. 69 1/2
May delivery in elevator	72 3/4	73 3/4	74 3/4	73 3/4	75	74 1/2	74 1/2
July delivery in elevator	73 3/4	74 3/4	75 3/4	74	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2

Oats declined at times with wheat, rising at others; they have not been entirely dominated by wheat or corn, even if not altogether independent of them. For the receipts have been small. Many too think present low prices discount anything at all bearish in the situation. Now and then a spurt in corn has helped oats prices. Moreover, on some days leading Western cash houses have been large buyers. Still there has been no aggressively bullish tone. Though the U. S. visible supply lost 510,000 bushels last week it was still 31,964,000 bushels, against only 14,304,000 a year ago. The financial situation too affected this branch of the grain business as it did others. Trading as a rule was not active. To-day prices were a little lower, ending, however, at a moderate rise for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 1 white	cts. 62	Sat. 62	Mon. 62	Tues. 62	Wed. 62	Thurs. 61	Fri. 61
No. 2 white	62	62	62	60 1/2 @ 61	61	61	60

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December delivery in elevator	cts. 46 3/4	Sat. 47 3/4	Mon. 47 3/4	Tues. 46 3/4	Wed. 47 3/4	Thurs. 46 3/4	Fri. 46 3/4
May delivery in elevator	48 3/4	49 1/2	49 3/4	48 3/4	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
July delivery in elevator	48 3/4	48 3/4	49	47 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4

Rye has been fluctuating within narrow bounds but with some tendency towards lower prices. Yet at times cash

premiums have been very firm. On the 21st inst. 300,000 bushels were taken for export and on the 20th 100,000 bushels. Country offerings have been small. The U. S. visible supply decreased last week 176,000 bushels, leaving it only 3,701,000 bushels, against 12,665,000 bushels a year ago. In that week it increased 416,000 bushels, whereas it is falling now. To-day prices declined. Washington reports were not altogether favorable as to the outlook for the signing of the War Finance Corporation bill or a tariff on grain. Prices end somewhat higher for December, but 2 1/2 cents lower on May for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
December delivery in elevator... 157 1/2 155 1/2 156 1/2 156 1/2 159 1/2 159 1/2
May delivery in elevator... 142 1/4 141 140 1/4 140 142 140 1/2

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Rye, and Flour prices. Includes sub-sections for GRAIN and FLOUR.

Table with columns for Spring patents, Winter straights, Hard winter straights, Clear, Rye flour, Corn goods, Yellow meal, and Corn flour.

The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table showing receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye at various ports (Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, Indianapolis) from 1920, 1919, and 1918.

Table showing receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Dec. 18 1920, 1919, and 1918.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Dec. 18 1920 follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye for New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, St. John, and Boston.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Dec. 18 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various ports (New York, Portland, Me., Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, N. B.) for wheat, corn, flour, oats, rye, barley, and peas.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1920 is as below:

Table showing exports for week and since July 1 to United Kingdom, Continent, So. and Cent. Am., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., and Other Countries.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending Dec. 18 1920 and since July 1 1920 and 1919 are shown in the following:

Table showing exports of wheat and corn for 1920 and 1919, categorized by destination (North Amer., Russia, Danube, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countries).

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Dec. 18 1920 was as follows:

Table showing grain stocks for United States, including sub-sections for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

Canadian... Montreal... Ft. William & Pt. Arthur... Other Canadian... American... Canadian... Total Dec. 18 1920... Total Dec. 11 1920... Total Dec. 20 1919...

Table showing production and farm value for various crops (Corn, Winter wheat, Spring wheat, All wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Rice, Potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Hay, tame, Hay, wild).

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREAL AND OTHER CROPS.

The December estimates of the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the acreage, production and value (based on prices paid to farmers on Dec. 1) of important farm crops of the United States in 1920 and 1919, with the average for the five years 1914-1918, based on the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, are as follows (1919 figures revised):

Table showing production and farm value for various crops (Corn, Winter wheat, Spring wheat, All wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Rice, Potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Hay, tame, Hay, wild).

Crop.	Acreage.	Production.		Farm Value Dec. 1.	
		Per Acre.	Total.	Per Unt.	Total.
All hay—				Cens.	\$
1920	73,181,000	1.48	108,233,000	\$16.72	1,809,162,000
1919	72,260,000	1.51	109,152,000	\$19.56	2,134,581,000
Average 1914-18	69,738,000	1.42	99,304,000	\$13.18	1,309,167,000
Tobacco—					
1920	1,894,000	796.71	1,508,064,000	19.8	298,000,000
1919	1,920,000	761.8	1,463,325,000	38.9	569,608,000
Average 1914-18	1,434,000	827.1	1,187,708,000	18.0	214,015,000
Cotton—					
1920	36,383,000	*170.8	12,987,000	*14.0	914,590,000
1919	33,566,000	*161.5	11,421,000	*35.6	2,034,558,000
Average 1914-18	34,616,000	*171.7	12,424,000	*18.6	1,106,524,000
Cottonseed—					
1920	-----	-----	5,778,000	\$26 00	150,237,000
1919	-----	-----	5,074,000	\$72 65	368,626,000
Average 1914-18	-----	-----	5,538,000	\$44 74	247,792,000
Cloverseed—					
1920	966,000	1.8	1,760,000	\$11 66	20,528,000
1919	843,000	1.6	1,341,000	\$26 50	35,541,000
Sugar Beets—					
1920	882,000	9.69	8,545,000	\$11 63	99,396,000
1919	692,000	9.27	6,421,000	\$11 74	75,420,000
Average 1914-18	603,000	10.02	6,050,000	\$6 92	41,843,000
Beet Sugar—					
1920	882,000	2,516	2,219,200,000	-----	-----
1919	692,000	2,098	1,462,902,000	-----	-----
Average 1914-18	603,000	2,612	1,577,235,000	-----	-----
Cane Sugar (La.)—					
1920	196,000	1,898	372,000,000	-----	-----
1919	179,000	1,345	242,000,000	-----	-----
Average 1914-18	218,000	2,214	483,440,000	-----	-----
Maple Sugar & Syrup (as Sugar)					
1920	*19,031,000	-----	36,373,000	d37.0	13,458,000
1919	*18,974,000	-----	41,004,000	d26.9	11,038,000
Sorghum Syrup—					
1920	462,000	92.8	43,876,000	105.2	46,138,000
1919	429,000	82.4	35,409,000	110.2	39,054,000
Average 1914-18	261,000	86.3	22,580,000	-----	-----
Peanuts—					
1920	1,262,000	28.5	35,960,000	135.8	48,829,000
1919	1,256,000	27.0	33,926,000	240.9	81,742,000
Beans (6 States)—					
1920	849,000	10.7	9,075,000	\$2 99	27,114,000
1919	1,002,000	11.9	11,935,000	\$4 28	51,051,000
Average 1914-18	1,295,000	10.2	13,213,000	\$4 60	60,777,000
Kaifrs (7 States)—					
1920	5,404,000	26.6	143,939,000	91.5	131,665,000
1919	5,031,000	25.4	127,563,000	129.4	165,030,000
Broom Corn (7 States)					
1920	199,000	*340.4	33,000	\$125 78	4,263,000
1919	262,000	*386.9	50,000	\$153 64	7,805,000
Onions (12 States)—					
1920	56,000	335.6	19,119,000	131.7	25,179,000
1919	42,000	271.0	11,397,000	213.3	24,309,000
Cabbage (12 States)—					
1920	89,000	9.2	820,000	\$30 78	25,266,000
1919	55,000	6.5	357,000	\$52 74	18,828,000
Hops (4 States)—					
1920	29,000	1,332.8	38,918,000	36.5	14,194,000
1919	25,000	1,133.1	29,346,000	77.2	22,656,000
Cranberries (3 States)					
1920	24,000	17.3	431,000	\$12 75	5,496,000
1919	25,000	22.1	566,000	\$8 36	4,734,000
Average 1914-18	22,000	19.2	442,000	\$7 00	3,093,000
Apples, Total—					
1920	-----	-----	240,646,000	113.0	271,984,000
1919	-----	-----	153,238,000	186.0	285,069,000
Average 1914-18	-----	-----	202,698,000	90.2	182,762,000
Apples, Commercial—					
1920	-----	-----	36,272,000	3.64	132,006,000
1919	-----	-----	26,223,000	5.36	140,649,000
Peaches—					
1920	-----	-----	43,697,000	210.2	91,862,000
1919	-----	-----	49,578,000	191.3	94,818,000
Average 1914-18	-----	-----	47,514,000	111.5	52,998,000
Pears—					
1920	-----	-----	17,279,000	157.5	27,220,000
1919	-----	-----	15,472,000	182.5	28,238,000
Average 1914-18	-----	-----	12,364,000	104.2	12,885,000
Oranges (2 States)—					
1920	-----	-----	27,200,000	2.58	70,125,000
1919	-----	-----	22,075,000	2.67	58,956,000
Soy Beans—					
1920	162,000	16.8	2,724,000	298.0	8,145,000
1919	175,000	14.1	2,460,000	346.7	8,530,000
Cow Peas—					
1920	1,683,000	9.2	15,455,000	230.8	25,768,000
1919	1,453,000	6.5	9,423,000	274.5	25,865,000
Total—1920	351,062,409	-----	-----	-----	\$9,148,519,000
Total—1919	356,162,122	-----	-----	-----	14,087,995,000

* Pounds per acre, and cents per pound. a Trees tapped. b Per tree. d May 15.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 24 1920.

