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### CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following table, made up by telegraph, &c., indicates that the total bank clearings of all the clearing houses of the United States for the week ending to-day have been \$7,916,562,333, against \$9,657,221,861 last week and \$9,838,469,942 the corresponding week last year.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending January 15.	1921.	1920.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,559,386,643	\$4,550,546,610	-21.8
Chicago	486,792,355	604,663,182	-19.5
Philadelphia	361,712,801	445,221,647	-18.8
Boston	255,063,247	378,983,021	-32.7
Kansas City	156,006,883	225,229,880	-30.7
St. Louis	121,587,749	167,972,439	-27.6
San Francisco	125,800,000	148,889,164	-15.5
Pittsburgh	134,545,333	133,018,806	+1.1
Detroit	74,491,401	101,759,811	-26.8
Baltimore	72,691,809	81,168,666	-10.4
New Orleans	51,987,860	93,996,090	-44.7
Eleven cities, five days	\$5,400,066,111	\$6,931,449,316	-21.1
Other cities, five days	1,192,479,928	1,310,371,248	-9.0
Total all cities, five days	\$6,592,546,039	\$8,241,820,564	-20.0
All cities, one day	1,324,016,294	1,596,649,378	-17.1
Total all cities for week	\$7,916,562,333	\$9,838,469,942	-19.5

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

Detailed figures for the week ending Jan. 8 show:

Clearings at—	Week ending January 8.				
	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
New York	5,571,205,369	5,557,962,191	+0.2	3,977,910,947	3,436,340,122
Philadelphia	532,913,711	496,422,540	+7.4	410,370,828	343,949,442
Pittsburgh	202,711,066	157,815,791	+28.5	127,719,646	71,358,263
Baltimore	106,959,078	91,776,037	+16.5	82,469,737	43,358,503
Buffalo	44,093,751	50,404,786	-12.5	29,139,208	22,268,859
Albany	5,000,000	6,170,468	-19.0	4,964,125	5,217,539
Washington	21,498,907	18,888,590	+13.8	15,568,290	13,203,132
Rochester	16,974,861	12,465,572	+36.1	8,493,227	6,900,904
Seranton	6,589,749	7,263,744	-9.3	4,866,839	4,050,936
Syracuse	7,080,816	6,556,254	+8.0	4,906,569	5,036,851
Reading	3,524,504	3,943,088	-10.6	2,505,764	2,695,322
Wilmington	4,168,604	3,990,267	+4.5	3,413,323	2,945,343
Wilkes-Barre	3,089,678	3,591,174	-14.0	2,948,428	2,214,805
Wheeling	6,066,189	5,371,861	+12.9	3,370,660	3,684,645
Trenton	4,397,332	3,842,164	+14.4	2,282,970	2,895,273
York	1,600,000	1,699,616	-5.9	1,264,014	1,299,622
Erle	3,399,120	2,634,772	+29.0	2,204,553	2,028,580
Chester	1,272,401	1,605,021	-20.7	1,535,673	1,538,056
Greensburg	1,500,000	1,250,000	+20.0	1,050,123	950,000
Binghamton	1,250,200	1,428,200	-12.5	849,200	990,100
Altoona	1,271,145	994,985	+21.8	871,017	700,000
Leicester	2,500,000	2,400,000	+4.2	1,913,113	2,472,022
Montclair	556,353	538,972	+4.0	400,470	621,320
Huntington	2,083,886	1,995,205	+4.5		
Bethlehem	4,504,279	Not included	In total		
Total Middle	6,551,646,723	6,441,011,298	+1.7	4,691,018,724	3,976,809,939
Boston	405,733,370	410,623,218	-1.2	304,236,980	267,479,959
Providence	15,953,400	15,614,700	+2.2	10,686,800	11,854,200
Hartford	15,199,779	10,871,441	+39.8	7,484,911	7,925,557
New Haven	7,806,230	7,094,142	+3.2	4,874,601	5,138,584
Springfield	6,541,755	5,242,697	+24.8	3,836,036	3,767,557
Portland	3,200,000	3,100,000	+3.2	2,703,501	2,760,000
Worcester	5,657,246	5,046,722	+12.1	3,639,085	3,375,129
Fall River	1,829,684	3,480,052	-47.4	1,762,861	2,392,440
New Bedford	1,662,774	2,436,372	-31.8	2,064,901	1,966,435
Lowell	1,560,167	1,527,249	+2.2	1,262,594	1,318,513
Holyoke	1,250,000	1,100,000	+13.6	772,329	766,067
Bangor	1,212,562	942,392	+29.3	768,073	795,435
Stamford	1,730,420	Not included	In total		
Tot. New Eng.	467,606,967	467,578,985	+0.1	344,092,675	309,539,376

Clearings at—

Week ending January 8.

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	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Chicago	678,323,745	679,175,189	-0.1	538,549,131	453,583,512
Cincinnati	73,629,771	70,635,626	+4.2	58,701,173	40,164,042
Cleveland	142,410,896	148,937,725	-4.4	103,627,146	76,004,189
Detroit	92,000,000	110,000,000	-10.1	66,925,639	48,721,834
Milwaukee	35,291,268	32,949,975	+7.1	31,878,816	25,560,726
Indianapolis	18,852,000	18,984,000	-0.7	16,952,000	15,253,000
Columbus	17,996,800	15,265,100	+17.9	10,918,200	10,632,100
Toledo	13,808,501	16,989,427	-18.7	11,978,554	9,652,136
Peoria	5,525,012	6,031,293	-8.4	6,554,125	4,534,312
Grand Rapids	7,233,416	7,313,496	-1.1	5,305,884	4,695,324
Dayton	5,598,272	7,438,224	-24.7	5,415,091	4,133,378
Evansville	5,052,295	6,303,709	-19.9	4,542,989	3,625,548
Youngstown	8,000,000	7,646,202	+4.6	7,225,243	4,288,745
Fort Wayne	2,381,908	2,200,206	+8.2	1,373,594	1,289,345
Springfield, Ill.	3,171,384	3,128,948	+1.4	2,143,434	2,212,148
Lexington	1,800,000	3,500,000	-48.6	3,901,237	1,716,533
Akron	8,505,000	13,375,000	-36.4	5,991,000	5,008,000
Rockford	2,566,849	3,054,314	-16.0	2,000,000	1,736,304
Canton	5,215,302	4,879,191	+6.7	3,000,000	3,450,000
Quincy	1,673,234	2,083,126	-19.7	1,643,013	1,282,662
South Bend	1,500,000	1,800,000	-16.7	1,246,914	1,146,253
Springfield, Ohio	2,303,352	2,369,763	-2.8	1,524,291	1,388,455
Mansfield	1,427,093	1,929,133	-26.0	1,050,000	970,207
Bloomington	1,724,380	1,950,017	-11.6	1,951,255	1,004,424
Decatur	1,385,268	1,664,171	-16.8	1,216,549	950,251
Danville	800,000	825,000	-3.0	560,000	500,000
Jacksonville, Ill.	416,166	647,503	-35.7	694,963	442,912
Elma	1,356,821	1,349,093	+0.6	943,443	825,000
Ann Arbor	668,720	650,000	+2.9	449,893	530,449
Owensboro	882,251	1,690,051	-47.8	1,802,903	1,064,647
Adrian	265,031	250,000	+6.0	126,670	85,000
Lansing	2,103,468	2,073,862	+1.4	1,450,837	798,216
Tot. Mid. West	1,143,868,203	1,177,089,341	-2.8	901,634,487	727,249,652
San Francisco	175,900,000	168,094,531	+4.6	122,030,236	93,377,891
Los Angeles	96,289,000	74,053,000	+30.0	36,308,000	30,279,000
Seattle	33,212,857	38,250,515	-13.2	37,346,521	27,209,277
Portland	31,269,701	35,073,357	-10.8	25,593,935	18,901,018
Spokane	12,903,553	12,500,000	+3.2	9,044,640	8,143,866
Salt Lake City	17,000,000	19,161,665	-11.3	15,194,563	16,467,766
Tacoma	4,364,538	4,510,783	-3.2	4,891,584	4,070,316
Oakland	12,330,893	10,572,470	+16.6	7,846,346	5,957,744
Sacramento	7,232,002	7,688,460	-5.9	4,874,649	4,376,683
San Diego	3,998,570	3,182,747	+25.6	2,200,000	2,455,632
Pasadena	3,871,598	2,409,435	+60.7	1,188,608	1,151,982
Fresno	4,138,290	6,549,700	-36.8	3,927,763	2,601,185
Stockton	6,408,300	6,187,900	+3.6	2,042,705	2,316,657
San Jose	2,609,999	2,916,076	-10.5	1,284,927	1,399,583
Yakima	1,568,640	2,021,950	-22.4	1,048,264	697,723
Reno	1,200,000	1,140,297	+5.2	631,483	525,000
Long Beach	4,786,946	3,573,927	+33.9	1,358,706	1,038,335
Santa Barbara	942,513	Not included	In total		
Total Pacific	419,084,887	397,886,813	+5.3	276,812,930	220,969,658
Kansas City	184,213,291	272,798,399	-32.5	194,230,451	193,739,009
Minneapolis	83,133,062	52,522,256	+58.3	43,551,153	34,828,626
Omaha	45,227,118	64,279,490	-29.6	48,500,000	46,000,000
St. Paul	40,859,035	20,939,354	+95.1	16,999,219	14,739,905
Denver	26,690,654	24,620,319	+8.4	19,644,105	18,596,939
Duluth	7,354,415	7,359,072	-0.1	13,911,468	4,911,679
St. Joseph	10,863,101	22,928,649	-52.6	19,682,959	19,140,356
Des Moines	12,270,784	14,633,771	-16.1	9,909,565	9,054,992
Sioux City	6,200,000	12,866,474	-53.4	10,981,768	7,907,764
Wichita	10,637,031	19,476,396	-45.4	9,482,716	10,285,319
Lincoln	4,581,910	6,264,925	-26.9	4,385,194	4,287,689
Topeka	2,743,730	5,896,309	-53.5	3,164,035	3,92,028
Cedar Rapids	3,014,291	2,959,476	+1.5	2,473,372	2,070,707
Fargo	2,500,000	3,100,000	-19.7	3,027,506	2,134,852
Waterloo	1,756,898	2,122,189	-17.2	1,478,724	2,233,167
Helena	2,425,914	2,493,150	-2.7	2,820,021	2,124,820
Colorado Springs	1,328,750	1,302,217	+2.0	782,893	877,788
Pueblo					

*THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.*

Anyone who still doubts that railroad earnings, though not yet coming up to expectations, are nevertheless at last beginning to show very substantial improvement, will do well to refer to our compilation of the gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the month of November, as printed on a subsequent page. From this tabulation it appears that the carriers represented in our statement and operating 235,213 miles of road earned net, above expenses (but not above taxes) the sum of \$85,778,171 in November, 1920, as against only \$48,244,641 in November, 1919, the increase thus being \$37,533,530, or over 77%. To be sure, even with this large gain, the carriers are not yet coming anywhere near netting the 6% on their capital which it was the intent of the Transportation Act that they should net and the purpose of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to provide when authorizing the advances in freight and passenger rates announced in July. And railroad officials and the Commerce Commission are to be commended for emphasizing this fact in statements that have come this week from Washington.

Our figures do not take account of the taxes and some other deductions which have to be made in order to reach the final net on which calculations have to be made. It appears from the Washington figures that after allowing for these items the net railway operating income for November, 1920, was but \$57,741,937, or actually \$41,544,063 below the amount which it was estimated would be earned under the increased rates fixed by the Commission and which became effective the latter part of August. But while this shows that there is a great deal of room for further improvement, it does not detract from or minimize the progress already made. It was hardly to be supposed that the improvement counted upon could be realized in the twinkling of an eye or over night.

Expenses had been increasing in a perfectly frightful way—had, in fact, got beyond control, and it is proving no easy matter to regain control. Under operation by the Government discipline had been relaxed and high standards of efficiency destroyed. Not only that, but the Government had left the roads in poor repair, as a result of which the carriers found themselves under the necessity of burdening expenses with extra heavy maintenance outlays. These extra charges on maintenance account could not be brought to a close with the 1st of September, however desirable that might have been, but have been continuing in larger or smaller degree since then. Month by month, however, the extra maintenance charges are being reduced, and month by month also increasing headway is being made in restoring full efficiency and thereby cutting down operating costs. Time was needed for all this, and the encouraging fact is that with the lapse of time the improvement counted upon is being realized. The October comparison was better than the September, and November is an improvement on that for October. December and subsequent months should still further outdistance whatever has already been accomplished in that direction. In September the increase in the net was only \$8,905,693, or 9.53%, and even in October the gain in net was no more than \$14,936,521, or not quite 14½%. From this to the \$37,533,530 gain in net (or over 77%)

now recorded for November is obviously a great advance. As already pointed out, before the goal is actually reached, there will have to be yet more substantial improvement, but we may rest assured it will be attained—if not in December, then in some of the succeeding months.