Speaking in a broad, general sense, conditions in textile markets have been "spotty" during the week. Taking into account the combination of holiday and inventory seasons, the recent drastic declines in practically all commodities all over the world, the universal economic and financial unsettlement, it is by no means strange that trade reports reflect great lack of uniformity. On the whole, however, the prevailing tone is evidently more optimistic. Although the most recent concessions on prices named by some of the principal producers of various lines indicate that competition is becoming keener, the feeling is quite general that a change for the better is not far off. The impression prevails that the pressure of liquidation will be lighter henceforth, not sufficiently heavy to cause any further declines of moment. Moreover, there are signs that legitimate trade is increasing; conservative merchants seem more inclined to take hold at current levels, which is accepted as an indication that retail distributors are more concerned about having stocks on hand in anticipation of a better consuming demand in the near future. Those who reduced prices to new low levels report a better inquiry and better prospects for new orders. At the moment new business is light; buying is by no means general; and interest generally vanishes when efforts are made to force higher prices. When standard quality merchandise is offered at firm low prices there are signs of greater willingness to buy moderately for future needs. Second hands still have goods to offer at concessions, but many producers and first-hand sellers are re-

fusing orders at current levels. Commercial paper has been generally active, with the best-known short-term notes discounting at 7 1/4%, and less desirable paper at 8%. to in our last review was still in evidence early this week,

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The firmer tone alluded to but latterly a rather easier feeling has developed, efforts to make sales at higher prices, or even at the slightly firmer levels reached a few days ago, generally serving to drive buyers off. This was ascribed partly to the drop in raw cotton to the year's lowest levels, partly to the naming of new low levels on certain lines, and partly to claims that mills were considering bids at lower prices than they named last week. The new prices alluded to were on wide sheetings, sheets, and pillow cases for future delivery. They were on a basis of 50 cents for Pepperrel 10-4 bleached sheetings, 43 cents for 8-4s, and 46 cents for 9-4s. These were roundly 15 cents below the last list and 40 cents below the year's top levels. Sheetings were inactive, as a rule, although there was a scattered business in fine goods. Narrow drills were available at lower prices and heavy bag cloths were easier. There was a fair trade in print cloths early in the week. Although there were no large orders, buyers were more numerous than they have been for some time. At the start second-hands accepted 8c. and 8 1/2c. for 38 1/2-inch, 64x60s, but mills asked 8 1/4c. to 8 1/2c. There were small sales at 8 1/2c., but large buyers would not pay over 8c., as they could not sell percales at over 12 1/2c. Later there were larger offerings at 8 1/2c., with 8c. the best price obtainable. There was a small business early in 68x72s at 9 3/4c. Large buyers bid only 9 1/4c., while first-hand sellers asked 9 1/2c. Later there was more available at 9 3/4c., with little interest at 9 1/4c. Jobbers and sellers of prints and percales are still held up by the delay in repricing ginghams. In fine goods manufacturers show more interest in future deliveries, especially of fine fancy shirtings and novelty dress fabrics. There is some improvement in combed lawns, but sateens and twills are almost neglected. Mills are evidently making more effort to secure orders for fine specials. More bids are being considered, and while no large sales are reported, it is said that more business is pending.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Although there has been no noteworthy enlargement in the volume of business, the tone is more optimistic than it has been for several weeks. Cutters are still buying only for immediate needs, but it is considered encouraging that commitments are being increased, while less is heard of cancellations. It is evident that pressure of "distress" goods is much lighter, and that liquidation of surplus stocks among first-hands has made appreciable progress. The tendency to look for further improvement is based on the claim that manufacturing clothiers must soon prepare their spring stocks. Some of them say that business is already better, while others still complain of dullness. Some have made good sales to a number of big concerns. There is some talk that clothiers have re-ordered for the spring season, though this is by no means general. In point of activity women's dress goods are still leading men's and boys' wear.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The feature in the burlap markets during the week was the stiffening in Calcutta of about 15 points, Dec-Jan. quotations being 4.65c. for lights and 5.65c. for heavies. This was traceable to better forward buying for late deliveries at the low levels named last week, a good part of the operations being for domestic account. This led to a rather better tone in the local market, there being some feeling that the worst of the decline was over. There were signs of more inquiry, although no disposition was shown to pay more, which was not surprising, as there was still enough liquidation in evidence to make it easy to pick up spot goods as needed. At one time light weights were as low as 4.30c., but later they were quoted at 4.40c. to 4.50c., and heavies at 5.25c. to 5.50c. November shipments from Calcutta were placed at 48,000,000 to 50,000,000 yards, which is considerably less than in previous months. Some interest was shown in odd widths and weights, and odd lots of bag goods were picked up at last week's low levels. The linen market has continued quiet and without any feature to indicate positive alteration in the near future. There are a number of buyers on hand, but their ideas are generally far below those of sellers. Although many sellers are asking fully 25% below their recent quotations, and goods are available in many quarters below cost of replacement, buyers are taking only enough to cover immediate wants, and only when prices are low. They are generally inclined to await the result of the January white sales. Their aloof attitude is encouraged partly by further claims that Continental growers are offering flax to British spinners at concessions. On the other hand, many holders here are unwilling to make further price reductions. They argue that retail prices are attractive and the coming sales should move many of the large stocks off the shelves, leading to a better demand in the wholesale market. They are also impressed by claims of more plants shutting down in the United Kingdom and the announcement that Belfast mills and factories had closed for five weeks.

State and City Department

STATE AND CITY SECTION.

A new number of our "State and City Section," revised to date, appears to-day, and all readers of the paper who are subscribers should receive a copy of it. As previously announced, this Supplement is now printed in two parts, Part One containing the New England, Central and Middle States, having been issued last July, while Part Two, embracing the rest of the country, appears to-day. The change is due to the fact that with the growth and multiplication of the municipalities of the United States the demand for additional space has become too heavy to satisfy within the limits of a single number.

NEWS ITEMS.

Lamanda Park, Calif.—Proposed Annexation to Pasadena Voted.—At a special election held Dec. 15 the people of Lamanda Park voted in favor of annexing Lamanda Park to the city of Pasadena. The majority for annexation was 204.

Massachusetts.—Special Session of the Legislature Pro-rogued.—The special session of the Massachusetts Legislature which convened Dec. 7 was prorogued shortly after ten p. m. Dec. 22. Important measures signed by the Governor were: the bill to increase the salaries of Boston school teachers; the bill empowering the Mayor of Boston to suspend until Mar. 1 1921, the operation of the law requiring the installation of automatic sprinklers in Boston tenements and the codification and revision of the General Laws.

Oregon.—Supreme Court Holds Debt Amendment as Being in Full Effect.—The Oregon Supreme Court in a decision rendered Dec. 14 held that the constitutional amendment providing that counties may issue bonds for permanent highway improvements up to 6% of their assessed valuation is valid (V. 111, p. 1772). The Portland "Oregonian" says:

The amendment was approved by the voters at a special election held early in 1919. Figures showing the amount to be available were made public by the State Highway Department here following the announcement of the Supreme Court's decision.

To-day's opinion by the Supreme Court reversed the ruling in the case of W. P. Hawley of Oregon City against Clackamas County.

The ruling validating the constitutional amendment was made in a case brought by the Ladd & Tilton Bank of Portland against John Frawley, Treasurer of Union County, to collect interest on approximately \$60,000 of road bonds purchased from the county. In the Clackamas case the Court had held that additional legislation was needed to make the amendment effective.

Bond issues voted by counties which were held up by the first opinion of the Supreme Court, but which now will be made available, are as follows: Lane County, approximately \$2,000,000; Clackamas County, \$1,700,000; Union County, \$1,498,000; Jackson County, \$500,000; Yamhill County, \$420,000, and Crook County, \$220,000.

Practically all of these bonds had been voted prior to receipt of the opinion in the Clackamas County case, which held them to be invalid in the absence of legislation putting the 6% indebtedness limitation amendment into effect.

Roy Klein, Secretary of the Highway Department, said that in reversing its previous ruling the Supreme Court had placed the several counties affected in a position to sell their securities and start actual road improvement operations at an early date next spring.

The opinion validating the highway constitutional amendment was written by Justice Bean. Concurring with Justice Bean in his opinion were Chief Justice McBride and Justices Harris, Johns and Brown. Justices Burnett and Benson dissented.

"After a careful examination and reconsideration of the questions involved," said Justice Bean in the case affecting Union County, "we hold that the amendment of Section 10, Article 2, of the constitution, taken in connection with Chapter 103, General Laws of Oregon for the year 1913, is in full and complete effect. The bonds in question were regularly issued and are a valid obligation of the county of Union."

In the Clackamas County case Judge Bean held that the bonds were invalid, thereby reversing himself in the Union County action. Justice Bennett, until recently a member of the Court, also held against Clackamas County, while Justice Brown, who succeeded Mr. Bennett on the bench, concurred with Justice Bean in the predominating opinion in the Union County case.

In the Clackamas County case Justice Benson, who wrote the opinion, held that the 1919 amendment extending the road indebtedness limitation to 6% was not self-executing, and consequently the bonds were invalid for the reason that the amount involved was in excess of the 4% limitation based on the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county.

BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS.

California.—Bonds Called.—Notice has been given by Friend W. Richardson, State Treasurer of California, of the redemption of 115 San Francisco sea wall bonds on presentation at his office in Sacramento on or before Jan. 2 1921. The numbers follow:

- 16, 29, 41, 131, 162, 164, 193, 359, 376, 417, 418, 427, 461, 466, 468, 472, 504, 513, 525, 546, 564, 578, 591, 627, 662, 679, 695, 705, 706, 714, 734, 739, 759, 783, 791, 800, 801, 804, 835, 839, 841, 863, 878, 880, 882, 909, 937, 985, 986, 988, 1088, 1104, 1111, 1113, 1116, 1151, 1166, 1175, 1177, 1188, 1208, 1214, 1221, 1223, 1230, 1232, 1241, 1245, 1260, 1289, 1290, 1296, 1305, 1320, 1348, 1364, 1368, 1397, 1425, 1486, 1492, 1498, 1504, 1509, 1516, 1518, 1553, 1557, 1580, 1587, 1591, 1608, 1625, 1670, 1673, 1677, 1683, 1689, 1694, 1708, 1720, 1742, 1799, 1862, 1871, 1879, 1893, 1899, 1902, 1918, 1942, 1951, 1953, 1958, 1995.

Interest on these bonds will cease after Jan. 2 1921.
Carbon County School District No. 3 (P. O. Rawlins), Wyo.—Bond Call.—Bonds, Nos. 17 and 18 and issued 1895 are called for payment Jan. 1 1921. S. Park is County Treasurer.

Cooper County (P. O. Boonville), Mo.—Bond Call.—County court house bonds Nos. 63 to 137, incl., for \$500 each, dated Jan. 1 1912, have been called for payment Jan. 1 1921. Bonds bear 4% interest.

Costilla County (P. O. San Luis), Colo.—Bond Call.—On Jan. 15, refunding bonds, Nos. 37 and 38, will be called for payment. M. E. Sanchez is County Treasurer.

Limon, Lincoln County, Colo.—Bond Call.—Water Works bonds, Nos. 1-24, inclusive, have been called and will be paid Jan. 1 1921.

Pacific, Franklin County, Mo.—Bond Call.—A 5% water-works bond, No. 9, for \$500, dated Jan. 1 1912, has been called and will be paid Jan. 1 1921.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABBEVILLE, Abbeville County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5 1/2% tax-free paving bonds, offered on May 12 (V. 110, p. 1995), have been purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Due July 1 1940.
Financial Statement.

Actual values.....	\$6,000,000
Assessed values, 1920.....	1,682,355
Total debt (including this issue).....	\$264,000
Less water debt.....	\$25,000
Sinking fund.....	40,000—65,000
Net debt.....	199,500

AIR LINE SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT, Mississippi County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters on Dec. 7 favored the issuance of \$140,000 road bonds, it is stated, by a vote of 1,164 to 52.

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 23 Barr & Schmetzler, of New York, were awarded the following two issues of 5% tax-free registered bonds offered on that date (V. 111, p. 2443) at 100.2798, a basis of about 4.96%:
 \$300,000 school construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1941, inclusive.
 60,000 city-hall improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1941, inclusive.

The following three issues were purchased at the same time by the City Comptroller at par for the Sinking Funds:
 \$19,500 public bath improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,300. Due \$1,300 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1936, inclusive.
 16,200 public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,620. Due \$1,620 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
 12,000 gas site purchase bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1933, inclusive.

ALCOA, Blount County, Tenn.—DELIVERY OF BONDS.—The \$150,000 6% coupon (registerable as to principal only) funding and sewer bonds, which will be sold at 11 a. m. Dec. 28 and details of which appeared in V. 111, p. 2443, will be delivered Jan. 1 1921, or as soon thereafter as bonds can be prepared.

ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Altoona), Blair County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. N. Decker, Secretary of Schools, will receive proposals until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 3 for \$200,000 5 1/2% coupon tax-free school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (P. & A.) payable at the Central Trust Co., of Altoona. Due \$10,000 Feb. 1 1922 and 1923, and \$15,000 yearly, on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1935, inclusive. Certified check for \$5,000 required. Purchaser to have the necessary bonds printed.

AMARILLO, Potter County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Newspapers state that the \$300,000 auditorium bonds (V. 111, p. 1198) have been sold to the McMahon Bonding Co. at par.

APACHE COUNTY (P. O. St. Johns), Ariz.—BIDS REJECTED.—The following bids which were submitted on Dec. 6 for the purpose of obtaining \$175,000 5% road bonds (V. 111, p. 2063) were turned down:
 Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co.....\$2.00 Bankers Trust Co.....80.00

ARAPAOH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Engle wood), Colo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—A description of the \$80,000 5% school-building bonds, which were purchased by the International Trust Co., of Denver, will be found in this department under the caption of "Englewood School District No. 1, Colo."

ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—B. E. Brainard, Clerk of Board of County Commrs., will receive bids until 1 p. m. Dec. 27 for the following 6% road bonds:
 \$200,000 bonds maturing \$22,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1928 incl. and \$24,000 Oct. 1 1929.
 162,000 bonds maturing \$18,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1929 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, is required with each issue.

BAYFIELD, Bayfield County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee purchased \$20,000 6% street improvement bonds at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1920. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on March 1 from 1921 to 1940 incl.

The above bonds are part of a \$25,000 bond issue.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Dillon), Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—This district did not sell the \$75,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds (V. 111, p. 2063) on Dec. 15.

The Board is at present procuring the opinion of a bond attorney and will reoffer these bonds later, probably on sealed unconditional bids.

BELHAVEN, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—On Jan. 20 the following 6% coupon bonds (V. 110, p. 2215) will be offered for sale:

- \$60,000 water-works bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1946, inclusive, and \$3,000 1947 to 1950, inclusive.
- 60,000 sewer bonds. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1946, inclusive, and \$3,000 1947 to 1950, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money for or in an amount equal to 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the town of Belhaven, required. The successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, New York, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the town of Belhaven. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Proposals for the said bonds will be received until 2 p. m. on the above date by D. S. Smith, Town Clerk.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Vinton), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—L. O. McMillan, County Treasurer, will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. Jan. 3, \$90,000 bridge funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 3 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer, without exchange. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$3,000, 1936; \$12,000, 1937 and 1938 and \$15,000, 1939 to 1941, incl. The bonds are to be printed and paid for by the purchaser and purchaser is to pay all legal expenses attached to same. Bonds are to be delivered to the Treasurer of Benton County, Iowa, within 30 days from the date of sale. The bonds will be issued under the authority of Section 403 of the Supplement to the Code of Iowa, and will be a general obligation against all property in Benton County, Iowa. Bidders, if they so desire, may mail a sealed bid to the Treasurer of Benton County, Vinton, Iowa, the bid will be opened at the hour of sale, publicly read and will be considered as a bid by the said Treasurer. Treasurer reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Board of Supervisors has not fixed the rate of interest. In sending sealed bids to be opened at time of sale, specify the lowest rate of interest on which a par bid is based. The rate of interest will be fixed on day of sale, depending on financial conditions at that time. Official circular that no default has ever been made in payment of any Benton County bonds or obligations of any character and that no litigations is pending or threatened regarding the issuance of bonds.

Financial Statistics.

Table with columns: Assessed Value, Taxable Value. Rows include Value of real estate, 1919; Value of personal, 1919; Moneys and credits, 1919; Total; Present bonded debt of Benton County, Iowa.

Population of Benton County, approximately, 25,000.

BLOOMINGTON, McLean County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—E. R. Morgan, Commr. of Accounts & Finances, will receive proposals until 10 a. m. Jan. 15 for the \$125,000 6% water, subway and viaduct bonds voted on Nov. 2—V. 111, p. 2063.

BOI E CITY, Ada County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Angela Hopper, City Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 23 (to be opened 2 p. m. on that day) for the following improvement bonds at not exceeding 7% interest:

- \$15,974 70 Local Paving Improvement District No. 25 bonds. Denoms. 30 for \$500 and 10 for \$97 47. Date Feb. 4 1920. Int. F. & A. Due \$1,597 47 yearly on Feb. 4 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive. Certified check on some bank in Boise City for \$500 required.

Financial Statements.

Table with columns: Assessed valuation of district, Estimated actual valuation of district. Rows include Paving District No. 25, Sidewalk and Curb Improvement District No. 36.

Other Improvements of district is sewer, 3-10 paid. Local Light Improvement District No. 4.

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The following is a financial statement of the city of Boise City: Assessed valuation of all taxable property of Boise for 1920—\$19,170,200 00

BONHAM, Fannin County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on Jan. 11 an issue of \$150,000 municipal light and power plant bldg. bonds will be voted upon it is reported.

BOULDER, Boulder County, Colo.—SUIT.—Newspapers state that the suit involving the \$100,000 5% 10-15-year (opt.) memorial park bond issue—V. 110, p. 184—is now in the hands of the Supreme Court.

BOZEMAN, Gallatin County, Mont.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for \$60,000 refunding bonds to take up outstanding city warrants were rejected.

BRENTFORD INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 1 (P. O. Brentford), Spink County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 14 by R. C. Styles, Clerk, Board of Education, for \$50,000 7% school bldg. bonds.

BURLEY, Cassia County, Idaho.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—In conjunction with the sale of the \$14,000 6% city hall bonds, award of which was made on Nov. 16 to Keeler Bros. of Denver at par and interest—V. 111, p. 2155—we are now in receipt of the following information: Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due Dec. 1 1940; c. tional Dec. 1 1930.

BURLINGTON, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—There were no bidders for the issue of \$90,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) sewer bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 111, p. 2347—but \$85,000 were later sold to the Burlington Sewerage Co. at par and interest.

BUTTE, Silver Bow County, Mont.—BID REJECTED.—The only bid, which was received from W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo on Dec. 15 for the \$600,000 6% funding bonds—V. 111, p. 2347—was rejected.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive bids until 12:30 p. m. Jan. 7 for \$530,000 6% coupon water works system impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at Kountze Bros. of New York. Due \$18,000, Oct. 1 1943, and \$32,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1944 to 1949, incl. Cert. check on a local solvent bank, for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at Canton within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and furnish the necessary blank bonds.

BOND OFFERING.—City Auditor will also receive proposals for the following four issues of 5% coupon bonds until 12 m. Jan. 3:

\$300,000 intercepting sewer bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1921 to 1932, incl.; and \$8,000, 1933 to 1959, incl. 300,000 storm water sewer bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1921 to 1932, incl.; and \$8,000, 1933 to 1959, incl. 365,000 water-course bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1921 to 1934 incl. and \$9,000 1935 to 1959 incl. 1,600,000 street repair (city's portion) bonds. Due \$42,000 Dec. 1 1921 and \$41,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1922 to 1959, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office, or at Kountze Bros., of New York. Cert. check on a local solvent bank, for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the City Treasurer's office within 30 days from date of award. Bids must be made on blanks which may be obtained by applying to the City Auditor. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and print the necessary blank bonds.

CAPE MAY, Cape May County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two blocks of 5% bonds, amounting to \$98,000 offered on Dec. 14—V. 111, p. 2063—were not sold.

CARROLLTON, Carroll County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 12 by J. E. Gullion, Mayor, for \$18,000 6% coupon city bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at such place as purchaser may designate at the time of the acceptance of his bid. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1957, incl., but with the right reserved to pay off all or any part of said bonds on Jan. 1 in any year by the paying to the designated Trustee the amount of bonds then outstanding together with a premium of 1% thereon. Certified check or cash for \$200 required. The purchaser shall furnish the blank forms at his own expense. The purchaser will be required to pay for said bonds on delivery of the same by the city, and must furnish the blank bonds for execution by the city within 30 days from the date of the sale or his deposit will be forfeited. The purchaser will be required to pay the interest which shall accrue upon the bonds from Jan. 1 1919 until the same shall be fully paid for.

CASPER, Natrona County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Asa F. Sloane, City Clerk, advises us that the following 6% bonds, which were voted on Nov. 2, will be offered for sale after Jan. 1 1921. \$500,000 15-30 year (opt.) water bonds. Vote 2419 to 783. 150,000 10-20 year (opt.) sewerage bonds. Vote 2349 to 779. 110,000 10-20 year (opt.) fire dept. bldg. bonds. Vote 2038 to 970. 25,000 10-20 year (opt.) cemetery bonds. Vote 2257 to 788. 50,000 drainage bonds. Vote 2195 to 794. Cert. check for 10% required. Bonded Debt (excluding this issue) \$802,000 Warrant debt (add'l) 172,308. Assessed value \$22,297,298. Actual value (est.) \$30,000,000. Population (est.) 20,000.