Gold production in the United States in 1920 showed further material contraction, according to the preliminary estimate issued jointly by the Geological Survey and the Bureau of the Mint this week, and was actually the smallest of any year in a quarter of a century; in other words, since 1895. This outcome, needless to say, is to be ascribed in greatest measure, if not wholly, to the high cost of operation, this having cut to the vanishing point or beyond the profit possible in mining in many fields. The present approximation, which, judging by the experience of earlier years, may be accepted as a pretty accurate forecast of the final compilation due several months hence, indicates a decline of 523,611 fine ounces, or \$10,824,000 from the 1919 result, the falling off being quite generally shared in by the various States. In fact, the only noteworthy exceptions are Arizona and the Philippines. The diminution in yield is particularly heavy in Colorado, California and Alaska, the year's output from the mines of the first-named State being estimated as less than half of that of three years earlier, and of Montana the same statement is virtually true. We note in passing that the high record production of the gold mines of the United States was established in 1915 at 4,867,604 fine ounces, valued at \$101,035,700. In a matter of five years only, therefore, there has been a decrease of 2,492,587 fine ounces, or \$51,526,300—over one-half—the 1920 estimate being 2,395,017 fine ounces, or \$49,509,400.

In addition to this approximation for the United States, we have this week by cable the December and twelve months' returns for the mines of the Transvaal, and the latter also exhibits a more or less important falling off in yield from 1919. Specifically, the December yield, as cabled from London, was only 632,215 fine ounces (covering the smallest per diem output for any month since January, 1910), which compares with 650,191 fine ounces a year earlier, 641,245 fine ounces two years ago, 722,419 fine ounces in 1917, and 774,462 fine ounces in 1916. For the twelve months, consequently, the total reaches but 8,153,625 fine ounces, against 8,330,091 fine ounces, 8,420,659 fine ounces, and 9,022,263 fine ounces, respectively one, two and three years ago, and 9,295,538 fine ounces in 1916, the falling off from this latter aggregate (the high record in production) being no less than 1,141,913 fine ounces. The 1920 result for the Transvaal—the smallest since 1910—combined with the estimate for the United States indicates that in those two divisions alone there was a falling off in gold production of fully 700,000 fine ounces, as compared with 1919. Furthermore, if to this we add the declines for the eleven months exhibited by the returns from Rhodesia, Australasia and India, we have an aggregate decrease of more than 900,000 fine ounces. It is quite evident, therefore, that, with no probable offsetting increase except a comparatively small or insignificant one in Mexico, our forthcoming review of the world's gold production in 1920 will show an aggregate yield not only much less than that of 1919, but below all years back to and including 1905, with

the possibility, moreover, that even the 16,739,448 fine ounces output of 1904 will not be reached.

For some little time in advance special interest was manifested in the French Senatorial election, which was held last Sunday. It called for the election of only one-third of the total membership, but that meant the voting for about 100 Senators. It was realized that the outcome would show "how far the sentiment of the country has changed since the end of November, 1919, when it elected the Chamber of Deputies." A Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "many political observers believe that the Chamber no longer represents the feeling of the country, which they say is reverting to a sentiment of pacifism, economy and work." Special attention was called to the fact that there would be added interest in the election because "there is already a dispute between the Chamber and the Senate over a renewal of diplomatic relations with the Vatican." It was generally conceded, however, that the greatest interest in the outcome of the election would centre in evidence as to whether the radical element was gaining in power in the Senate.

The early advices on Monday relative to the results stated that the "returns from 74 seats of the 98 contested indicate gains for the Moderates and losses for the Radicals." It was added that "with 24 seats still to be heard from the Republicans have elected 33 out of 35, while the Radicals show only 33, as compared with 54 seats previously held by them. The Liberals have gained one seat." The advices made it known also that 7 members of Premier Leygues's Cabinet were among the candidates and that three of them were elected on the first ballot." Frederic Francois-Marsal, Minister of Finance, was among the latter number. Prominent among the other candidates was Paul Deschanel, former President of the Republic. The early returns indicated that he escaped defeat by a majority of only two votes on the first ballot. It was recalled that he represented the Department of Eure-et-Loire in the Chamber for 35 years before he was elected President.

The Paris dispatches Tuesday morning stated that the complete returns from the election showed gains for the Centre, or Moderate, parties. Attention was called to the fact that the Radicals elected 43 members, as compared with their present representation of 54 Senators. The results for the 98 seats were as follows: Conservatives, 3; Republicans, 39; Radicals and Radical Socialists, 43, and Republican Socialists, 11. The returns disclosed the further fact that "all members of the Ministry, with the exception of Henri Ricard, Minister of Agriculture, who were candidates, were elected." It was added that "except for his case, possibly, it is said there is no reason for changing the personnel of the Cabinet." At that time it was expected that "Premier Leygues probably will be interpellated this week relative to the disarmament of Germany and other questions of foreign policy, but his adherents are confident the Chamber will postpone debate until after M. Leygues meets David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, on Jan. 19, and thus give M. Leygues the free hand he will require on that occasion." The further statement was made that "unbiased public opinion seems inclined to agree that the Government's strength has not been im-

paired." The Associated Press correspondent at Paris, in a dispatch under date of Jan. 11, said that "a test of the strength of the Government of Premier Leygues is foreshadowed in the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow [Wednesday] by the determination expressed to-night by several groups of Deputies that they will insist upon an immediate interpellation of the Government on its policy, without awaiting the outcome of the conference of the Allied Premiers concerning matters still outstanding with Germany, which is to begin on Jan. 19." He added that "it is generally considered that the Government can hardly afford to permit a discussion of this question just now, as it seems certain that the debate would be extended to foreign affairs, but the Opposition is said to be determined to force the issue in any case."

The Leygues Ministry was overthrown and the defeat was more decisive even than expected by those who had predicted the incident. The adverse vote in the Chamber of Deputies was 463 to 125, on a proposed resolution of confidence in the Government. Immediately following the announcement of the vote Paris dispatches stated that the Premier went to the Champs Elysees to offer his resignation to President Millerand. The latter was said to be ready to accept it. It was stated that "the vote followed Premier Leygues's request that he be permitted to postpone discussions of interpellations on the Government's foreign policy and the question of disarmament until after the meeting of the Supreme Council on Jan. 19." A demand was made that he be compelled to answer immediately, and it was pointed out that "the question became a matter of confidence in the Government." Premier Leygues was chosen for that high office by President Millerand at the beginning of his term. When the resignation was made public it was expected in Paris that a new Premier would be chosen immediately. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," in commenting upon the Premier's downfall, said that "it is extremely interesting that the fall of Premier Leygues was engineered by President Millerand, whose Man Friday M. Leygues started out to be, and who has let it be known to-day that he will impose his own conditions on the man he asks to form the new Cabinet." The correspondent added that "this is a continuation of M. Millerand's fight to make the President of France the dominating personality in the Government rather than the figure-head his predecessors have been." Referring to the probable successor to the Premiership, the "Times" correspondent added that "it is understood that Millerand, who knew since last night that Leygues would fall to-day was willing to have as his successor former President Poincare, former Premier Briand, or President of the Chamber Peret, but that each demurred at taking the position unless a free hand were given to him." He said, furthermore, that "it is understood that the President will to-morrow ask Charles Dumont, a member of the Chamber, to form a Cabinet. M. Dumont is a university professor." With respect to the probability of his being accepted, the correspondent observed that "it is by no means certain that the Chamber will approve M. Dumont." The Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald," commenting upon the misfortune that befell the former French Premier, said that "the sudden downfall of the Leygues Cabinet is not to be accepted completely as a verdict by the Chamber of Deputies

against M. Millerand's idea of Presidential control of the Government's policies." He added that "in fact, the indications rather point that Premier Leygues's defeat was due to his refusal to follow the President's instructions, which, instead of strengthening him, apparently weakened him with the Bloc National, which, while it voted solidly against Leygues, does not appear to have turned against Millerand's idea." The Associated Press correspondent, in his version of the defeat of M. Leygues, said that "the vote came as the culmination of lobby manoeuvres which began after the Geneva Conference of the League of Nations and the secession of the Government supporters, who insisted that the Premier accept discussions of the questions to come up at the meeting on Jan. 19 and take the Chamber's advice." The Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" evidently endeavored to make a sensational affair out of the downfall of the French Ministry when he began his cabled account of the incident by saying that "armies may again march in Europe if, as seems probable to-night, Raymond Poincare, former President of France, is asked to form a new National Cabinet to replace the Ministry of Georges Leygues." He added that "President Millerand, it is reported, will do everything possible to avoid summoning Poincare to the Premiership, in view of the critical situation and the former President's strong stand on the problems confronting France."

President Millerand did not choose a Premier on Thursday. The New York "Times" correspondent said that he was expected to announce his choice yesterday. The "Herald" representative declared that "France demands a strong Cabinet." Continuing, he said that "in the present Ministerial crisis already there is one clear, insistent demand coming from many parts of the country. It is that France shall have Ministerial stability, and to assure this the Cabinet should be composed as nearly as possible of 'all stars'—men who have figured conspicuously in the country's eyes for their political services. But in this there is no abandonment of the support given to President Millerand's idea of Presidential direction." Yesterday, Paris cables stated, he asked Raoul Peret, President of the Chamber of Deputies, to form a Cabinet, that he had accepted the task and was expected "to report on the outcome of his efforts" last evening. According to the Paris advices also, both Aristide Briand, a former Premier, and Rene Viviani refused to accept the Premiership.

The following excerpt from one of several Paris cablegrams yesterday morning throws an interesting side-light on the political situation in France, particularly with respect to labor: "The next French Government must face an internal problem of first importance. The Eleventh Court of Correction ordered to-day the dissolution of the General Confederation of Labor, which corresponds to the American Federation of Labor. It is already announced that the labor leaders will lodge an appeal."

The French Cabinet is said to be seriously considering what may be done to reduce the number of unemployed in France. It is now placed at more than 500,000 of mechanics and laborers alone. At the end of the year those out of work were said to have numbered between 300,000 and 500,000, but it is reported that since the number has increased rapidly from the latter to 1,000,000. One plan said to be under consideration by the Cabinet is that of "opening

public works of considerable importance and of putting the waterways and railroads in perfect condition." Those best informed do not believe that this would serve as more than a temporary relief measure. Manufacturers are hesitating to accumulate stocks "in the face of the apparent determination of the consumers to abstain from buying until the long-expected wave of lower prices materializes." The so-called "vicious circle" of high wages, a short work day and high prices, it is expected "will continue until some general remedy is applied." Naturally there is a difference of opinion as to what this remedy should be. Paris advices stated that "the eight-hour law has not been directly attacked in connection with the situation, but the employers are using the argument that the present rate of wages cannot be maintained for eight hours' work if the public demand that the cost of living be reduced, is to be met." The advices further stated that "the labor leaders are demanding the establishment of a Board of National Economy to take in hand all the questions, the solution of which is necessary to secure the restoration of healthy industrial conditions."

An official circular was issued in Paris a week ago yesterday in which it was announced that "the French Government has decided to insist upon strict fulfillment of the Spa agreement concerning coal deliveries by Germany." It was said also in Paris advices that "the Reparations Commission, although not a party to the Spa agreement, supervises its execution, and recently called the attention of the German Government to a shortage of 500,000 tons in deliveries up to the end of the year." Germany, in her reply, which has been received in Paris, declared that she "will be unable to make up the deficiencies in the ensuing three months, as requested by the Reparations Commission." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Tribune" reported early in the week that the French Embassy had transmitted to the State Department a copy of the note sent by the French Government to the German Government, alleging violations of the Spa agreement calling for speeding disarmament." He added that "the views of this Government were requested by the French Government as to what action would be justified in the event that Germany continues to ignore her obligations."

In recalling that January 10 marked the first anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" observed that "to-day the question of war reparations dominates all important international relations. It dominates the relations between France and Germany. It dominates the relations between France and England, as well as with France's other allies. It dominates the relations between France and her debtors, chief of which is the United States. There is no outstanding international problem in Europe which is not affected by the issue of how much indemnity Germany must pay the Allies." He called attention to the fact that "under the provisions of the treaty, between now and May 1 the Allies must notify Germany of the total of the bill." He said also that "there are other matters pending between the Allies and Germany, as, for instance, the completion of her disarmament promises." He reiterated, however, that "the really big issue is reparations, and much of the diplomatic play about these other questions is more or less jockeying for advantage with regard to in-

demnity." Looking ahead a bit, he said that "when the Allied Premiers meet in Paris on the 19th naturally they are going to talk about the total of the German reparations, but again the matter is complicated by the fact that Mr. Lloyd George believes that if the Germans win the plebiscite in Upper Silesia, with its mineral wealth they will be able to pay more indemnity than if the Poles win, and this plebiscite probably will not take place until March." Speaking of France's financial position and her ability to pay her debt, particularly to the United States, the correspondent said that "the French are counting upon using part of the German indemnity to pay America, and while it might be going a little far to say that if Germany did not pay France the latter would never pay America, it is certainly true that if France does not get in some form or other the fifty billion to seventy-five billion gold francs she counts upon from her former enemy, it will be a very far distant day when she will find herself able to acquit her obligations to the United States."

The report would not down in London that a conference was likely to be held between Premier Lloyd George and a prominent representative of the Sinn Fein, with respect to bringing about peace in Ireland. As noted in these columns last week, the London correspondent of the New York "Times" and a representative there of the Chicago "Tribune" were the most persistent in claiming that such a movement was under way. A week ago to-day the correspondent of the former paper cabled that "I am in a position to state that a document is now in existence which opens up a definite possibility of a conference between the British Cabinet and the Dail Eireann." He added that "unless any unforeseen obstacle is raised such a conference will take place in London shortly." In another cablegram from the British capital the assertion was made that "authorities in London believe that a conference already has been held of all Sinn Fein members of Parliament who were able to attend it—that their attitude toward the Government was discussed and that they decided they could not enter into negotiations in the absence of their fellow members of the Dail Eireann who are under the ban of the law." According to still another cablegram, it was claimed in London that Father Michael O'Flannagan already has arrived there from Dublin to see the British Premier, but it was admitted that so far no trace of him could be found.

Monday morning the Dublin correspondent of the New York "Times" said that "peace prospects once again have undergone an adverse change. The optimistic atmosphere of the past few days is displaced by one of gloomy forebodings." He said that "this is due to the fact that conversations between the Premier and the emissary of Sinn Fein, Father O'Flannagan, which took place in London, have disclosed an unyielding attitude on both sides. The correspondent declared that he had information to the effect that "the Premier insisted that the Home Rule Act must be accepted, but intimated he would be willing to listen to any suggestions which the Council for Ireland, provided for under the Act, might bring forward once the Parliament is constituted." According to this correspondent's information also "Sinn Fein is understood to have decided to contest the elections, and with the majority of their candidates on the run or interned, there is little

doubt among students of politics here that they would secure a substantial majority at the polls, even under proportional representation."

On Monday also Eamon de Valera, the Irish Republican leader, issued a formal statement, in which, among other things, he denied the alleged German-Irish plot against Great Britain. He asserted that "there was no such thing as this German plot in 1918." This statement was not the document which had been looked for practically ever since De Valera's return to Ireland, but a special announcement relative to the alleged plot. It was stated that the other manifesto would be issued in a day or two.

According to statements said to have been made in authoritative quarters in London, it was apparent that "immunity of Eamon de Valera from arrest would continue as long as he maintains silence and does not participate in the affairs of the extreme Nationalists." Very soon thereafter attention was called to the fact that this information was forthcoming just prior to the issuance of his statement attacking the so-called "White Paper" of London. It was assumed that it would change the situation materially. An Associated Press correspondent in London stated that he had learned that "O'Flannagan has returned from London, his conversations with Premier Lloyd George having terminated when the Premier learned that the priest had not come as an official representative of the Dail Eireann but of the Archbishop of Tuam, who is still endeavoring to bring about his recently proposed 'truce of Gob.'"

Further political disturbances in Ireland were reported from time to time and the dispatches from London and Dublin made it clear that the British military authorities were taking every measure possible to prevent their spread, and to maintain order generally. For instance, the London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" said that "Crown forces have taken all precautions against an attack on Dublin as a result of the destruction of bridges and a blocking of roads in the district around the capital during the week-end." The Associated Press said in a Dublin cablegram that "Dublin Castle has announced its intention to destroy houses in the vicinity of scenes of outrages which are definitely known to be occupied by militant Sinn Feiners."

According to a dispatch yesterday morning from the London correspondent of the New York "Herald," the outlook for successful peace negotiations actually is gloomy. He said that "the extreme elements in Ireland have reopened hostilities with such violence as to create the impression in official circles here that they have given up hope of getting anywhere by peace negotiations and again have taken matters into their own hands. Talk of truce negotiations is now almost stilled by the blasts from Sinn Fein guns and bombs. When these negotiations seemed most hopeful this class of violence ceased almost entirely, the only disturbances being the frequent raids by military and police to which Ireland was subjected. Perhaps these raids explain in some measure why Sinn Fein is hitting back; but in any event the new clashes are rapidly smothering all peace talk."

More than usual interest was manifested in the announcement in Berlin of the decision of the Hamburg-American Line immediately to increase its capital to the extent of 100,000,000 marks. The increase

is to be made through the medium of 6% preference shares. According to an official announcement, it is the intention of the company "to exchange from time to time the new shares for shares of other companies." The New York "Times" correspondent in Berlin, in commenting upon this phase of the announcement, said that, "in other words, by a gradual process of trustifications, similar to that already in operation in other great industries, it is hoped to enable the German mercantile marine to present a united front in challenging the world to a contest for its old position." The chairman of the company, in his statement, said that "the first object is to protect the company against the danger of passing under foreign control." He imparted a most interesting and significant piece of information when he said that "one illustration of the reality of this danger is the fact that although the traffic of the port of Hamburg has already reached nearly half of its pre-war proportions, the Hamburg-American Line has not really any tonnage of its own." He added that "this shows how many foreign shipping companies have obtained representation in Hamburg."

In a dispatch from Washington, made public in New York Monday morning, it was stated that information had been obtained at the national capital that "the United States Government will probably withdraw its representative from the Council of Ambassadors at Paris, and it is expected that formal notification to that effect will be given to the Allied Powers at an early date." According to the dispatch also the intimation had been made in Government circles in Washington some little time before that this Government would not be represented at the conference of Allied Premiers at Paris on Jan. 19 "to discuss the question of German disarmament and representation." The principal reasons given for reaching this decision were: "First, the Council was set up to deal with the question of performance by Germany of the armistice requirements, and these discussions have been concluded. The other reason for the creation of the Council was to deal with such questions arising from the execution of the Treaty of Versailles as might still require treatment by the Allied and Associated nations, and the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the treaty is not considered as warranting continuation of American representation in the Council."

The following day word was received from Paris that a formal note had come from the American State Department, setting forth its decision not to have representation in the Council of Ambassadors. According to the correspondent in the French capital of the New York "Times," "withdrawal of the United States from the Council of Ambassadors, charged with the execution of the Versailles Treaty, caused a twenty-four-hour flurry in French Government circles." He added that "this was due not so much to the withdrawal itself as to the fact that a Washington dispatch transmitted to all the French papers late last night by a radio agency, which is notorious for its inaccuracy, said that 'the recent demand made by the French Government that Germany be forced to fulfill the disarmament clauses drawn up at Spa hastened this measure.'"

As soon as possible American Ambassador Wallace drafted a formal statement explanatory of the action of the American State Department, which was

read at the meeting of the Ambassadors the following day. He gave the following as the principal reasons for the action: "In view of the fact that most of the important questions relating to the armistice have been disposed of, and inasmuch as the Treaty of Versailles has not been ratified by the United States, there appears to be no further occasion for continuing American representation in the Conference." The French Foreign Office also issued a statement, in which it said "this decision appears to be purely formal, since from Dec. 9, 1919, the Government of the United States has made it known that its Ambassador no longer had any authority to take part in Allied deliberations, and attended them only as an observer. The measure which has just been taken is dictated by considerations of the same order."

Apparently the Allied Powers have been keeping a close watch on developments in Greece, particularly since Constantine was restored to the throne. In a cablegram early this week from Paris it was said that "the French Minister in Athens has telegraphed the Foreign Office saying that he and the Ministers of Great Britain and Italy would visit the Greek Premier and again protest against the Greek Government's requisitioning of the second half of the Allied loan of 400,000,000 drachmas." The dispatch added that "the Foreign Office says the purpose of the second protest is to show that there is complete accord among the Allies in the matter and to refute reports of lack of harmony." The further statement was made that "in French official circles it is said that nothing as yet has transpired to indicate whether the French and Allied Ministers will leave Athens." It is expected that the policy will be to await the result of the efforts of Greece to maintain Constantine on the throne without the financial aid of the Allies." In an Associated Press cablegram from the Greek capital Thursday morning the statement was made that King Constantine had said the day before that he did not believe the British "wish a revision of the Sevres Treaty with Turkey, but admitted that he had received no direct intimations to this effect." Continuing to discuss the position of his country, he was reported to have said "finance is the most difficult problem before Greece. There is no reason to suppose that the Allies will attempt to squeeze Greece under the unfair arrangement made when Greece was very poor, and the matter may be arranged to the mutual advantage of the nation." He was said to have added that "there seems to be little hope that Americans will aid financially. They might be willing to advance money as a matter of business, but might not wish to do so at present, preferring to stand firmly by France and Great Britain." He was quoted in a cablegram from Athens yesterday morning as saying "I will not abdicate. There is no reason to ignore my recall by the Greek people."

Among the various important announcements made during the week in European capitals was that in London that word had been received that the Austrian Government had admitted to the Entente that it was "at the end of its resources and no longer in a position to continue." According to the announcement, "the Government has declared its intentions to retire Jan. 15 [to-day] and place the

administration of the country in the hands of the Reparations Commission." This information was said to have come to London in the form of a dispatch from Berlin to the London "Times." In a special cablegram Thursday morning from Vienna to the New York "Times" it was said that "Professor Joseph Redlich has just been delegated by the Austrian Government to proceed to Washington and confer about the Austrian situation with American statesmen and financiers, and also with President-elect Harding." It was reported in a dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, that Professor Redlich had already arrived there, on his way to the United States. In his dispatch from Washington the assertion was made that "it is virtual national bankruptcy which has forced the Austrian Government to serve notice on the principal Allied and Associated Powers that it cannot continue the administration of the nation after Jan. 15." It was added in this dispatch that "word has reached Washington in official advices that the final step compelling the Austrian Government to take this action was a demand by government clerks for an increase of 1,000,000,000 crowns a month in salaries, Jan. 15 being the date fixed for the expiration of their ultimatum." Paris sent word yesterday morning that it was understood there that the Allies "are considering another effort to save Austria by floating a loan equivalent to \$250,000,000, as proposed by the Austrian section of the Reparations Commission." In another dispatch the amount was placed at \$300,000,000.

According to the original plan, Leonid Krassin, the Russian Bolshevik in London, was to leave for Moscow a week ago to-day, with agreement for the resumption of trade between Great Britain and Russia, which had received the approval of Sir Robert Horne, President of the British Board of Trade. At that time it was expected also that he would return to London in three or four weeks, "either formally to conclude the compact or wind up the affairs of the Russian Trade Commission's offices." Dispatches from the British capital two days later stated that "his departure had been delayed for a few days, but there was nothing to show that a serious rupture had occurred."

Considerable was made by American newspaper correspondents in London of the result of an election held in Dover on Thursday. For instance, the New York "Times" representative asserted that "it is no exaggeration to say that a mine has been exploded at the very foundations of the Lloyd George-Bonar Law Coalition Government by the result of the Dover election." He pointed out that "at the last election the Coalition-Unionist candidate was returned by a majority of 6,128. This has now been turned into a minority of 3,130." The new member of Parliament for Dover is Col. Sir Thomas Polson. His opponent was Major J. J. Astor, brother of Lord Astor. It was claimed that the Government was defeated on an issue of alleged extravagance.

Announcement has been made in London of a new loan by Belgium for 1,000,000,000 francs. The rate of interest is 4% and the offering price 80. It is repayable in 90 years by drawings at par and by prizes, which for the first ten years will amount to 7,000,000 francs annually.

The British Board of Trade report for December discloses total imports of £142,780,000; exports of British products of £96,630,000. Counting re-exports of £12,690,000, the total exports amounted to £109,320,000, and left an excess of imports of £33,460,000. The excess of imports for the calendar year 1920 was £379,445,000, compared with £962,694,911 for 1919. The following is a summary of the results for 1920 compared with the same month of 1919 and for the two years complete:

	—Month of December—		—Calendar Year—	
	1920.	1919	1920	1919
Imports.....	£142,780,000	£169,735,141	£1,937,411,000	£1,631,901,684
British exports.....	96,630,000	90,857,720	1,335,568,000	798,372,971
Re-exports .....	12,690,000	26,160,444	222,396,000	164,321,940
Total exports.....	£109,320,000	£117,018,164	£1,557,965,000	£962,694,911
Excess of Imports ..	£33,460,000	£52,716,977	£379,445,000	£669,206,953

The British Treasury statement for the eight days ending with Jan. 8, show a moderate excess of income over outgo, which resulted in an increase in Exchequer balances of £178,000. Expenditures for the period under review aggregated £27,075,000, while the total outflow, including Treasury bills, Exchequer bonds, advances, and other items repaid, was £188,533,000. Of these the largest single payment was in Treasury bills, £105,720,000. Receipts from all sources for the first eight days of the calendar year were £188,711,000. Of this total, revenue contributed £28,590,000 and savings certificates £1,000,000. Advances yielded £8,000,000, while from sundries the sum of £107,000 was received. Treasury bills were issued to the amount of £150,639,000, so that the volume outstanding has been swelled to £1,147,028,000, in comparison with £1,102,109,000 in the preceding statement. Temporary advances, however, were lowered, and now stand at £261,522,000 as against £305,972,000 at the turn of the year. The total floating debt now stands at £1,408,881,000 in comparison with £1,409,081,000 on Dec. 31. As this statement is for a period of eight days, comparisons with the previous six-day statement would be valueless. The Exchequer balance has been brought up to £3,189,000. On the last day of 1920 it stood at £3,011,000.