CASS COUNTY, (P. O. Linden), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—In a special election held in Precinct 7, a bond issue for \$35,000 was voted by a majority of nearly 3 to 1, it is stated.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 17 the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston was awarded \$75,000 5 1/4% 1-5-year serial sewer bonds at 100.16, a basis of about 5.44%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due \$15,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1925 inclusive.

CLARA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by J. P. Davis, Clerk of Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Waynesboro) for the \$10,000 6% school bonds, offered without success on Dec. 6—V. 111, p. 2248. until Jan. 3, it is stated. Int. semi-ann.

COHN CENTRAL CONSOLIDATED RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 761, Kings County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$118,000 tax-free gold bonds, which were recently awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Los Angeles—V. 111, p. 2443—are described as follows: Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$23,000 1926, \$24,000 1927 to 1929 incl., and \$23,000 1930.

CROOKSTON, Polk County, Minn.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$2,658 25 6% 1-5-year sewer bond issue which was sold on Dec. 14 to M. R. Hussey and John McDonnell, both of Crookston, at par—V. 111, p. 2443—is described as follows: Denom. \$531.65. Interest annually.

CROW WING COUNTY (P. O. Brainerd), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 4 p. m. Dec. 27 sealed bids will be received for \$70,000 6% road bonds by C. W. Mahlum, County Auditor. Date Dec. 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis. Due Dec. 15 1930. Cert. check for \$3,500, payable to S. R. Adair, County Treasurer, required.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 20 the \$55,000 6% 26-year (aver.) water-works-extension bonds—V. 111, p. 2248—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$56,133, equal to 102.06, a basis of about 5.84%. Date Nov. 1 1920.

DAKOTA COUNTY (P. O. Hastings), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 20 Gates, White & Co., of St. Paul, was awarded the \$250,000 5 1/4% road bonds—V. 111, p. 2443—at 101 a basis of about 5.15%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 1 1925.

DAWSON COUNTY (P. O. Glendive), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 highway bond issue which was offered on May 11—V. 110, p. 2103—but then failed to receive a satisfactory bid, has been awarded at par for 6s as follows: \$150,000 bonds to A. H. Turriton of Minneapolis. 50,000 bonds to Gordon Lindsay of Minneapolis.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 22 the \$15,600 5% Wm. Grelle et al Caesar Creek Trwp. road impt. bonds—V. 111, p. 2443—were awarded to the Dillsboro State and the First National Banks of Dillsboro, at par and interest. Date Oct. 4 1920. Due \$780 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl.

DEER LODGE, Powell County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 3 \$225,000 water-works-system bonds are to be voted upon.

DOVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% Cahoon Road impt. bonds offered on Dec. 16 (V. 111, p. 2248) were awarded to W. Hille of Dover, at par and interest. Date Dec. 1 1920. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1931 incl.

DUBLIN, Laurens County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—According to reports, the Dublin and Laurens Bank of Dublin recently purchased \$55,000 5% various improvement bonds.

EAST LAKE, De Kalb County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta has purchased \$35,000 5 1/4% tax-free school and water-works bonds. Date Oct. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at New York City. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000 1930, \$12,000 1940 and \$12,000 1950.

Table with columns: Actual value of property, Assessed valuation for taxation, 1920, Total bonded indebtedness, Water-works bonds, Sinking fund, Net debt.

EAST PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Peoria), Tazewell County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago have purchased and are now offering to investors at prices yielding from 5.40% to 5.75% an issue of \$150,000 6% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1923 to 1927 incl.; \$10,000, 1928 to 1932 incl. and \$13,000, 1933 to 1937 incl.

ELIZABETH BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elizabeth), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Mullen, Briggs & Co. of Philadelphia, bidding \$36,137 50 (103.25) and interest, a basis of about 5.20%, was awarded the \$35,000 5 1/4% coupon tax-free school bonds. Date Nov. 15 1920. Due \$5,000 on Nov. 15 in 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940 and 1945; and \$10,000 Nov. 15 1950. The following is a complete list of the bidders: Mullen, Briggs & Co., Phil., \$36,137 50; W. W. Goldsborough, Pitts., \$35,787 00; Lyon, Singer & Co., Pitts., 36,086 00; J. H. Holmes & Co., Pitts., 35,561 00; Glover, MacGregor & Co., State Bank of Elizabeth, 35,175 00; Pittsburgh, 35,901 00.

ELVINS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Elvins), St. Francois County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis has purchased the \$80,000 6% school bonds. These are the bonds which were offered unsuccessfully on June 1.—V. 110, p. 2506.

ENGLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Englewood), Arapahoe County, Colo.—CORRECTION.—It appears that the International Trust Co. of Denver did acquire an issue of \$80,000 5% school bldg bonds from this district but that the award was made during March 1919 and our remarks of two weeks ago need modification to that extent. The bonds answer the following description: Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Date April 15 1919. Int. A. & O. Due April 15 1949, optional April 15 1939. It is proper to state however, that the official name of the district issuing the bonds is "Arapahoe County School District No. 1."

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.—NO BIDDERS.—There were no bidders for the \$500,000 4 1/2% road bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 111, p. 2248.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS—TO TRY PRIVATE SALE.—There were no bids for the 17 issues of 6% coupon special assessment bonds, aggregating \$241,250, offered on Dec. 13 (V. 111, p. 2248) Village Clerk Dunlop informs us that an effort will be made to arrange a private sale of the bonds.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 20 \$18,000 5 1/2% 1-6-year serial coupon tax-free school house bonds were awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Boston at 100.41, a basis of about 5.37%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Due \$3,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1926 inclusive.

FALLS COUNTY ROAD PRECINCT NO. 1, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$50,000 5% 10-30-year bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on Dec. 14.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BONDS APPROVED.—E. C. Manning, City Financial Commissioner, states that Jno. C. Thomson of N. Y. has approved the \$1,890,000 5% tax-free gold coupon bonds. These bonds were sold to a syndicate of bond brokers as previously stated in V. 111, p. 2065.

FRANKLIN INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Madison R. F. D.), Lake County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids for the purchase of \$20,000 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds, at not exceeding 7% interest, will be received by Geo. W. Bagley, Clerk Board of Education, until 8 p. m. Jan. 11. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 10% required.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kimblesville), Chester County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 6 p. m. Jan. 11 by J. Clarence Mackie, Secretary of Township Supervisors, for \$10,000 coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1951 incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to "Franklin Twp.," required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on or about Mar. 1. Bidders must state interest rate desired—5 1/2%, 5 3/4% or 6%.

GALLATIN COUNTY (P. O. Bozeman), Mont.—BOND SALE.—This county sold the \$19,500 6% funding bonds (V. 111, p. 2248) to local banks on Dec. 13 at par. Denoms. \$7,500, \$5,500, \$2,500 and \$4,000. Date Dec. 13 1920. Due June 1 1921, optional Jan. 1 1921.

GALVESTON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Dec. 13 \$5,000 5% 5-20-year bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

GARDEN COUNTY (P. O. Oskosh), Nebr.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Trust Co. of Denver, has purchased \$27,000 6% 11 to 20 yr. serial bridge bonds. Dated June 1 1920.

Financial Statement. Tax levy value (1-5 appr.).....\$3,590,000 Bond debt, this issue only— Population 5,000.

GOLDMINE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—S. C. Holden, Clerk Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Louisburg), will receive bids for \$40,000 6% school bonds until Jan. 3.

GOLDSBORO, Wayne County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Tyson, City Clerk, will receive sealed proposals until 7:45 p. m. Jan. 3 for the following 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds: \$120,000 sewer bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1921 to 1940, inclusive, and \$4,000 1941 to 1960, inclusive.

47,000 water bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1921 to 1953, inclusive, and \$2,000 1954 to 1960, inclusive. 16,000 street department equipment bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1922 to 1928, inclusive, and \$1,000 1929 and 1930. 227,000 street-improvement bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$42,000 1922, \$25,000 1923 to 1926, inclusive; \$17,000 1927; \$6,000 1928 to 1931, inclusive; \$7,000 1932 and 1933; \$15,000 1934 and 1935.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, New York. Certified check or cash on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above Clerk, required. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the city of Goldsboro. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed on the bonds.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 27 by J. C. Shinkman, City Clerk, for the following 6% tax-free special assessment bonds: \$250,000 street impt. bonds. Due \$50,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1921 to 1925 incl.

130,000 street-impt. bonds. Due \$13,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1921 to 1930 incl. 50,000 sewer-construction bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1921 to 1925 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Grants Pass), Josephine County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The Ralph Scheneloch Co. of Portland was awarded the \$200,000 6% 10-20 year bonds—V. 111, p. 2156—on Dec. 13 at 90 and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J.

GREENFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenfield), Dade County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—On Dec. 5 \$40,000 school-building bonds carried, by a vote of 478 to 138.

GULF SHORE SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, Manatee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Jan. 8 (to be opened Jan. 11 at 10 a. m.) by J. W. Ponder, Chairman Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Bradentown), for \$160,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due \$32,000 on Jan. 1 in each of the years 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946 and 1951. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required.

HALLETTVILLE, Lavaca County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The bond issue of \$20,000, money to be used in rehabilitating the electric-light and water-works plants, carried by practically a unanimous vote at a recent election.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the four issues of 5 1/2% Cincinnati-Dayton Intercity Highway No. 19 bonds, aggregating \$237,500, offered on Dec. 17 (V. 111, p. 2348). The bonds are to be reoffered at the same interest rate.

HAMPDEN COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 28 for the purchase of \$500,000 5 1/2% registered tax-free notes, dated Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston. Due Jan. 1 1924. Notes will be engraved under supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., which will further certify that the legality of the issue has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. All legal papers will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they may be inspected.

HARDIN, Big Horn County, Mont.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The \$8,800 6% water bonds, offered on June 1—V. 110, p. 217—have not been sold as yet.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Tex.—BONDS APPROVED.—On Dec. 13 the \$828,000 5% road bonds, which were recently offered without success—V. 111, p. 2444—were registered with the State Comptroller.

HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held Dec. 15 it is stated, the taxpayers by 371 to 234 defeated a proposition to issue \$300,000 bonds for the completion of the new high school.