Official discount rates at leading European centres continue to be quoted at 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 was somewhat firmer, at 6¼@6 11-16% for sixty and ninety day bills, as compared with 5⅞@6⅝% last week. Money on call in London also showed a firmer tendency, there having been an advance to 5%, against 4½% a week earlier. So far as can be learned, no reports have been received by cable of open market discounts at other leading centres.

The Bank of England announced a slight loss in gold this week, viz., £4,841, but total reserve was again substantially expanded, in round numbers £1,730,000. This was of course the result of a further contraction of £1,735,000 in note circulation. As still additional evidence of the Bank's recovery from the abnormal year-end demands, deposits were shown to have been heavily reduced, so that the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to 12.15% as against 8.83% a week ago and only 7.30% the week before that. Last year the ratio stood at 16¾%. Public deposits decreased £836,000 and

other deposits fell £31,850,000. In Government securities there was a shrinkage of £30,520,000 while in loans (other securities) a contraction of £3,938,000 was reported. The total of gold now on hand is £128,280,219. Last year it stood at £94,287,105 and in 1918 at £80,544,216. Circulation is £129,834,000, as against £88,249,635 in 1920 and £69,698,840 a year earlier. Reserves aggregate £16,896,000, in comparison with £24,487,470 and £29,295,376 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans amount to £80,791,000. This compares with £84,780,535 last year and in 1919 £78,886,493. Predictions during the earlier part of the week that the Bank of England's official discount rate would be reduced, proved without foundation and the regular 7% rate was again announced. However, there are some who intimate that it is likely to be lowered before the end of February. Clearings through the London banks for the week totaled £745,784,000, which compares with £877,193,000 last week and £758,300,000 a year ago. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the different items of the Bank of England returns:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
	Jan. 12.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 16.	Jan. 17.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	129,834,000	88,249,635	69,698,840	45,325,380	38,831,640
Public deposits	15,883,000	18,657,215	28,168,380	41,416,146	51,324,995
Other deposits	123,137,000	127,434,212	124,797,382	121,589,360	137,699,276
Government securities	59,241,000	54,709,925	62,666,244	56,768,151	133,883,190
Other securities	80,791,000	54,780,535	78,886,493	92,278,457	37,381,804
Reserve notes & coin	16,896,000	24,487,470	29,295,376	31,892,728	35,733,648
Coin and bullion	128,280,219	94,287,105	80,544,216	58,768,108	56,115,288
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	12.15%	16¾%	19.14%	19.57%	18.91%
Bank rate	7%	6%	5%	5%	5½%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further gain of 405,000 francs in the gold item this week. The Bank's gold holdings now aggregate 5,501,051,850 francs, of which 1,948,367,056 francs are held abroad. Last year at this time the amount was 5,579,404,128 francs, including 1,978,278,416 francs held abroad, while in 1919 the figure was 5,496,206,725 francs, including 2,037,108,484 francs held abroad. During the week advances increased 59,312,000 francs, while Treasury deposits were augmented by 4,301,000 francs. On the other hand, silver fell off 1,656,000 francs, bills discounted decreased 299,919,000 francs, and general deposits were reduced 114,687,000 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 126,658,000 francs being registered. The total outstanding is thus brought down to 38,462,936,370 francs, contrasting with 37,900,604,960 francs on the corresponding date in 1920 and with 31,699,903,225 francs in 1919. Comparisons of the various items in this week's statement with the figures of last week and corresponding dates in 1920 and 1919 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week	Status as of		
		Jan. 13 1921.	Jan. 15 1920.	Jan. 16 1919.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold Holdings—				
In France	Inc. 405,000	3,552,684,794	3,601,125,711	3,459,098,240
Abroad	No change	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416	2,037,108,484
Total	Inc. 405,000	5,501,051,850	5,579,404,128	5,496,206,725
Silver	Dec. 1,656,000	264,584,495	261,332,115	316,870,332
Bills discounted	Dec. 299,919,000	3,044,789,298	1,705,006,247	1,334,359,893
Advances	Inc. 59,312,000	2,281,849,000	1,544,790,899	1,212,330,587
Note circulation	Dec. 126,658,000	38,462,936,370	37,900,604,960	31,699,903,225
Treasury deposits	Inc. 4,301,000	87,659,000	47,420,044	21,616,397
General deposits	Dec. 114,687,000	3,463,288,894	3,031,021,184	2,533,116,496

In its statement, issued as of Dec. 31, the Imperial Bank of Germany again shows radical alterations in its principal items. Note circulation, which for a brief period reflected the attempts of the Government at a policy of contraction, continues to expand

and this time registered the sensational increase of 1,679,272,000 marks. Deposits were expanded no less than 8,162,883,000 marks while bills discounted registered the huge increase of 6,892,257,000 marks. Treasury notes were also heavily augmented, namely 1,947,341,000 marks. Changes in gold and in total coin and bullion were trifling, being a decline in the former of 4,000 marks and an increase in the latter of 83,000 marks. Advances were cut 8,515,000 marks. Investments were 6,905,000 marks smaller, while other securities showed a falling off of 7,852,000 marks. In other liabilities a contraction of 1,804,759,000 marks is shown. The German Bank's stock of gold is given as 1,091,636,000 marks. In the same week of 1919 the total was 1,089,499,000 marks and a year earlier, 2,262,000,000 marks. Outstanding note circulation has reached the enormous total of 68,342,476,000 marks, which compares with 35,698,359,000 marks last year and 22,188,000,000 marks in 1918.

Last week's statement of New York associated banks and trust companies, issued on Saturday, while reflecting readjustments incidental to the after-the-holiday period, was about as had been expected, in that deposits gained substantially while loans were sharply cut. In net demand deposits there was an increase of \$49,229,000, to \$4,064,749,000. This is exclusive of Government deposits of \$54,973,000, a contraction in the latter item of \$66,845,000. Net time deposits also increased—to \$267,249,000, as against \$259,942,000 last week. The loan item was brought down \$54,254,000. Other changes, however, were relatively unimportant, comprising a decline of \$3,970,000 in cash in own vaults, to \$97,748,000 (not counted as reserve), an increase in reserves of member banks with the Federal Reserve Bank of \$4,107,000, to \$529,098,000, and an expansion of \$162,000 cash in own vaults of State banks and trust companies, to \$9,387,000. Reserves of State banks and trust companies with other depositories gained \$417,000, to \$9,542,000. An increase of \$4,686,000 was shown in aggregate reserves, bringing that total up to \$548,027,000, but as a result of the large increase in deposits, surplus was cut slightly, in round numbers \$1,912,350, so that the total of excess reserves is now \$9,131,530, in comparison with \$11,043,880 in the week preceding. The figures here given for surplus are based on reserves of 13% above legal requirements, but do not include cash to the amount of \$97,748,000 held in own vaults by these banks on Saturday of last week. The Federal Reserve Bank showing was not so favorable and the result of the week's operations was a drop in the ratio of cash reserve from 40.0% to 39.0%. It will be noted that there has been continued liquidation of discounted and purchased paper, with a heavy return movement of Federal Reserve currency. Reserve Bank holdings of paper secured by Government obligations were reduced \$11,964,000. Holdings of bills purchased in the open market were cut \$6,999,000, while other discounted bills on hand declined more than \$19,000,000. As a result of these operations the total earning assets for the week were reduced about \$38,000,000 and now aggregate \$1,037,098,000. Holdings of gold and other cash, however, were reduced from \$610,243,000 to \$587,659,000. The bank statements are given in more complete detail on a later page of the "Chronicle."

The first real break in the local money market has come. By some observers it had been expected for a week or more. On Thursday and yesterday call money on the Stock Exchange renewed at 6%. Loans by the banks direct, chiefly, it was said, for the account of out-of-town institutions, as low as 4%, were reported on Wednesday. Bankers said that the offerings at that quotation and at 4½% were not as large yesterday and the day before as they were on the first day of the break. A prominent international banker, while admitting that money at this centre is likely to be materially easier than it was for a long time prior to this week's sharp break, believes that a moderate upturn from the lowest quotation may be looked for. There was real relaxation also in time money, offerings being made at 6% on mixed collateral for thirty days and at 6¼ and 6½% on all industrials. People are not inclined to buy stocks when they are going down, and borrowers of money are generally disposed to wait when they see freer offerings and the rates declining. In pursuance of this tendency borrowers showed a disposition to wait for still lower prices for time money. It was realized that a quotation lower than 4% for call money could not reasonably be looked for. The large withdrawals of Government money from local institutions again this week had no perceptible effect upon the local market. It is reported that on Wednesday night there was a surplus of more than \$20,000,000 in the loan crowd on the Stock Exchange over the requirements for the day. The larger supply of loanable funds is probably due in part to the continued depression in business and to the thawing out of some "frozen loans," and also to a greater degree of confidence upon the part of those who have money to lend, in the general business and financial position in this country. The statements of Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board regarding these matters have been credited with having exerted considerable influence. Bankers say that new offerings of securities are being very well taken.

Dealing with specific rates for money, loans on call during the week covered a range of 6@7%, as compared with a flat rate of 7% last week. For the first three days of the week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the high was 7, the low 6% and renewals on the basis of 7%. Thursday there was a further easing and for the first time since Nov. 30 call loans were renewed at 6%, which was also the maximum and minimum quotations for the day. On Friday the 6% rate was maintained and this again proved the high, low and ruling figure. While 6% was the lowest rate for loans dealt in on the Exchange, it should be noted that over-the-counter or outside loans were available at as low as 4½@5%, the lowest level in more than a year. The wide disparity in call rates between Stock Exchange and other loans is giving rise to some comment as to whether the Exchange figure is not more or less artificial in character. The above quotations apply to both mixed collateral loans and all-industrials alike. Funds were freely available, even at the lower figures noted. In time money the feature was a reduction to 6% for sixty and ninety days and four and five months' money, and 5½@6% for six months. This compares with 7¼@7½% a week ago for sixty and ninety days and 7@7¼% for longer maturities, and is the lowest level as yet

touched on the present decline. The supply was not large, but brokers reported freer offerings than for some time and a fair amount of business transacted, especially in the shorter periods.

Mercantile paper ruled quiet with very little new to report. Notwithstanding the marked decline in time money, rates continue to be quoted at 7¾@8% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, although most of the business is now being done at the inside figure. Names not so well known still require 8%, unchanged.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were very active, and many brokers reported trading as the broadest experienced in several months. The demand came from all parts of the country and undoubtedly reflects the release of substantial amounts of money because of the decline in business activity generally. As a result, quotations were appreciably lowered, prime member bank bills being as low as 5¾%, against 6¼% the preceding week. One indication of the increase in absorption of acceptances since the turn of the year is the estimate that more than \$25,000,000 has been invested in that period by savings banks alone, which are said to be taking practically all of the New York bills. The posted rate of the American Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances is down to 4½@5%. Detailed quotations for acceptances in the open market are as follows:

	Spot Delivery			Delivery within 30 Days
	Ninety Days	Sixty Days	Thirty Days	
Eligible bills of member banks.....	5¾@5¾	5¾@5¾	5¾@5¾	6 bid
Eligible bills of non-member banks.....	6¼@6	6¼@5¾	6¼@5¾	6¼ bid
Ineligible bills.....	6½@6¼	6½@6¼	6½@6¼	7 bid

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 JANUARY 14 1921.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (including member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances disc'd for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live-stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Other-wise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	5½	6	7	-	7	7
New York.....	5½	6	7	-	7	7
Philadelphia.....	16	5½	6	5½	6	6
Cleveland.....	16	5¼	6	5¼	5½	6
Richmond.....	16	6	6	6	6	6
Atlanta.....	16	5½	7	6	7	7
Chicago.....	16	6	7	6	7	7
St. Louis.....	*5½	5½	6	5½	6	6
Minneapolis.....	5½	6	7	6	6½	7
Kansas City.....	16	6	6	5½	6	6
Dallas.....	16	5½	6	5½	6	6
San Francisco.....	16	6	6	6	6	6

\* 5¼% on paper secured by 5¼% certificates, and 5% on paper secured by 4¾% 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 5¼% 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 ½% progressive increase for each 25% by which the amount of accommodation extended exceeds the basic line.