HELENA, Lewis and Clark County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—By submitting a proposal for par the Montana Trust & Savings Bank of Helena obtained the \$200,000 water bonds, "Series K"—V. 111, p. 2065—on Dec. 20 at public auction. Date July 1 1920. Due \$200,000 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935, inclusive, and are optional and redeemable in like order, as required by the statutes, whenever there is \$1,000 in the sinking fund at any time during the year immediately prior to date of the maturity thereof, upon 30 days' notice to the holder.

HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports say that proposals will be received until Dec. 27 by G. W. Brooks, City Clerk, for \$33,000 water and \$29,000 refunding 6% bonds.

HERNANDO COUNTY SUB. SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brooksville), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—On Dec 6 the \$20,000 6% 20-year school bonds—V. 111, p. 1969—were not sold.

HIDALGO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Pharr), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$1,500,000 6% serial water-improvement bonds on Dec. 16. These bonds were voted on Oct. 16 (V. 111, p. 1774).

HIGHLAND PARK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$275,000 6% paving bonds was recently sold to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due Nov. 1 1926.

HIGH POINT TOWNSHIP, Guilford County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of high school bonds, not to exceed \$600,000, will be submitted to the voters on Jan. 18, it is reported.

HOLLY, Prowers County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$20,000 6% 10-15-year (opt.) water bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921. Interest J. & J. New York payment.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Frank Barnes, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 27 for the following 4 1/2% road bonds:

\$2,400 Eli P. Miller, Salamonie Twp. bonds. Denom. \$120. Due \$120 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. 9,400 Benjamin M. Hewitt et al Wayne Twp. bonds. Denom. \$470. Due \$470 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, incl. Date Nov. 15 1920. Int. M. & N.

IDLEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—There were no bids for the 21 issues of 6% coupon special assessment bonds, aggregating \$249,962.86, offered on Dec. 6—V. 111, p. 1967. The bonds are still on the market for sale to anyone interested.

JEROME, Jerome County, Ida.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Paving intersection bonds amounting to \$16,000 and fire department bonds amounting to \$8,000 are being offered to investors by Keeler Bros. of Denver at par and accrued interest, to yield 6%. Interest rate 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in New York or at the City Treasurer's office, at option of holder. Due Nov. 1 1940, optional Nov. 1 1930. These bonds are payable in gold and are tax-free.

Financial Statement. Real valuation (estimated).....\$1,800,000 00 Assessed valuation 1920 (estimated)..... 618,008 00 Total bonded debt (including this issue).....\$54,000 Population, officially estimated, 2,000.

KNOXVILLE, Marion County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago is offering to investors at a price to yield 5.75% \$13,000 6% coupon water-works refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1929 to 1941, inclusive.

Financial Statement. *Value of taxable property.....\$3,786,672 Total debt (this issue included)..... 313,190 Less water debt.....\$88,500 Net debt..... 44,690 Population, 1920 Census, 3,523.

* The Constitutional debt limit is 5% of the value of taxable property. The Supreme Court of Iowa defined this to be 5% of the actual value of taxable property as returned by the assessor and as equalized.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$125,000 5% L. J. Gross et al Carr & Clinton Twp. road bonds, offered on Dec. 8 (V. 111, p. 2156).

LAURENS COUNTY (P. O. Dublin), Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—On Dec. 15 the \$300,000 5% gold bridge bonds V. 111, p. 2249—were not sold because the bids received, were too low.

LE FLORE COUNTY (P. O. Greenwood), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—A. R. Bew, Clerk Board of County Supervisors will receive bids until Jan. 4 for \$300,000 6% road-improvement bonds. Interest semi-annual. Due 1-50th each year during first five years, 1-25th each during succeeding ten years, and the remaining bonds to mature in equal annual payments during succeeding ten years. The said bonds, which were authorized by the voters on Nov. 30 1920 by a vote of 370 to 110, will be sold in blocks to suit purchasers. The official announcement says that no litigation is pending or threatened affecting in any manner the issuance of the bonds, no previous bond issues in this county have ever been contested, county has never been in default in payment of principal or interest on any previous issues.

Financial Statement. Estimated value of taxable property.....\$75,000,000 Assessed value of property, 1920..... 21,224,628 Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue..... 1,010,000 Cash value of sinking fund..... 100,000 Tax levy for 1920 for all purposes (including State and levee district), 37 1/2 mills. Population of county, 1920 Census, 37,356.

LENOIR COUNTY (P. O. Kinston), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, until Jan. 3 at 11 a. m. when they will be publicly opened for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$700,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) road impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. and interest on registered bonds will at the request of the registered holder, be paid in New York exchange. Interest coupon on said bonds maturing on or before Dec. 1 1920, will be detached before delivery. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$60,000 1935 to 1939 incl., and \$80,000 1940 to 1944 incl. Cert. check or cash for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to John H. Dawson, County Treasurer, required. The purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York, that the bonds are binding obligations of Lenoir County and the bonds will be printed under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal on the bonds. The option of bonds to be issued under a special Act which authorized an unlimited tax to pay them. Delivery will be made in Kinston or New York, at the option of purchaser, within one week after the bonds are awarded.

Financial Statement. Assessed value taxable property (1920).....\$45,761,710 Bonded debt (including the bonds now offered for sale)..... 1,415,000 Population, Federal Census (1920), 29,900.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Stoddard County, Mo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The following details have been issued in connection with the sale of \$145,000 5 1/2% bonds, awarded as reported in V. 110, p. 1002. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Boardman's Bank, St. Louis. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1922 to 1930, inclusive, and \$11,000 1931 to 1935, incl. Financial Statement. Estimated true valuation taxable property.....\$8,832,323 Assessed valuation taxable property 1919..... 3,091,313 Bonded debt (this issue only)..... 145,000 Population, 1920 Census, 7,500.

LIMESTONE COUNTY (P. O. Groesbeck), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition providing for the issuance of \$75,000 road District No. 11 bonds was defeated by about 37 votes on Dec. 11. It is stated. A petition asking for another election was presented to the Commissioners' Court on Dec. 13.

LOGAN, Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. I. Klieg, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 8 for \$2,350 6% street improvement bonds, in addition to the \$3,700 6% Pottery St. improvement bonds described in V. 111, p. 2445. Denom. \$235. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (P. O. Iliff), Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—Subject to being voted, \$50,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) school bonds have been sold to the International Trust Co. of Denver. Election to be held in thirty days. Assessed valuation \$1,481,000. Bonded debt, none.

LYNDHURST TOWNSHIP, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$375,000 6% coupon sewer bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 111, p. 2249—were not sold.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Dec. 21, it is stated, a temporary loan of \$150,000, dated Dec. 22 and maturing March 21 1921, was awarded to the Security Trust Co. of Lynn on a 5.95% basis.

MCCLELLAN TOWNSHIP, Newton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ora A. Sellers, Township Trustee, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Jan. 10 for \$25,000 6% school-house bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1921 to 1925, incl., and \$2,000 1926 to 1935, incl. Certified check on some national or state bank in Indiana for \$25,000, plus the premium offered, payable to the above Trustee, required.

MCDOWELL COUNTY (P. O. Marion), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 6% highway bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 111, p. 2066—have been purchased by the Provident Savings Bank and N. S. Hill & Co. both of Cincinnati. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Due July 1 1950 subject to call \$15,000 yearly on July 1 from 1941 to 1950 incl. Total Debt (including this issue) \$381,204.88. Assessed value 1920, \$22,911,458.39. Real value (est.) \$55,000,000.00.

MCHENRY COUNTY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 153 (P. O. Harvard), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, recently purchased an issue of \$200,000 5% coupon school site and bldg. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at Harvard. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1921 to 1940, incl.

MCHENRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (P. O. Woodstock), Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was awarded at 93.67, a basis of about 5.72%, the \$35,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 20 (V. 111, p. 2445). Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1930 to 1936, inclusive.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% coupon voting-machine bonds offered on Dec. 22 (V. 111, p. 2066) were awarded to the Automatic Registering Machine Co. at par. Int. J. & D. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1929, inclusive.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that proposals for \$89,000 5% and \$20,000 5½% bonds will be received until 7:30 p. m. Dec. 30.

MAMARONECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Larchmont), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles M. Bingham, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 8:30 p. m. Jan. 11 for \$10,000 5¼% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of New York. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1940 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that the City Treasurer will receive bids until 2 p. m. Dec. 30 for \$300,000 5% school bonds. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$15,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1941, inclusive.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Jan. 10 by U. G. Boyer, County Clerk for \$225,000 5½% road bonds. Denoms. \$50 or multiples thereof up to \$1,000, to suit purchaser. Date Jan. 10 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$85,000 1926 and 1927, and \$55,000 1928. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to Marion County, required. The successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, that the bonds are valid obligations of Marion County. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward A. Badger, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 9 a. m. Dec. 28 for the following 5% coupon tax-free bonds: \$4,000 street bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1924, incl. 8,000 water-main-extension bonds. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 in 1921, 1922 and 1923, and \$1,000 on Dec. 1 in 1924 and 1925. 25,000 additional Fulton Heights School bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1921 to 1930, incl., and \$1,000 1931 to 1935, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts, and will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, which will further certify that the legality of these issues has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, a copy of whose opinion will accompany the bonds when delivered, without charge to the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues, together with an affidavit certifying to the proper execution of the bonds, will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they may be inspected.

MICHIGAN CITY, La Porte County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$180,000 6% coupon water-works bonds offered on Dec. 14—V. 111, p. 2157—was awarded on that day to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis at a bid of \$183,888 (102.16) and interest, a basis of about 5.64%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$12,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1936, incl. The bidders were: Meyer-Kiser Bank, \$183,888 Fletcher-American Co., Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chi., 183,315 Indianapolis, \$182,016

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$28,436.20 5½% assessment paying bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 111, p. 2250—were not sold, as no bids were received.

MILACA, Mille Lacs County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that \$22,500 sewer bonds have been disposed of.

MINERS MILLS BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 4 by Peter Mycock, District Secretary, for \$80,000 5% tax-free bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 yearly from 1924 to 1943, incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Modesto), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 14 the \$505,000 6% bonds—V. 111, p. 2250—were sold as follows: \$25,000 bonds to W. F. Rose of Modesto at par and interest. 140,000 bonds to the American Nat. Bank of Modesto at 97.12 and int. 190,000 bonds to the Modesto Bank, Modesto, at 97.03 and interest. 150,000 bonds to Wm. Cavalier & Co. of Oakland at 98.05 and interest. Date July 1 1920.

Stephens & Co., Los Angeles.....\$159,225 For. \$165,000 Modesto Bank, Modesto.....160,185 165,000 *160,297 165,000 Sacramento-San Joaquin Bank.....145,725 150,000 *184,585 190,000 Modesto Bank, Modesto.....145,620 150,000 Frank & Lewis, San Francisco.....475,962 505,000

*These bids were rejected because they were made conditionally.

MISSISSIPPI (State of)—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Roberson, Attorney-General (P. O. Jackson), will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 17 for the purchase of \$500,000 5½% impt., Series "E," and "F," bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the State Treasurer's office or at such place as may be agreed upon by the Commission. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$40,000 1923 and \$20,000 1924 to 1946 incl. Cert. check for 4% required. Legality approved by John C. Thomson, New York.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Conroe), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Lee, County Judge, advises us that this county has for sale an issue of \$175,000 road and bridge bonds, which answer the following details: Interest rate 5½%. Date June 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due \$5,000 yearly beginning June 1 1922. Assessed value, \$11,194,000. Pop'n 1920 (Census), 17,271.

MOORHEAD SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Moorhead), Sunflower County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Aldermen and Mayor of the town of Moorhead will receive bids until Jan. 4 for \$75,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Bonds will mature in 20 years and will be payable in installments in compliance with chapter 206 of the laws of Mississippi of 1920. Cert. check on some bank in Sunflower County for \$3,750 payable to the Mayor, required. An opinion of Jno. C. Thomson of N. Y. as to the legality and validity of the issue will be furnished. Bids are requested for bonds bearing 5%, 5½%, or 6% interest.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John H. Schafer, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 30 for \$14,400 5% Sanders Hubbard et al Monroe Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$720. Date Nov. 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$720 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

MURPHY, Cherokee County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 29 by C. B. Hill, Town Clerk, for \$25,000 electric light bonds, dated Aug. 1 1920, and \$15,000 electric light bonds, dated Dec. 1 1920. Int. rate 6%. Int. payable semi-annually.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel Dearborn, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Dec. 30 for the following 5% coupon tax-free bonds: \$20,000 sewer bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1925, incl.; and \$1,000, 1926 to 1935, incl. 5,000 Spit Brook Road Bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1925, incl.

NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable in U. S. gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness at the City Treasurer's office, or at the First National Bank of Boston. These issues will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Delivery will be made to the purchaser on or about Dec. 31 at the First National Bank of Boston.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. W. Dashiell, Secretary Board of Commissioners, until 10 a. m. Jan. 4 for the following 6% coupon notes: \$250,000 reservoir repair and impt. \$200,000 sewer sanitation and \$43,000 hospital notes. Denom. \$10,000. Date Jan. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Irving National Bank, N. Y. at holder's option. Due Jan. 15 1922. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, required. The notes will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, N. Y.

BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Dashiell, Secretary Board of Commissioners, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 10 for \$600,000 5% memorial square bonds (V. 110, p. 1218). Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or Irving National Bank, New York, at holder's option. Due yearly as follows: \$3,000 1921 and 1922; \$9,000 1923; \$10,000 1924 and 1925; \$11,000 1926; \$12,000 1927 and 1928; \$13,000 1929 and 1930; \$14,000 1931; \$15,000 1932; \$16,000 1933; \$17,000 1934; \$18,000 1935; \$19,000 1936; \$20,000 1937; \$21,000 1938; \$22,000 1939; \$23,000 1940; \$24,000 1941; \$25,000 1942; \$27,000 1943; \$28,000 1944; \$30,000 1945; \$32,000 1946; \$33,000 1947; \$35,000 1948; \$37,000 1949, and \$38,000 1950. Certified check on a national bank or upon any bank or trust company in Tennessee for 2% of the face value of the bonds, required. Bonds registerable as to principal in New York City, will be prepared and certified as to genuineness by the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York. The legality will be approved by Caldwell & Masslich, New York, whose favorable opinion will be furnished the purchaser or purchasers without charge. All bids must be upon blank forms which will be furnished by the above Secretary or the said trust company. The bonds will be delivered in Nashville or at the office of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, at purchaser's option, on Jan. 17 1921.

NEW AURELIA CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Aurelia), Cherokee County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% school-bldg. bonds, aggregating \$165,000, offered without success on June 1—V. 110, p. 2507—have been disposed of at private sale.

NEW BOSTON (P. O. Portsmouth), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Portsmouth Banking Co. was awarded at par and interest the \$12,000 6% fire-equipment bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 111, p. 1971. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due \$500 each six months from May 1 1921 to Nov. 1 1926, incl.

NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 22 the following three issues of coupon bonds offered on that date—V. 111, p. 2445—were awarded to Estabrook & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., and R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, and Richter & Co. of Hartford, for \$625,713 (93.39) and interest, a basis of about 5.37%: \$525,000 4% school bonds. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due \$25,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1922 to 1942, incl. 70,000 5% subway fund bonds. Date Apr. 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1922 to 1938, incl.; and \$3,000, 1939 to 1950, incl. 75,000 5% sewer fund bonds. Date Aug. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due Aug. 1 1930. Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, offered to pay \$616,720 and int. for the three issues.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Oxford Bank of Newcomerstown was awarded at par and interest the \$14,500 6% special assessment River Street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 18 (V. 111, p. 2349).

NEW HANOVER COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), No. Caro.—ADDITIONAL DATA.—We are now in receipt of additional data issued in connection with the offering on Jan. 10 of the \$50,000 6% ferry bond issue (V. 111, p. 2445). Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank, New York, in gold. Certified check for 5% required. The bonds and attorney's opinion to be furnished by New Hanover County. Bonds will be delivered in Wilmington, New York, Chicago, Cincinnati or Toledo, at purchaser's option or about Jan. 31 1921. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$229,000 5¼% municipal-impt. bonds offered on Dec. 17—V. 111, p. 2349—were not sold, as no bids were received.

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 17 the following two issues of 6% bonds (V. 111, p. 2250) were awarded to Prudden & Co., of Toledo, for \$106,310 (100.209) and interest, a basis of about 5.97% \$75,000 water-works extension bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1949, inclusive. 31,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922 to 1926, inclusive, and \$4,000 1927 to 1930, inclusive.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—On Dec. 21 the \$60,000 6% coupon tax-free tuberculosis hospital notes (V. 111, p. 2445) were awarded to Edmund Bros., of Boston, at 99.319, a basis of about 6.39%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due Dec. 1 1922.

OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oklahoma City), Oklahoma County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and the William B. Compton Co., both of New York, are offering to investors, to yield 5½% interest, \$328,000 5% coupon bonds. Date Jan. 1 1920. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due \$164,000 Jan. 1 1940 and 1945. These bonds are obviously part of the \$820,000 issue, which was referred to in V. 111, p. 218.

OLDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Olden), Eastland County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$75,000 5% 20-40-year bond issue was registered with the State Comptroller on Dec. 16.

ONEIDA, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York have purchased at 100.02, a basis of about 4.99%, the \$52,334.21 5% registered assessment paving bonds offered on Nov. 16—V. 111, p. 1775. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due \$5,233.42 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1930, incl.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$69,000 6% highway bonds offered on Dec. 13—V. 111, p. 2446—were awarded on Dec. 16 to the American Bank of Port Clinton, at par and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due each six months as follows: \$3,000, May 15 1921 to May 15 1926, incl.; and \$4,000, Nov. 15 1926 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

PANHANDLE, Carson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—This city on Dec. 15 registered \$12,000 5% 10-40-year water-works bonds with the State Comptroller.

PENLETON, Umatilla County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Carstens & Earles, of Seattle, have purchased \$14,000 fire apparatus and \$8,000 park 6% bonds from the City of Penleton.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Ferd Garretson, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 3 p. m. Jan. 10 for a \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922 to 1934, incl., and \$4,000 1935 to 1950, incl. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND BIDS WITHDRAWN.—According to the Philadelphia "Ledger," bids for bonds aggregating \$1,150,000, which were submitted at the offering on Dec. 16 (V. 111, p. 2446), have been withdrawn leaving a total amount of \$4,160,500 actually disposed of.

The following were the bids withdrawn:

Name	Amount	Bid
Commercial Trust Co.	\$100,000	100 & int.
	200,000	100%
	200,000	101 1/2%
Corn Exchange National Bank	200,000	101 1/2%
	200,000	101 1/2%
	200,000	102
Brooke, Stokes & Co.	50,000	102.1

PIERCE COUNTY (P. O. Tacoma), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of County Commissioners, will, on Jan. 13 at 2 p. m., offer for sale subject to previous private sale, \$350,000 5 1/2% 6-20 years maturity bonds for immediate delivery. Cert. check for 10%, required.

PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Arthur), Jefferson County, Tex.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were submitted for the \$27,000 5% school bldg. bonds—V. 111, p. 2251—on Dec. 13.

PRESCOTT, Yavapai County, Ariz.—BIDS REJECTED.—At the recent offering of \$350,000 water bonds, all bids were rejected because the City Council would not consider bids below par.

RACINE, Racine County, Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was the successful bidder on Dec. 17 for an issue of \$33,000 6% bridge bonds at 101.96 and blank bonds a basis of about 5.70%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1936, incl.; and \$2,000, 1937. A bid of \$33,630 was also received from the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago.

Financial Statement.

Total bonded debt including this issue	\$2,066,000
Assessed valuation of Racine in 1919	66,974,506
Population census 1920	58,593

RED LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Red Lake Falls), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Jan. 5 by George Dupont, County Auditor, for \$25,000 road and bridge bonds, at not exceeding 6% interest. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at a place to be designated by the purchaser. Due in 20 years. Certified check for \$1,250, payable to the County Treasurer, required.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, Monroe County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The Kauffman-Smith-Emerit & Co., of St. Louis have purchased \$220,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1921 and 1922; \$7,000, 1923 and 1924; \$8,000, 1925 and 1926; \$9,000, 1927 and 1928; \$10,000, 1929 and 1930; \$11,000, 1931 and 1932 incl.; \$12,000, 1933; \$13,000, 1934; \$14,000, 1935 and 1936; \$15,000, 1937; \$16,000, 1938 and \$17,000, 1939 and 1940.