Further substantial progress was made in the upward movement which characterized operations in sterling exchange during the latter part of last week and for a time price levels were rushed up to 3 76½ for demand—an additional advance of 10¼ cents, and no less than 34 cents above the rates quoted early in December. It in fact represents the highest point touched since the end of July 1920, at which time sterling bills were selling at 3 79¾. As might be expected trading was very active with fluctuations violent in the extreme. Changes in rates were so rapid and widespread for a while as to cause a sharp

divergence in quoted rates, which in turn produced considerable confusion and dealings practically throughout were attended by more or less excitement. The week's movements may be said to have been the most sensational in quite a long period, since the high point was quickly followed by a pronounced reaction which carried rates down to 3 70½. The latter feature was attributed chiefly to extensive realizing sales and rather freer offerings of commercial bills. In the final dealings, some of the loss was regained and the close was at 3.72.

Numerous and varied reasons are being put forth by way of explanation for the spectacular advances of the past week or so, but so far as can be learned the market is still under the influence of factors which have dominated the situation during the recent past. Probably the most potent causes for the wave of optimism which seems to have swept over the foreign exchange market lately are the prevailing belief that Great Britain is soon to fund its outstanding indebtedness in this country into a long term loan, that there is a well defined movement on foot both here and abroad for the alleviation of existing international credit difficulties and that favorable results may soon be looked for from the placing in actual operation of the new Edge law foreign financing corporations. To this, of course, should be added the appreciable easing in local monetary conditions. In the opinion of some large foreign exchange dealers, the falling off in our exports, due to the world-wide slump in the demand for commodities, has had much to do with the improvement in currency values. According to these authorities exports of commodities from Great Britain are increasing steadily, while British purchases of cotton have been on a greatly reduced scale in recent weeks, (besides which of course the price of the staple is very much lower) a factor which has undoubtedly had an important bearing on the market for London remittances. Moreover, it should not be overlooked that many of the large interests who were short of sterling, as well as importers who had counted on obtaining the necessary exchanges at low levels recently current, have been forced into the market as liberal buyers of bills, thereby materially accelerating the upswing of prices. Some of the most optimistically inclined are now predicting \$4.00 sterling or over in the course of the next few weeks; although, on the other hand, not a few feel that the advance has been altogether too rapid under existing conditions and that sharp fluctuations, not to say reactions to a lower level, are likely for a while longer at least. London bankers are said to be watching the course of sterling on this market closely and to incline to the belief that the rise in sterling is not wholly warranted.

Rumors continue very active of the probable placing here of large European loans shortly. The latest of these is that France is soon to raise another \$100,000,000 American loan. A recent despatch from Paris states that France is preparing to include in her forthcoming budget a refunding scheme to care for the immediate maturing of American loans, including City of Paris and other municipal issues, together with the accrued interest on the \$400,000,000 owed on supplies purchased from the American army in France. Should this prove true, it is likely to have an important effect in sustaining and stabilizing exchange levels. Recent reports of Swiss financing in this market are said to have been premature, though it is stated on good authority that negotiations

for some form of a long-term bond issue are actually under way.

As regards the more detailed quotations, sterling exchange on Saturday of last week was a shade easier, with demand fractionally down to 3 63¼@3 63½, cable transfers to 3 64@3 64¼ and sixty days to 3 58⅞@3 59. Monday's trading was feverish and excited, and as a result of heavy foreign buying and active short covering prices shot up spectacularly to a new high on the current movement, namely 3 73¾ for demand; the low was 3 65¼, while cable transfers ranged between 3 66 and 3 74½ and sixty days at 3 60⅞@3 69⅞. Although somewhat less activity was shown on Tuesday, considerable business was transacted and rates again mounted sharply, this time to 3 73¾@3 76½ for demand, 3 74½@3 77¼ for cable transfers and 3 69⅞@3 71⅞ for sixty days; London cable quotations were strong with foreign buying an important factor. On Wednesday sterling rates showed a reactionary trend and prices dropped appreciably on what appeared to be profit taking sales; demand declined about 2¼c. to 3 71¼@3 75¼, cable transfers to 3 72@3 76 and sixty days to 3 66⅞@3 70⅞. There was a further decline on Thursday to 3 70½@3 74 for demand, 3 71¼@3 74¾ for cable transfers and 3 66⅞@3 69⅞ for sixty days; offerings were rather more abundant, while a perceptible slackening in the inquiry was noted. On Friday the market ruled more quiet, though rates were well sustained and demand bills ranged between 3 72@3 74¼, cable transfers at 3 72¾@3 75 and sixty days at 3 67⅞@3 69⅞. Closing quotations were 3 67⅞ for sixty days, 3 72 for demand and 3 72¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3 71⅞, sixty days at 3 70¼, ninety days at 3 64⅞, documents for payment (sixty days) at 3 67 and seven-day grain bills at 3 70⅞. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3 71⅞. More gold was received this week, \$4,200,000 in gold bars, which arrived on the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, while the Imperator and Adriatic are said to be on their way with additional shipments. Gold in considerable amounts is said to be coming forward into the United Kingdom from Russia. A report which aroused some attention this week was to the effect that despite the control exercised over exports by the Dutch authorities, large quantities of Russian gold have been consigned to propaganda agents in this country and are known to have been smuggled out of Holland for shipment to New York.

In the Continental exchanges also there has been an increase in strength and activity, which though less sensational than in the case of sterling, carried prices up from 10 to 25 points or more. As a result of light offerings, combined with an unusually heavy demand, quoted rates on nearly all leading European currencies bounded upward here sharply. French francs scored a gain of almost 24 centimes, to 6.20. Exchange on Belgium sold up to 6.51—a 19-point advance. Later there were almost equally rapid recessions in these currencies, the former losing 18 points, to 6.02, and the latter, 17 points to 6.34. Italian lire moved no less erratically, there having been first an advance of 10 points, to 3.56, then a decline which brought the quotation to 3.40. Yesterday, however, recoveries of from 5 to 7 points took place in these exchanges. Early in the week London sent materially higher quotations, which had a hardening tendency here, and was almost imme-

diately followed by a resumption of buying. Shorts caught unprepared in the sudden uprush of prices added greatly to the general confusion by their frantic efforts to cover extensive short commitments. Later in the week what was regarded as a natural reaction from an advance which had been overdone, set in and sharp losses were sustained, although there was a partial recovery before the close. Offerings were freer and profit taking sales quickly brought about a lowering of price levels. Cable quotations from London furthermore came lower, and this, too, had a somewhat depressing influence on market sentiment. Berlin exchange, while traded in to a considerable extent, was conspicuous in having had only a very small part in the improvement. Mark quotations were steady, but hovered at 1.37@1.40, with a high point established yesterday of 1.47. Austrian kronen ruled heavy throughout, with a further decline to 00.19, which undoubtedly reflects the serious political crisis at that centre and the appeal to the Allies to take over the reins of government. Recent dispatches from Vienna declare Austria to be in a state of collapse and claim that because the Allies have delayed in relieving Austria's financial distress, an Austrian agent is to be sent to the United States to ask assistance. Nothing new has as yet developed concerning the Russian trade situation. Ruble currency continues to be quoted (nominally) on this market at 60 cents per hundred rubles. Some attention has been given the announcement that Italy has postponed the application of her elaborate income tax reform scheme until Jan. 1 1922.

The official London check rate on Paris closed at 61.35, which compares with 61.05 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 6.07½, against 5.96½; cable transfers at 6.08½, against 5.97½; commercial sight bills at 6.05½, against 5.94½, and commercial sixty days at 5.99½, against 5.88½ a week ago. Antwerp francs closed at 6.40 for checks and 6.41 for cable transfers, which compares with 6.27½ and 6.28½ a week earlier. Closing quotations for Berlin marks were 1.46¼ for checks and 1.47¼ for cable transfers. Last week the close was 1.37 and 1.38. Austrian kronen finished the week at a new low, namely 00.19 for checks and 00.20 for cable remittances as against 00.21½ and 00.22½ in the week preceding. Lire quotations closed at 3.44¾ for bankers sight bills and 3.45¾ for cable transfers, in comparison with 3.46½@3.47½ a week earlier. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia showed improvement and advanced to 1.19, the close, against 1.14; and Bucharest at 1.34, against 1.31; Poland was heavy at 11½, against 16¾, but Finland closed at 3.15 (unchanged). Greek exchange was in somewhat better demand for a time and moved up to 7.60, an advance of 15 points, but subsequently reacted and closed at 7.30 for demand and 7.35 for cable remittances, against 7.35 and 7.40 the week before.

There is very little of importance to report in neutral exchange. Movements in rates have for the most part followed the course of the other exchanges. Trading, however, has been on a broader scale of late and Swiss francs, Dutch guilders as well as the Scandinavian exchanges came in for a good volume of business. Copenhagen remittances showed an advance of more than 100 points during the week, though this was partly lost before the close, while Swiss francs were marked up about 32 points.

Spanish pesetas advanced 30 points to 13.58, but reacted and closed at last week's levels.

Bankers' sight bills on Amsterdam after advancing to 33.00, reacted and closed at 32.80, against 31.81; cable transfers at 32.90, against 31.93; commercial sight at 32.74, against 31.75, and commercial sixty days at 32.38, against 31.39 last week. Swiss francs finished at 15.59 for bankers' sight bills and 15.61 for cable transfers. A week ago the close was 15.44 and 15.45. Copenhagen checks closed at 17.60 and 17.70 for cable remittances, against 16.35 and 16.45. Checks on Sweden finished at 21.60 and cable transfers 21.70, against 20.70 and 20.80, while checks on Norway closed at 17.10 and cable transfers 17.20, against 16.35 and 16.45 the week previous. Final quotations for Spanish pesetas were 13.30 for checks and 13.32 for cable transfers, in comparison with 13.28 and 13.30 on Friday of a week ago.

As to South American quotations there has been a further advance in the check rate on Argentina to 34.87½ and cable transfers 35.00, with the close 34.62½ and 34.75, against 34.37½ and 34.50 a week earlier. Brazilian rates were also better, advancing to 15.50 and 15.62½, but closing at 15.37½ and 15.50, as compared with 14.62½ and 14.75 last week. Reports from Rio de Janeiro state that considerable anti-American sentiment is arising from the unfavorable exchange situation there. It is said that during the past five months the value of the Brazilian milreis has dropped from 25 cents to 16½ cents to the dollar, the lowest level in more than twenty years. Brazilian newspapers are said to be editorially charging United States bankers with responsibility for the local situation and urging the discontinuance of purchases from North America. The fact seems to be entirely ignored that the decline is in reality due to the unfavorable and one-sided balance of trade between the two countries. Argentina is said to have a new plan under consideration to deal with goods refused under cancellations by Argentine concerns. By means of the proposed arrangement American firms with goods on their hands and desiring to sell them will be able to negotiate with a corporation formed in Buenos Ayres for this purpose. The method of procedure briefly is to offer samples of the merchandise to firms likely to be interested; when a buyer is found the best prices obtainable are cabled to the owner in the United States. In case of acceptance the owner cables to the branch bank to deliver documents to the firm in question which immediately secures cash payment for the entire transaction, the amount being deposited with the bank for subsequent transfer to the owner in New York. It is claimed there is no risk and a fair chance of the goods being sold at reasonable prices. In the event that the terms are rejected, the goods still remain at the disposal of the owner. Chilean exchange shared in the general upward movement, rising to 14.73, and finishing at 14.37, as against 13.98 last week, but Peru was weaker at 4.08, in comparison with 4.13 the preceding week.

Far Eastern rates are as follows: Hong Kong, 57@57¼, against 58@58¼; Shanghai, 75@75½, against 76½@76¾; Yokohama, 49@50, against 49@50; Manila, 46@46½, against 45½@45¾; Singapore, 44@44¼, against 42@43; Bombay, 29@29½, against 27¼@28½, and Calcutta, 29¼@29¾, against 27½@28½.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$8,391,884 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 13. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,711,684, while the shipments have reached \$1,319,800, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending January 13.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' Interior movement	\$9,711,684	\$1,319,800	Gain \$8,391,884

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, Jan. 8.	Monday, Jan. 10.	Tuesday, Jan. 11.	Wednesday, Jan. 12.	Thursday, Jan. 13.	Friday, Jan. 14.	Aggregate for Week.
\$46,855,708	\$76,681,876	\$52,139,855	\$45,856,605	\$160,225,460	\$60,647,586	Cr. 342,407,090

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—	January 13 1921.			January 15 1920.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£128,280,219	—	£128,280,219	£94,287,105	—	£94,287,105
France a	142,107,392	10,560,000	152,667,392	144,045,026	10,440,000	154,485,026
Germany	54,577,650	288,650	54,866,300	54,463,400	799,750	55,263,150
Aus-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	98,286,000	22,943,000	121,229,000	97,832,000	25,220,000	123,052,000
Italy	32,768,000	2,999,000	35,767,000	32,200,000	3,006,000	35,206,000
Netherl'ds	53,012,000	1,788,000	54,800,000	52,917,000	531,000	53,498,000
Nat. Belg.	10,661,000	1,116,000	11,777,000	10,656,000	1,076,000	11,732,000
Switz'land	21,716,000	4,929,000	26,645,000	20,678,000	2,971,000	23,649,000
Sweden	15,688,000	—	15,688,000	15,621,000	—	15,621,000
Denmark	12,644,000	145,000	12,789,000	12,605,000	184,000	12,789,000
Norway	8,111,000	—	8,111,000	8,141,000	—	8,141,000
Total week	588,799,261	47,137,650	635,936,911	554,389,531	46,646,750	601,036,281
Prev. week	588,730,102	47,426,300	636,156,402	550,786,699	46,943,200	597,729,899

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £77,934,682 held abroad.

### SIMPLICITY TO MARK THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION—MR. HARDING TRUE TO HIMSELF.

The proposed (and usual) parade for inauguration day in Washington, including the ball in the evening, has been abandoned, at the earnest request of the leading figure therein, Mr. Harding having asked the Senate's committee on the inauguration that no money whatever be appropriated and expended for the occasion. It will be most pleasing to him, he said, to have the ceremony within the Capitol, "or on the east porch in its stately simplicity, without a single extra preparation," and he wished the committee to know "that the impression of extravagant expenditure would make me a very unhappy participant." He could not do more than state his wish, and the wish has prevailed. Only the votaries of fashionable pleasure and the profiteering landlords of the capital will regret the change; the former can always find follies at every turn, and the disappointment of the latter concerns only themselves.

To become de facto as well as de jure President of the United States, after being declared elected, is the simplest matter conceivable. The Constitution provides only that "before he enter on the duties of his office" the incoming President shall take a simple prescribed oath; it does not even specify the date or the place of that ceremony, nor the person before whom the oath is to be taken; custom and propriety suggest the head of the Supreme Court, but the founders did not say so.

The brief ceremony will now be at the eastern portal of the Capitol, and a distinguished precedent was made, just a hundred and twenty years ago, when Thomas Jefferson, third President, rode to the building, dismounted, tied his horse to the fence, and walked, unattended, into the Senate Chamber, where he took the oath and delivered his address. Now that democracy in the party sense has departed so far from Jeffersonian ideas it is well to have a step of return to Jeffersonian simplicity.

Only some \$3,000 which contractors had already incurred and must have reimbursed to them will be officially expended. The proposed Government outlay was not large, said Mr. Harding, the greater part coming from "the generous contributions of District citizenship," doubtless including, he forebore to add, some from persons who counted on getting back their money manifolded; but he pleads that "it is timely and wholesome to practice the utter denial of public expenditure where there is no real necessity." Clearly so; the expenditure would not be much in itself, regarded as per capita, but the influence of the example now set, upon both public and private spending, may be of incalculable value. Government has dinned thrift upon the people, through the bond campaigns and since; it is well now to have it set a lesson for the world.

The fling said to have been uttered by one high official in Washington is neither witty nor in good taste, and if impressiveness and propriety require glitter the opposite extreme might be mentioned: suppose the incoming President were covered with gewgaw decorations and were taken to the place of ceremony on a litter borne on the shoulders of attendants? The impressiveness, as well as all the proprieties, lies in the very simplicity of the occasion; the man elected begins his duties by taking an oath that he will "faithfully execute" them and to the best of his ability will "preserve, protect, and defend" the Constitution. Thus he is "crowned," his faithfulness and his success following to justify him or otherwise; and all the mines and all the looms of the world could only detract from the meaning of the hour.

Sixty years ago, Abraham Lincoln, after asking his neighbors to keep him in their prayers, as he bade them farewell on leaving Springfield, took the oath at the eastern end of the building, then standing unfinished. The clouds over the way were very dark, for open acts of treason had already been committed and it was not believed that the earnest appeal to reason with which he closed his inaugural could halt the movement to civil war. This is the fifteenth quadrennial occasion since, and the situation now is only less grave than in 1860. This is not a time for pessimism and gloom, but seriousness, which is not the same feeling as those, is plainly appropriate. For if this country had no unusual internal problems and were fully prosperous and peaceful, the international problems are difficult,

and the distresses of a world that looks towards us and places its hopes largely upon us should make us serious-minded rather than jubilant. Mr. Harding has a hard task, but ever since his nomination he has borne himself admirably and there is encouragement in his lack of self-confidence, his desire to test his own views by those of others, and (best of all) his sense of responsibility and his trust in an overruling Providence.

#### STATE CONTROL OF INDUSTRY.

By what rule of reason is the State enabled to control industry *in the interest of competition*? The very attempt must prove a denial of the object sought. We have had a legislative committee investigation of the building industry. It has disclosed builders' associations for the purpose of fixing prices, for the allotment of contracts on jobs, and for a system of partial reimbursement to those who are ruled out by the awards. It has disclosed trades associations for the purpose, apparently, of preying upon contractors, associations that are not entirely divorced from the great federation of labor, though condemned by some of the ruling powers. Testimony has been laid before Grand Juries and indictments found. Some of these indictments have been for extortion and attempts at extortion. Following disclosures, certain of the builders' associations have voluntarily, without promise of immunity, agreed to disband. Now, before trials have been had, before any effect of the disbanding has been realized, it is proposed to create a State Trade Commission, "to examine costs and to fix reasonable and fair profits in the various industries. A uniform system of accounting would be required of all members of the individual associations."

This is the old story over again. It is the ruling passion of rushing to Government for relief. It is the plea of the weakling startled by the sudden appearance of sinister combinations. Competition would be assured by "fixing prices" through a commission—an absurdity on its face! Hope is held out that the National Government may follow suit. Again we have the old conflict of two jurisdictions. The raw materials of building do not all lie in one State. If other States enter into the fury of "control," and attempt to fix prices, then and there begins contest and controversy. We are told that the purpose is not to abolish these builders' associations. "Membership in such organizations will not be forbidden in the proposed bill, but the association will be required to submit to State supervision and regulation." And so submitting, it will be legally sanctioned, and "competition" under "fixed prices" will blossom like a green bay tree.

Nothing may come of this. The New York State Legislature is in session, however, and it is significant that such proposal is made. There is reason to believe that building contractors *do* desire freedom of action. There is testimony in this investigation to show that by means of unlawful power through manipulation of trades associations these men have been coerced against their will. This does not excuse their own action in creating organizations for the control of industry. Because, from sources outside their own efforts to "fix prices," they have been threatened with "strikes" and with being "put out of business," it does not follow that they should be subjected to coercive control of the State. Two wrongs do not make a right. Nor three. Because a

nest of wrong-doing has been disclosed in the City of New York is no reason why every contractor in the State should have the liberty of contract taken away from him. There *may* be strength and honesty outside Government.

How can real competition exist without the liberty of contract to build at agreed-upon prices—agreed upon, independently of all others, by the two who enter into a private contract? Of what use is business acumen and integrity under a State Trade Commission? Not every building contractor yielded to this "system." There are firms who defied this underground method—firms that through long and honorable dealing have built up a reputation for honest work at fair prices. What would "reputation" be worth, "good-will," under the proposed "regulation"? This whole effort at "control" in all of its ramifications is a denial of honesty in man. And is it to be forgotten that political "regulation" is itself liable to corruption? Is there anywhere anything to show that it is really efficient? First, the "investigation," then the disclosure—and then the old mad desire to rule, to make men moral and independent by law!

Why not give competition a chance? The answer is flung back that these associations would in time reappear. But would they? This organized system of extortion, this clearing-house for bids, are both against the law. They are evil complements of each other—play into each other's hands. On the criminal side there is plenty of penalty once the fact is proven. On the civil side, if not criminal penalty, there is relief in the national law, once the fact is proven. What is more important is that it is unnatural that men succeeding under open competition depending upon ability and fidelity, should welcome associations that deprive them of the power to succeed on their merits. Why not sometime and somehow admit that man is not primarily a rascal who needs to be controlled by all the other rascals—since when the individual ceases to exist as an honest man—the State, too, becomes dishonest!

There is another great good to flow out of this inspiration. We read: "It has been learned by the Committee that in some industries large concerns buy out competitors, shut down their plants and thus keep production down and prices up. The arbitrary scrapping of productive activities which is being carried on at a profit will be stopped if the plans of the Committee are enacted into legislation." Well, if we do have this law it will be a fitting climax of folly, in a State that would not seat a duly elected Socialist and then adopts Socialism itself. Is it seriously to be proposed that a law shall be enacted forbidding a man to sell his own property at a satisfactory price to whom he pleases? And all this when the nation is gradually releasing its dream-hold on "combinations in restraint of trade"! Can this "committee" or any committee successfully show in the case of steel and oil that "consolidated corporations" *have* kept "production down and prices up"? And why this sudden zeal for "competition" when "co-operation" has been heralded as the cure of every human ill?

Who or what can "control" competition? It is as varied and variable as the wind. It is the directed and energized power of mind applied to the material world. It is itself the master-builder of all industry. Competition discovers, plans, accomplishes. It is the survival of the fittest. But as civilization ad-

vances it ceases to fight as the beast fights, for fitness is determined alone by the higher law of service. Under it every man is free to enter the industrial life, and finds success alone lies in ministering to life through adding to its comfort, uplift and enjoyment. It does not limit production, but increases it by unnumbered new creations. The old must prove its worth in the general advance, or be superseded by the new. He who can add one tithe to cheapness, who can devise a trifle more of value, worth, helpfulness in his business, holds the golden key to profit. Destroy it by "fixing prices," or any other method, and man becomes an automaton and life the treadmill of a slave.

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*SENATOR CALDER'S BILL FOR THE REGULATION OF COAL INDUSTRY—FURTHER GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.*

The bill threatened by Senator Calder of this State, for straightening out the coal industry, has come from his special Committee on Housing and Reconstruction and has been referred to the Committee on Manufactures, of which Senator La Follette is the head. Its title is "Federal Control Act," and it confers powers, not only on the Trade Commission, but on the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Geological Survey. Ostensibly proposing publicity, it does not stop with that. Section 11 requires every operator and dealer in coal to take out a license as a condition of doing business and to furnish the Government all necessary (i.e. all demanded) information, on penalty of a \$5,000 fine or two years' imprisonment. So far, this repeats Section 5 of the Lever Law, and also in conferring on the President power to manage the licensing. It follows that law further in empowering him to fix prices and to control production and distribution according to the needs and the promotion of the public welfare.

Other sections forbid interlocking directorates and aim to estop pyramiding sales by imposing a brokerage tax up to one-half of all sums charged as commissions or received as margins on sales (within certain limits) and exempting from tax all dealers whose gross sales in the preceding fiscal year were under \$500,000 on coal obtained directly from operators. The object of putting the President in charge of this necessary is explained to be "to put the Government and not those self-interested in control, in an emergency when the usual laws of trade are in suspense, but limited only to the continuance of the emergency and the protection of the public health." Profiteering has been proved and admitted, says the Committee, "but there exists considerable controversy as to exactly who is responsible and to what extent." The proper step, one might say, would be to determine this before trying to enact more laws stuffed with teeth like threatening yet rather ineffective crocodiles. The newspapers have had considerable matter indicating that in getting coal for war and other public uses some Government officials have been either accomplices or dupes in profiteering; but this is touched very tenderly by the Committee in the remark that, while the record shows an average excess of \$3.80 per ton on nearly a million tons bought in 1920, "how many resales and profits this represents in the different instances only a complete tracing of each carload will disclose." Yet there have been statutes enough, and the statutes have had teeth enough.

It is all meant in kindness, we may admit, and it is hardly less evident that somebody has profited than that coal is a prime necessity. Emergency is still pleaded, but "the usual laws of trade are in suspense" (and tend to stay so) when the major power of the country pleads emergency and insists on suspending them, for emergency makes emergency, or at least tends to prolong it.

We are returning, or facing return, or (at least) talking and desiring or intending return to normality are we not? When are we to really begin? When every difficulty has smoothed itself out and "each man seeks his own in all men's good"—or is it best not to await that blessed day? Any new scheme and attempt at Governmental interventions and control ought to be met by an unmistakable public protest as being mistaken and dangerous means. Let us stop trying to put the clock back to war times and war conditions, but find some other way out of our problems, relying very largely on courage, patience, public opinion, and on the working of natural laws. Such propositions as Senator Calder's are out of time and inconsistent. For example, there is an effort to have certain restrictions of the Clayton Act (Section 10 in particular) relaxed, in order to help the railroads, and the Inter-State Commerce Commission, a body now contemplating the world with open instead of closed eyes, is said to be unanimously in favor of relaxing that section. The Calder attempt must surely be deemed reactionary. What is more, it ignores the teaching of the November election. Did not President-elect Harding obtain a popular plurality of over 7,000,000 on the slogan, "More Business in Government and less Government in Business"? Is the legislator forever to remain out of touch with the times?