ROANOKE, Roanoke County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Eldredge & Co., Prudden & Co., Stacy & Braun and Field, Richards & Co., offering \$4,26 a basis of about 5.60%, were awarded the \$150,000 sewer and drain, \$100,000 market and \$400,000 street-impt. 4 1/2% 29-year coupon bonds, dated Jan. 1 1920—V. 111, p. 2349—on Dec. 13.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On Dec. 17 the Lincoln Alliance Bank of Rochester was awarded at 6% interest the following two-months notes: \$250,000 school construction notes, 635,000 school general notes, 165,000 general notes. Payable two months from Dec. 22 1920 at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York.

NOTE OFFERING.—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 2:30 p. m. Jan. 3 for \$100,000 grade-crossing notes, payable two months from Jan. 5 1921 at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, where delivery to purchaser is to be made on Jan. 5. Bidders must state rate of interest, designate denominations desired, and to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable.

ROCK COUNTY (P. O. Luverne), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, bidding 101 was awarded \$60,000 5 1/4% 5-20 year refunding bonds on Dec. 17. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & D.

ROCKY MOUNT, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED.—On Dec. 16 all bids received for the purchase of the \$160,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) gas supply system bonds—V. 111, p. 2349—were declined.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$13,000 6% park bonds, offered on Dec. 20—V. 111, p. 2251.

ROSEBUD COUNTY (P. O. Forsyth), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The Bankers Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$60,000 6% funding bonds.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation 1920	\$35,496,734
Total bonded	\$641,000
Population in 1920, 12,002.	

ROSEBUD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45 (P. O. Rock Springs), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received for \$2,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest, by Olaf Sutherland, District Clerk until Dec. 27. Denom. \$200. Cert. check for \$50, required.

ROSELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Roselle Park), Union County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—There were no bids for the \$1,67,000 6% school bldg. bonds, offered on Dec. 21—V. 111, p. 2350.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (P. O. Duluth), Minn.—BIDS REJECTED.—The bids received on Dec. 15 for the \$500,000 5% road bonds—V. 111, p. 2350—were rejected.

BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received for \$250,000 5 1/4% road bonds by W. H. Borgen, County Auditor, until 1:30 p. m. Dec. 31. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. Due Jan. 1 1931. Cert. check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to G. H. Vivian, County Treasurer, required.

SALEM, Washington County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 6% fire-equipment bonds offered on Dec. 13 (V. 111, p. 2067) were sold to a group of local citizens at par. Denom. \$50. Date Dec. 13, 1920. Int. J. & J. Due semi-annually beginning July 1, 1921.

SANTA CLARA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS TO BE RE-OFFERED.—No sale was made of the \$110,000 6% bonds on Dec. 20 (V. 111, p. 2350). The bonds will be re-offered on Jan. 17.

SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Calif.—NO SALE.—The \$125,000 6% bonds offered on Dec. 20 (V. 111, p. 2350) were not sold. The date set for the re-offering of the said bonds is Jan. 17.

SARGENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Rio Grande County, Colo.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 27 \$100,000 school-building, \$10,000 school equipment and \$15,000 school funding bonds will be voted upon.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, until 12 m. Jan. 3 for the purchase of either or both of the following issues of municipal light and power plant and system bonds:

\$1,005,000 bonds authorized by ordinance, \$38,920 maturing in equal series 6 to 20 years.
1,000,000 bonds authorized by ordinance, \$38,469 maturing in approximately equal series, 6 to 20 years.

All bonds dated Jan. 1 1921. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-ann. int. payable in New York in gold. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal or principal and interest. Certified check on a national bank or trust company for 2% of the face of the bid, required. Bidders are asked to name rate of interest but bids for a greater rate than 6% will not be entertained. The approving legal opinion of Chester B. Masslich, N. Y., will be furnished to purchasers without charge. Bids must be on blank forms which, together with further information, will be furnished on application to the above Comptroller.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

SHELBY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shelby), Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for \$20,000 6% school bonds will be received until 12 m. Jan. 1 by R. E. Sawyer, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 each six months from Jan. 1 1923 to July 1 1932, incl. Cert. check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the above clerk, required.

SHREVE, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lon A. Cornell, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 29 for the following 6% bonds: \$4,200 street impt. and sewer bonds. Denom. \$200. Due \$400 on Sept. 1 in 1922 and 1923; and \$200 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1940, incl. 1,000 Jones & McConkey St. sewer special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500.

7,000 special assessment Robison St. impt. bonds. Denom. \$700. Due \$700 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1931, incl.

Date Sept. 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at Shreve within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and print, at his own expense, the necessary bonds.

SIDON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Le Flore County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Jan. 4 A. R. Bew, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Greenwood), will receive proposals for an issue of \$30,000 6% bonds. Int. semi-ann. Place of payment of principal and interest will be fixed to suit purchaser. Bonds will mature one-fiftieth annually for first five years and one-twenty-fifth annually for succeeding ten-year period, and the remaining to be divided into equal annual payments during the remaining ten-year period of the life of said bonds. The issuance of these bonds was sanctioned by a popular vote of said District in an election held on Nov. 27 1920.

Financial Statement.

Estimated value of taxable property	\$2,250,000
Assessed value of taxable property	1,072,750
Total bonded indebtedness	None
There are no bonds outstanding.	

SOUTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Timothy F. Sullivan, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Dec. 29, it is stated, for \$100,000 5% 30-2-3 year (average) water bonds. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 2% required.

SOUTH DAKOTA (State of).—WARRANT OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Jan. 5 by W. S. O'Brien, State Treasurer (P. O. Pierre), for \$1,000,000 (not \$100,000, as reported in V. 111, p. 2447) State Treasury revenue warrants in denom. of \$10,000 each, dated Jan. 10 1921, payable one year from date of issue or four months from date of issue. Bids are requested for each proposition. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

SPARTANBURG, Spartanburg County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—T. J. Boyd, City Clerk, will receive bids until Jan. 13 for the \$100,000 street and sidewalk impt., \$50,000 sewer extension and construction and \$50,000 park development 5% 20-year bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Nov. 22—V. 111, p. 2447.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY (P. O. Spartanburg), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Jan. 13 sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of Highway Commission for \$125,000 road bonds.

SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spartanburg), Spartanburg County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$300,000 school bonds will be offered for sale on Jan. 13, it is stated.

SPENCER COUNTY (P. O. Rockport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Richards Jr., County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 29 for \$80,000 6% Court-House equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$2,000 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1940 incl. Cert. check on a local bank for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Commissioners, required. Bids must be made on forms furnished by the County Auditor. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

STEVENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 1 p. m. Dec. 27 the County Treasurer (P. O. Colville) will receive proposals for \$4,000 bonds.

SWIFT COUNTY (P. O. Benson), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—D. P. Carney, County Auditor, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 6 for \$50,000 road bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank, Minneapolis. Due Dec. 1 1930.

SWISSVALE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon tax-free bonds offered on Dec. 21 (V. 111, p. 2252) have been awarded on a 5.20% basis. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1926 to 1945 incl.

TARBORO, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 public impt. and \$20,000 refunding 6% gold bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 111, p. 2350—were not sold on that date because a satisfactory bid was lacking.

The above bonds will be sold at a later date.

TEMPE, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—The Town Clerk will receive proposals until Jan. 13 for the \$48,000 6% street-improvement bonds, which were voted on June 20 by 72 to 11 (V. 111, p. 219).

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following 5% bonds were registered on Dec. 15 with the State Comptroller:

Amount	Place and Purpose of Issue	Due
\$3,000	Fayette County Common School District No. 14	5-20 years
2,000	Van Zandt County Common School District No. 26	20 years

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Higgins, Director of Finance, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 18 for \$345,387.88 6% deficiency funding bonds. Denom. 1 for \$387.88 and 845 for \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. of New York. Due Nov. 1 1928. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—About the middle of December \$300,000 5 1/4% tax-free water bonds, being part of the \$535,000 bond issue which was authorized by the voters on Nov. 2 (V. 111, p. 1972),

were purchased at auction by the Columbia Title & Trust Co. of Topeka, which was acting as agent for the William R. Compton Co., at 101.56, a basis of about 5.37%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at State Treasurer's office. Due Jan. 1 1941. During the forepart of this week the Wm. R. Compton Co. offered the said bonds to investors at 104.34, yielding 5.15%, and they were quickly taken up.

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Turlock), Stanislaus County, Calif.—CORRECTION.—In V. 111, p. 2447, we reported that this district on Dec. 14 sold \$7,750,000 6% bonds, but we have since been advised by Anna Sorenson, District Secretary, that only \$2,570,000 were sold on that date at par, as follows:
\$60,000 bonds to the People's State Bank, Turlock.
2,510,000 bonds to A. L. Gazzle of San Francisco.
Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Int. J. & J. Due serially on July 1 from 1936 to 1951 incl.

UNION, Hudson County, N. J.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—REMAINDER RE-OFFERED.—On Dec. 16 the issue of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds (V. 111, p. 2350) was awarded to the Weehawken Trust Co., which bid \$421,999 for \$412,000 bonds—the price thus being 102.427, a basis of about 5.72%. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$9,000 1921 to 1930 incl.; \$16,000 1931 to 1936 incl.; \$15,000 1937 to 1944 incl. and \$6,000 1945.
A. B. Leach & Co. were the only bidders for the \$134,000 paying issue, but withdrew the bid when the school bonds were awarded to the Weehawken Trust Co., saying that the bid was meant for "all or none."
The unsold bonds will be re-advertised for sale on Dec. 29.

VERO, St. Lucie County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 12 for \$40,000 6% street and sidewalk bonds by Joseph Hill, City Clerk. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Clerk or at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1961 incl. Cert. check for \$400 payable to the City Council required.

VIVIAN, Caddo Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. B. Rieves, Town Clerk, for the \$34,000 5% street impt. bonds—V. 111, p. 2068—until 4 p. m. Jan. 4. Int. annual.

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City of Waco until 10 a. m. Dec. 30 for the following 5% 30-year bonds—V. 111, p. 1682:
\$100,000, eleventh, series street impt. bonds
65,000, third, series park impt. bonds
96,000, seventh, series refunding bonds.
Bonds are dated Jan. 1 1921 and place of payment will be at the Chemical National Bank, N. Y. Denom. \$1,000. Cert. check on some Waco bank for 2% of the amount of bids, required. Bids must be on the form prescribed by the City of Waco, which will be furnished on demand. The purchaser will lithograph bonds without cost to the city.