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*LABOR UNIONS AND THE "INEVITABLE"—THE WAY TO INDUSTRIAL PEACE.*

It has been said that sometimes, when a farmer finds in his flock a ram with an especially inveterate habit of butting, he hangs a grindstone by a rope at the proper height above the barn floor and then leaves the door open; if the animal accepts the challenge, and lowers his head in his usual manner, he is in for a piece of discipline. This story may be a legend, but it is history that when George Stephenson was trying to get his first railroad past the incredulity of Parliamentary skeptics, one of them asked him what would happen if a cow should stray on the track before one of his locomotives—would not that be very bad? "Very bad, indeed," replied Stephenson in his dialect, "*for the coo!*"

It is certain that when any creature, quadruped or biped, launches itself upon the inevitable, the indiscreet valor gets the worst of it, and the inevitable is not hurt or retarded in the slightest.

The moral may be wisely considered by our wrongly taught and deceived friends in labor unions. Mr. Gompers has notified the world that "we will not tolerate any wage reductions," but the inevitable is not halted. He does not like the recent Supreme Court decision on the secondary boycott, and the acting head of the Machinists' International Union predicts "early united action by organized labor thereon," which united action, he said, "might take the form of a movement to repeal the Sherman Anti-Trust Act," the shield which the unions supposed they had built for themselves in the Clayton Act having proved ineffective. In the Danbury Hatters'

case, the Supreme Court decided, in substance, that labor unions are responsible in damages for the mischief they do and the members are individually responsible for the acts of their own officers; this is now confirmed and supplemented by a decision that the secondary boycott is unlawful. That is, while you may boycott A if you dislike him, you cannot attempt to force everybody else to join you in doing so; you cannot operate the "secondary" by keeping B from dealing with A, and C from dealing with B, and so on down to Z, in order to force A to surrender. When the dock workers here, some time ago, refused to move "unfair" goods, or to allow anybody to move any which had in any manner come into contact with those boycotted in the primary, and thus perishable food had to be carted to the offal heap instead of going to the tables of suffering consumers, the boycott was shown in all its rank bloom. It is now condemned, and this is a good augury for the new year.

The inevitable keeps moving, everywhere. Each day brings its tale of new cuts in wage, of cuts accepted, of plants reopening on a lowered scale, and even of men voluntarily suggesting cuts. The cases are too many to give in detail, but some are very notable. Detroit merchants anxious to unload; food and clothes slump in cities; rents started down in Cleveland; 10% to 25% cut in textile mills in Philadelphia; 20% wage cut prevails in Indiana; Baltimore workers bow to wage cuts; electrotypers in Philadelphia withdraw request for higher pay; Fall River workers back despite wage cuts—such headlines as these are in every morning's journals, and on Tuesday came the formal announcement of a 22½% cut by the American Woolen Co. "We have been waiting for business," says the company's head, "and it does not come. We propose to start it by greatly reducing prices of stock on hand, at a heavy loss which we decide to take. The public will not pay the prices which the present wages involve, and we must accept the situation or retire before it." This is the inevitable again.

It is said that one large financial institution in this city gave its employees, as their "box" at last Christmas, their yearly salary over again in one check. The hopeless depravity of corporations has been mouthed by demagogues until many have thought it truth, and so we need not bother over casuistry now and can grant to the soap-box orator that the men in control of this institution are just as mean as dirt; yet they do recognize the value of loyal service and they do understand human nature. They are selfish, but theirs is the enlightened kind, of which, as has been remarked, this suffering world is now in very sore need. That kind of selfishness resembles mercy in that it blesses him who gives and him who takes; it realizes that men are knit together and that when they strain on or try to sever the bonds all are hurt.

Organized labor has shown ample selfishness, but of the unenlightened kind. It has been mistaught that it could thrive as a separate class, that the world has conspired against it, and that the war was its hour and opportunity; and it has acted accordingly. Its motto, "the injury of one is the concern of all," has some truth and value, although perverted to great evil; but a loftier and more helpful motto would be "the welfare of all is the concern of each." Why not? There is not an individual who could survive more than a few days if he literally had

to supply all his own wants; therefore, contentions and selfish struggles to grab instead of to produce and distribute are hurtful everywhere. Action and reaction are equal, and in opposite directions, the text-books tell us; whoever kicks and strikes is kicked and struck in turn, and "the general welfare," which is the sum of individual welfare, inevitably suffers.

But men are learning from hard experience. The men of the Newbern Iron Works, whose action has been reported, have had the second thought and have returned to take the 20% cut which they first decided was worse than idleness. Some 800 men in a tool works in Pennsylvania have accepted the same cut as better than nothing. The voluntary suggestion for a considerably lower wage scale with which the men in the Pullman shops surprised the management has already been noted, and it is significant. Perhaps more significant still is the report from Buffalo that a steamfitters' union there, comprising some 200, has resolved to break away from both the International Steamfitters' Union and the A. F. L. The reason given is that they may try to keep the present wage scale "by increased production." So they say they want no more closed shop and that "freedom from outside dictation will enable us to deliver increased production, which will make all the reduction in costs our employers can fairly ask."

This sounds like a declaration of independence and an opening of the mental vision to fundamental economic truths. It indicates discovery that union leaders have thriven by deceiving the membership, and that (which is very nearly the truth) those leaders have done worse exploiting of labor than the employers have done. If this seems extravagant statement, who have profited by the shocking depravity and systematized blackmail which Mr. Untermyer has been for weeks past uncovering—have the rank and file of industrial workers gained, or has it gone to some others? Has not organized labor been led, blinded like a foolish Samson, to its own injury? If employers are selfish, are labor leaders unselfish? That they have not been wise they are now discovering, as their followers begin to put questions whose true answers must mean the downfall of all plans for centralizing industry into any or even several big unions, to be operated from some central nook, to the great comfort of the operators.

It is for the welfare of all that industrial workers clear their minds of their economic delusions, as some of them are already doing. Every one in their number may be willing, and even desirous, that all the others should have wages reduced, for such is unregenerate human nature; but this is impossible. If a few men, or a single plant, or a single line of industry, or a single industrial centre, could have a monopoly of pushing up wages, those monopolists in labor would gain, but this also is impossible; all the others play the same game, and when A robs B, and B retorts upon A, the effect is hurtful upon both, and it runs down clear to Z. What industrial workers have been doing, and increasingly after the war began, has been to clip and sweat their wage-dollars, so that their increase was unreal and deceiving. There is nothing truer, and more immovably true, than that a depreciated dollar injures all; it is also true that the nominal wage-cuts which a few workers have the good sense to ask while some accept under protest and still others try to resist are

in their favor and not to their detriment. It all looks inimical at first, and it may involve some little transient self-denial; but it makes for the general welfare.

Nobody is hostile to labor; nobody is "against" it. Much allowance should be made for the effect of years of false teaching, and to overcome that is both duty and opportunity for employers. Let them avoid "talking down" to the men; let them come down, instead, to where the men are, for the beginning of a better understanding is the man-to-man attitude, which wins the necessary feeling of friendship and trust. It is the get-together position, and makes an atmosphere of peace. Let the economic facts which man did not make and man cannot alter be explained. Let it be explained that mere statutes can do little except make mischief, and that conformity to natural laws means progress and content, while fighting means bitterness and adversity.

Along this line is the way to permanent industrial peace.

#### THE STATUS OF "DISARMAMENT."

"It all depends upon disarmament!" So, ere-while, in substance, spoke the prophets of the perfect peace. Yet the League postpones action. Faintly it ventures to recommend to the nations that an agreement be entered into not to increase the building of engines of destruction in the years 1922 and 1923 over 1921. Seven votes are recorded against *any* change of the present state of increasing preparations. At the same time Senator Borah comes forward with a resolution proposing an independent agreement with Great Britain and Japan, that the building programs for navies "shall be reduced annually during the next five years to 50% of the present rate"—these, it is averred, being the only Powers that need now be considered. And there rests the most vital, practical, and certain means of avoiding war—the lack of the means in hand with which to prosecute it. Where now is the courage to end war?

And yet the proposal to do something without waiting for elaborate machinery of supergovernment or the consent of smaller nations takes hold everywhere. Takes hold, but alas, meets counter-proposals, objections, doubts, and is liable to meet the fate of so many other common-sense propositions—be talked to death, or killed by the very slowness of decision. There was talk of a referendum before war—but that seems to have subsided in interest. And it seems the fate of our representative Government and our crystallized, conscious and compelling public opinion to procrastinate. Eighty to ninety per cent of all taxation due to war! Yet peoples and nations groaning under an annual burden cannot seem to demand this first physical step—but must seemingly call conferences to "talk it over." It is nothing less than the scandal and the shame of reason and will in mankind.

In some of the general discussions there is a spirit of levity. It is pointed out that there are no wars of offense, of aggression, that even Germany claimed to wage a war of defense. While European Powers point to unstable conditions as excuse for being "prepared," some analysts fall back with sneering resignation on the propensity to fight—on the nature of man, the fighting animal. And in the midst of it all, production and commerce halt and decline, famine stalks the devastated areas, in every Govern-

ment there is the necessity of burdensome, almost paralyzing taxation, fantastic social and economic reforms everywhere engage the common mind, and it is not too much to say that man exists for Government and not Government for man. And it is still averred that the United States fought a war to end war.

The echoes of the Christmas bells that sing and say "Peace on earth, good-will to men," are yet ringing in every land—and the first and foremost step is not taken. How the gods above us must laugh! Even Charles Chaplin, the pie-crust comedian of the screen-stage, whose name is known to every people, revealed in a recent interview as a really serious, intelligent, cultivated man, withal melancholy as Hamlet himself, seems to see the earth-peoples as the underworld of the Most High, endowed with reason, infused with hope and charity and tenderness, and making a pathetic failure of the marvelous adventure into life. Courage there is to fight and die for principle—but courage to lead the way in living for right, and, if need be, suffering injustices for peace, where is this to be found?

Of what use to talk or to write? If the recent lesson be not enough, then arm to the teeth, turn every science over to the invention of new ministries of death, set up the brutal Mars on every hill, and in the writhings of the minions who worship below, in the slaughter of the innocents and the suffering of the mothers of the world, behold the beginning of the end, the return to the barbarism of the savage who slays for the lust of blood! The wonder of a vast congested city never grows less. Millions in the treadmill of toil, millions in the throes of a poverty never lifted, millions seeking that never find, hoping that never is realized, grasping at the dreams of dreamers who know not work and love it not, millions only atoms in the swift passing of generations—but subjects of the great God of Preparedness for War!

Courage to disarm—courage to make any war for decades to come physically impossible! Do those who refuse to entertain the possibility of *this agreement*, who would make one contingent upon universal acceptance, forget that the means of peace for Germany imposed by the Allies was complete disarmament? Is what was good for a defeated enemy, almost stricken then into impotency, not good for nations now lusty with life? Why this abject disarmament in Germany and nowhere else? Why certain peace there and nowhere else? And while proposals fly thick and fast, is the practical proposal of complete disarmament to meet only the scoffing of those who would have peace? If man is constitutionally unable to control his will to fight, may he not still deprive himself of the means to respond to passion and the blood-lust?

Writing on such a theme is as vain as the hope in a League that will not act. Where is all this arming to end? Men hoped "preparedness" would prevent war. It did not. No one now believes it will. Yet the world is to be impoverished to continue a policy a mere child knows is fraught with present evil and frightful possibilities to the generations coming on. The human heart sinks into the tomb of despair at the prospect. The wealth produced, the wealth saved, poured out for the destruction of life itself. Government that should shield, guard and protect, the mighty engine of death-dealing battalions and floating armories of destruction of persons and prop-

erty. The land a huge shell-hole; the sea a mighty grave! And man, the egotist, the maker and the dreamer, architect of civilization, jest of chance but conqueror of circumstance, builder over all, wallows on in war, and cannot find the easy way out.

#### CANADIAN ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET.

Ottawa, Canada, Jan. 14 1921.

Throughout the agricultural districts of the Dominion no topic of discussion matches in importance the progress of the Fordney Bill in the United State Senate. The Canadian farmer has had already a drastic lesson in the meaning of livestock production and inaccessible markets. In the early nineties, there came into effect a United States quarantine on imported cattle. Coupled with the high tariff, the double barrier became almost impassable, so that in 1896 Canada exported only 1,600 cattle to the American market. A year or two later the quarantine was removed and, with the American tariff remaining as before, shipments of cattle across the border jumped to nearly 36,000 in 1897 and to 92,000 in 1899. More than this, cattle which previously had been regarded as culls and unmarketable found ready sale with United States buyers.