WAHNETA DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Winter Haven), Polk County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$59,500 6% drainage bonds offered on Dec. 6 (V. 111, p. 2159) were not sold.
These bonds can be purchased at private sale.

WALBRIDGE, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 18 the Walbridge State Bank of Walbridge was awarded at par and interest the \$12,000 6% electric-light bonds offered on that date (V. 111, p. 2252). Date Sept. 1 1919. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1921 to 1932, incl.

WALLOWA COUNTY (P. O. Enterprise), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received by John Wortman, County Clerk, for \$200,000 5½% road bonds until 2 p. m. Jan. 5. Denoms. \$50 or multiples thereof up to \$1,000 at option of successful bidder. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City, N. Y. at option of bidder. Due \$20,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl. A draft or cert. check on a responsible bank for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to Wallowa County, required.

Financial Statement.
Estimated population of Wallowa County----- 12,000
Assessed valuation, year 1920----- \$16,260,362.00
Full value of Wallowa County property----- 20,325,452.00
No outstanding bonds or indebtedness, except \$100,000 of present issue.
Wallowa County has been on a cash basis for 14 years.

WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Worland), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—Bosworth, Chanute & Co., of Denver, have purchased the \$5,000 6% 15-25-year (opt.) school bonds which were offered on Dec. 1 (V. 111, p. 1973).

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Waynesboro), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Jan. 3 by J. P. Davis Clerk, Board of Supervisors, it is stated for the following 6% bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 6—V. 111, p. 2252:
\$50,000 Mulberry Road District bonds.
75,000 Waynesboro Road District bonds.
75,000 Clara Road District bonds.
Int. semi-ann.

WENDELL, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Z. V. Richardson, Jr., Town Clerk, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Jan. 17 for \$12,000 6% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) water bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1946 incl. Cert. check or cash on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the Town of Wendell, required. The successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y., that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the town of Wendell. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials and seal impressed thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Upton), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The State of Wyoming obtained the \$25,000 6% school bonds (V. 111, p. 2159) on Dec. 13 at par and int.

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS SOLD IN PART.—On Dec. 21 the issue of \$90,000 street-impt. bonds maturing Dec. 1 1926—V. 111, p. 2350—was awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 100.201 for 6s. a basis of about 5.96%.
The \$48,000 street impt. and \$104,000 assessment 5½% bonds offered at the same time were not sold.

WILSON, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BONDS REFUSED.—The "Mount Airy News" of Dec. 11 states that "The purchasers of the \$530,000 worth of the town of Wilson Street, water and sewer bonds—V. 111, p. 2069—according to a telegram received by Mayor Hill, have withdrawn their bid.

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WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilson), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for \$65,000 5% coupon school bonds will be received until 7.45 p. m. Dec. 27 by George F. Donecker, Secretary of School Board. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due \$10,000 on Jan. 1 in 1931, 1936 and \$15,000 on Jan. 1 in 1941, 1946 and 1951. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bid, required.

WINONA, Montgomery County, Miss.—CERTIFIED CHECK.—A certified check for 2 1/4% is required with each and every bid that is submitted on Jan. 4 for the \$60,000 6% bonds. Further details of this issue were given in V. 111, p. 2447.

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for a temporary loan of \$35,000 recently offered, were rejected.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The County Commissioners have sold the \$250,000 road bonds (V. 111, p. 2350) to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at par for 6s, with a charge of 2 1/2% for handling.

The County Commissioners also sold \$38,000 drainage bonds as follows: \$7,000 bonds to Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at 93.35 for 7s, 31,000 bonds to Carstens & Earles, Inc., and Blyth, Witter & Co. jointly, at 93.50 for 7s.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 88, Wash.—BOND SALE.—This district recently sold \$7,950 5 1/2% school bonds to the State of Washington at par.

YAVAPAI COUNTY (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—SUIT.—Newspapers report that a temporary injunction has been made permanent by Judge J. J. Sweeney, preventing the County Commissioners from disposing of the \$1,500,000 6% highway-impt. bonds (V. 111, p. 2698).

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

AVONMORE, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Jan. 3, according to reports, a by-law to issue \$9,000 hydro-electric plant debentures will be submitted to the voters.

BIENVILLE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. Ruel, Secretary will receive tenders until Dec. 27 for \$25,000 6% 10-year installment debentures.

BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—According to reports, by-laws to issue \$185,000 Collegiate Institute, \$125,000 school erection and \$174,000 water works debentures will be submitted to the voters at the January elections.

FORD CITY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A block of \$52,604 6 1/2% debentures has been sold to Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, at 96.69, a basis of about 7.05%.

LA VILLE DE CHICOUTIMI, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Newspapers report that \$100,000 5 1/2% 10-year debentures have been sold to the Municipal Debenture Corp. at 91.75.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—It is reported that a by-law to issue \$100,000 town hall debentures will be submitted to the ratepayers in January.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of).—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—The Provincial Treasurer will receive tenders until 3 p. m. Dec. 30 for \$1,750,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) debentures. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer's office, or at the Bank of Montreal in St. John, Montreal, Toronto, or New York. Due Jan. 1 1936. Cert. check for \$10,000 required. Interim certificates, for which definite debentures will be exchanged when completed, to be delivered and paid for at the Bank of Montreal in Frederickton. It is desired that tenderers, in submitting their proposals, shall base their bids on either or both of the following: Prin. and int. payable in Canada and New York; prin. and int. payable in Canada only.

ONTARIO (Province of).—DEBENTURE SALE.—The province has sold an additional \$1,000,000 of the 6% 15-year gold coupon debentures to the syndicate which took up \$15,000,000 in the past two weeks.—V. 111, p. 2449.

OSHAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co., o Toronto, have purchased \$33,136 20-year installment and \$10,665 30-year installment 6% debentures at 93.42, a basis of about 6.80%.

OTTAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—Newspapers report that the City Council has authorized that by-laws to issue \$60,000 municipal quarry and \$200,000 central fire-station debentures be placed before the voters for approval at the January elections.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The city has sold \$140,000 10-year and \$90,000 15-year 6% debentures to the Eastern Securities Co. J. M. Robinson & Sons and the Mahon Bond Corp., who are now offering them at 97 1/2 and yielding 6.35% on the 10-year debentures and 6.25% on the 15-year debentures.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Jan. 3 the ratepayers will vote on the question of issuing \$233,000 concrete dam erection debentures.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The "Monetary Times" of Toronto reports that the following is a list of debentures "aggregating \$19,900" sold from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1: Berghelm, \$3,200 10-years 8%; H. L. Martin Lumber Co. Langenburg, \$1,500 10-years 8%; W. G. Suechschlaf, Langenburg, Bertdale, \$2,000 15-years 8%; Andrew Dickson, Indian Head, Clarendon, \$700 10-years 8%; Constance, \$800 8-years 8%; town of Biggar sinking fund, Grandy, \$6,000 20-years 8%; Waterman-Waterbury, Regina, Belleville, \$2,000 20-years; S. Cummins, Kennedy, Knapton, \$2,500 15 years 8%; local purchaser, Gowan Brae, \$1,200 6-years 8%; J. R. Taylor, Kinistino.

STRASSBOURG, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that this town has sold \$4,000 8% 15-year debentures to W. E. Sayles of Brantford.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—At the January elections, it is stated, a by-law to issue \$251,000 school debentures will be voted upon.

VERIGEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. Z. Walten is receiving tenders for \$15,000 8% 20-installment school debentures.

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Dated December 1, 1920.

THOMAS V. CAHALL, President.

Dividends

OFFICE OF
VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL CO.
Richmond, Va., December 23, 1920.
DIVIDEND NO. 101.

The Board of Directors of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company have this day declared the 101st consecutive quarterly dividend of \$2 per share (2%) on the preferred stock of this company, payable Saturday, January 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Monday, January 3, 1921.

Transfer books will not be closed.

E. E. COLES, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF
VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL CO.
Richmond, Va., December 23, 1920.

The Board of Directors of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company have this day declared a quarterly dividend of One Dollar per share (1%), being Dividend No. 56, on the common stock of this company, payable Tuesday, February 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, January 15, 1921.

Transfer books will not be closed.

E. E. COLES, Treasurer.

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81 Fulton St., N. Y. C.

Dec 20, 1920

A quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1 3/4%) per cent has been declared upon the preferred stock of the Barnet Leather Co., Inc., payable January 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 30, 1920. Checks will be mailed.

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G. D. MILNE, Treasurer.

United Shoe Machinery Corporation

The directors of this corporation have declared a dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred capital stock. They have also declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the common capital stock. The dividends on both preferred and common stock are payable January 5, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business December 20, 1920.

L. A. COOLIDGE, Treasurer.

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New York, December 14, 1920

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PIERCE J. SMITH, Treasurer.
Dec. 21, 1920.

OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY.

26th St. & 11th Ave., N. Y. C., Dec. 21, 1920.
A regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the Preferred Stock and \$2.00 per share on the Common Stock; also an EXTRA dividend of \$2.00 per share on the Common Stock, will be paid January 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 31, 1920. Checks will be mailed.

R. H. PEPPER, Treasurer.

CRUCIBLE STEEL COMPANY OF AMERICA
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 16, 1920.

DIVIDEND NO. 7.—A dividend of two per cent (2%) has been declared out of undivided profits, upon the Common Stock of this Company, payable January 31, 1921, to stockholders of record January 15, 1921. Transfer books will not be closed. Checks will be mailed.

W. R. JORALEMON, Secretary.

Office of The United Gas Improvement Co.
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Philadelphia, December 8, 1920.

The Directors have this day declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent (50c. per share) on the Common Stock of this Company, payable January 15, 1921, to holders of Common Stock of record at the close of business December 31, 1920. Checks will be mailed.

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A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the Preferred Stock of this Company, for the three months ending December 31, 1920, has been declared payable January 3, 1921, to stockholders of record as at the close of business on December 22, 1920. The Transfer Books will not be closed.

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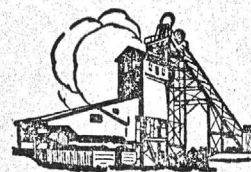
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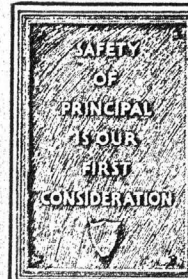
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