In 1913 the United States placed on the free list cattle, sheep, milk and cream, and the duties on other animals and animal products fell substantially. This provided an immense impetus to Canadian livestock export, so that from a total value of \$1,000,000 in 1913 it assumed a total of \$30,000,000 in 1919, and the value of exports of all animals and their products was quadrupled in five years. There is no denying that the freedom of access to the United States markets has been responsible for much of the prosperity of the Canadian West.

The seriousness of the Fordney Bill, in the eyes of the Canadian farmer, is emphasized by the fact that Saskatchewan, usually the greatest wheat producer of all the provinces, had a poor yield two years ago and an indifferent one last season. In that province wheat averaged only eight and a half bushels to the acre in 1919 and about eleven bushels in 1920. Wages of \$5 to \$7 per day and a threshing expense of 20 cents per bushel brings the Saskatchewan farmer to a perplexing pass when he faces the present market quotations for grain. The hard position of the grain farmer had been offset by a rather better showing of the mixed farmer, but if the American market is placed beyond the reach of the latter, the financial buoyancy of the young Western provinces cannot well be maintained. It has been brought home with painful emphasis that good agricultural land, cut off from eager markets, represents a very doubtful asset. An extreme instance of this is to be found in a part of the Peace River country, where oats at the present time are selling for 12 cents a bushel.

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.

The development of the Port is the greatest piece of work ever before the City of New York; it is also the largest and most important scheme of structural undertaking before the country.

For the first time the adjoining States, New York and New Jersey, have united in appointing a Commission for studying the task and preparing a plan.

That body, the New York-New Jersey Port and Harbor Development Commission, after extensive and thorough investigation, has about completed its work, and is understood as very soon to present its report.

This report, which will surely be both comprehensive and highly technical, will encounter sharp scientific criticism; it will also be of great general interest, both because of its importance to the people and the fact that it will need as complete public support as possible to secure its execution. For this reason, in order to increase the interest and to aid in securing as immediate and intelligent a discussion as will be needed, we propose to set forth the main features of the problem that is to be dealt with. The Commission is keeping its own counsel as to the proposals it is prepared to make.

Ours is the chief port in the United States; it is estimated to handle approximately one-half of the business of the country, and when properly equipped will undoubtedly deal, for a time at least, with a much larger share. The area to be treated embraces Greater New York, extending to Yonkers, and in New Jersey the broad expanse as far as Elizabeth and Paterson, including some forty municipalities, on the western side of the Hudson River; with a population of six millions to the east, and two millions to the west of the Hudson.

The prime difficulty has lain hitherto in the lack of a general control and of the possibility of a comprehensive survey of the business involved. At present, also, there is no continuity of administration, as, however much this may be required by the interests concerned, the administration must be dependent upon Federal Governmental as well as State legislative action.

Eight great railroads on the western side are involved, and three on the eastern, with rapidly growing business. Adequate provision must be made to hold this business, as against possible competition, which already is felt and is alert; and also thought must be given to provide for the sudden and rapid changes which may be required in case of war, a contingency which, however remote, cannot be disregarded.

The piers are now generally in individual control, and both lighterage and cartage are in private hands, as we have had serious reason to know because of the frequent and prolonged strikes of recent occurrence.

The size and character of the equipment of piers required to-day are already illustrated by some that have been constructed on both sides of the Continent, notably one a quarter of a mile long and 550 feet wide, with transfer lines on two levels, at Seattle. Cargo handling devices, with both fixed and traveling cranes of the latest pattern and largest capacity, with extensive facilities for loading and unloading freight to and from the railways, must be obtained. The lack of direct co-operation in handling freight between the railways of the west side and ships on the east has long been a crying evil. When the best facilities are provided for interchange between the railways, or with the ships, there will still be need for extensive liaison buildings, warehouses, storage plants, etc. The slips between the piers must also be wide enough to accommodate the largest vessels, and have ample depth of water, as they already are to be found in Europe and in South America.

With the present altogether inadequate facilities, some sixty million tons of freight are lightered about the harbor, and the loss, always going on, and at times extreme, in the delivery of foods and perishable products, is immense. Its size is not to be estimated in the H. C. L. alone; to that is to be added the deterioration wrought by needless delay in food that still may be usable. The difference between eggs that are "strictly fresh" and those that are "partly good," or between milk such as our friends in the country drink, and that which carries the intensified taste of preservative and age, is sufficiently familiar.

The Commission will have to show that it has made careful estimates of the kind, the quantity and the distribution of the freight to be considered and the cost to be involved in handling it; also an effort at understanding the whole business of shipping, both foreign and domestic, which is just now undergoing unexpected upheaval, and in which we are sure to meet vigorous and extensive competition, and where we probably have most to learn, both in our management and in our legislation. Most of all, the Commission must be prepared to prove an economic justification of the entire enterprise.

Here is where serious difficulty will begin. The crucial factor in the problem is the question of administration. To secure keeping the whole matter out of politics, and if possible to get rid of the profiteering and grafting of which the emergencies of the war made us for the time so tolerant, but for which we now as a people feel such shame and have to bear such burdens of cost, it is much to be hoped that there will be no demand for the pledging of public credit, still less for public funds. The money we believe the Commission will recommend to be raised in the open market. The guaranty that may be offered for the funds required will apparently be ample and assured, if exemption is obtained from political control, while securing the rights of the local communities.

This should not be difficult if public interest is awakened. It will command the regard paid to work done by the community for itself; and, rightly financed, the bonds issued for it, secured if need be, both as to interest and principal, by its revenues, should be a gilt-edged investment.

The necessity of such a carefully wrought out economic scheme is apparent if we would avoid the great mistake of having the Federal Government step in, as there would be danger of its doing if the work is not undertaken locally.

#### CLEARINGS AND SPECULATION IN 1920.

The year 1920 can be truthfully characterized as one of decided contrasts, as there was witnessed during its course a striking change in the business situation. In other words, there was a transition from great activity in mercantile and industrial lines upon the highest price bases reached in the period of inflation that the war induced, to a comparatively moderate volume of business coincident with and incidental to the deflation in values. Buying in many lines was checked by the belief which grew up that by holding off purchases might later be made upon much more advantageous terms. This situation was in due course reflected in the returns of bank clearings—the unfailing trade barometer. Due to the fact, however, that important mercantile transactions largely are upon terms that allow a

more or less extended period of credit changed conditions did not find full reflection until some time after they were actually in progress. Thus it is that while there was indisputable evidence of a slackening in trade as early as May, clearings did not begin to record the fact until about two months later and then only slightly. After that time, though, the number of cities reporting decreases, as compared with the previous year, steadily increased, and first, the aggregate for the whole country, including New York, exhibited a loss, and then the total for the outside cities (New York excluded) fell into the same category. Nevertheless, for the full year the total of clearings for the United States and the aggregate for most of the individual cities, due to early important increases, are the heaviest in our history.

It is understood, of course, that clearings, as a measure of activity or inactivity in business, reflect merely the volume of money passing in settlement of transactions and not the quantitative turnover. Accordingly it may happen that in a period of very high prices an increase in clearings will be coincident with falling business and vice versa. In our experience, however, this is the rare exception and not the rule. But the qualification surely does apply to 1920. As regards the prices of commodities, the rising tendency in which served to appreciably swell the clearings of the year, it is to be said that the trend generally was upward during the first six months and that in June the level of values, with but few exceptions, was well above that of the preceding December, with the advances especially marked in pig iron, structural steel, tobacco, potatoes, lumber of various kinds, oils and cotton, in the wholesale markets, and the cost of practically everything greatly increased to the consumer, and profiteering rampant. The last half of the year witnessed marked progress in the deflation of values, but even at that the level at the close was considerably above what might be called normal, with the general average for the year higher than that of 1919. Another factor contributing to an increase in clearings in 1920 was the inclusion for the first time at several cities of the transactions of the Federal Reserve banks and branches; these included Minneapolis, St. Paul, Louisville, Oklahoma City, Kansas City (Kan.), and, for part of the time, Buffalo. In this way the grand total was apparently swelled about 3,500 million dollars, and changes in methods of compiling at a few of the smaller clearing houses added about another 500 millions. Allowing for these various expanding features, the aggregate for the year would be reduced by some 4,000 million dollars.

The aggregate of clearings at New York for 1920 establishes a new high record, it being a little in excess of the phenomenally heavy total of the previous year. This result, of course, was due entirely to the considerable increase built up in the first half of the year, the total for the last six months having run some 13 billions behind that for the corresponding period of 1919. The dealings on the Stock Exchange for the year were noticeably less than a year earlier, but, as we have heretofore explained, the bulk of the transactions in stocks being cleared through the Stock Exchange Clearing House, their effect on bank clearings is secondary, although not entirely negligible. The bank exchanges for the year, as we have already intimated, were the heaviest in the history of the city and the potent factor therein was the

further inflation of prices of commodities. The gain over 1919 is really so moderate that it is more than accounted for by that fact. In other words, it is quite clear that on the same price bases this year and last an appreciable decline would be shown. The gain at this city over 1919 is 3.1%, compared with 1918 it is 36.2%, and contrasted with 1914, when practically normal conditions prevailed, the expansion is 192.9%.

The clearings for the cities outside of New York again set up a new high record by a quite substantial amount, the total at \$207,968,053,265 contrasting with \$181,982,219,804 for 1919, and \$153,820,777,681 for 1918. Indicative of the tremendous expansion in the business passing through the banks the last few years, we note that in 1914 the aggregate of clearings for these outside cities was but little more than one-third (34.7%) of that of the year lately closed. It is only natural that, with the general showing for the year 1920 so favorable, every section should share in it. On the other hand, the totals for November and December accurately reflecting the changed conditions in business already referred to showed well-defined decreases. In fact, no less than 125 cities fell into that category in the final month of the year, whereas for the full twelve months' period contraction was exhibited at only 24, and this explainable in most instances by specially operating local causes.

The New England division comprises 14 cities, all but one showing heavier clearings than for a year earlier, and furnishes a combined total 6.5% better. The 29 cities, at 28 of which gains are recorded and the collective increase 16.4. In the Middle West all of the 40 cities except four exhibit increases and in the aggregate the expansion over 1919 is 15.2%. On the Pacific Slope the 22 cities making up the group show augmentation without exception, and in several cases by very heavy percentages, with the growth in the total 21.6%. The South also makes a good exhibit, notwithstanding the decided decline in the value of cotton in the later months of the year. All but nine of the 42 cities making up the section report heavier aggregates than in 1919, with the average increase 10%. Lastly, the "Other Western" division, which includes 30 cities in the territory west of the Mississippi River, exclusive of those in States bordering on the Pacific Ocean and Utah and Nevada grouped therewith, and also excluding Oklahoma and Texas, which we have always combined with the South, shows up favorably, declines being noted at but nine points, and the grand total running ahead of 1919 by 16.1%.

In all 152 of the 177 cities outside of New York report totals larger for 1920 than for 1919 and at all but four of these new high records for a twelve months' period are established. When it is noted that these new high records in 1920 follow high records in 1919 and in 1918, we have a striking picture of the development that has taken place. It is not our intention, nor is it really essential in reviewing the year's clearings, to refer to all the influences operating in each of the 178 cities embraced in our compilation. At the same time it is not out of place to note that, with unprecedented prosperity existent among the wage-earning classes, certain industries and particularly manufacturers of automobiles and accessories were until within a few months of the end of the year hard pressed to keep up with orders, and the principal seat of these industries, the Mid-

dle West, reflects in the clearings of various cities the business transacted. Expensive fur garments and pianos, also, enjoyed a demand beyond the dreams of the most optimistic in those lines, and to a greater or lesser extent other articles in the luxury class were in unexampled request, largely augmenting clearings in favored localities. Now the situation is changed, but the change is so recent that the clearings do not as yet fully give evidence of it. Passing further comment, we subjoin a compilation indicating the course of clearings at leading cities for December and the 12 months for the three latest years and for 1914:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES

(000,000s omitted.)	December				Jan. 1 to Dec. 31			
	1920	1919	1918	1914	1920	1919	1918	1914
New York	20,981	23,980	16,659	6,530	243,135	235,803	178,533	83,019
Chicago	2,601	2,820	2,245	1,313	32,669	29,686	25,930	15,693
Boston	1,542	1,928	1,437	579	18,817	17,903	15,630	7,517
Philadelphia	2,166	2,202	1,772	662	25,095	22,095	19,717	7,916
St. Louis	651	762	708	344	8,294	8,202	7,839	3,889
Pittsburgh	843	730	564	202	8,962	7,277	5,762	2,626
San Francisco	664	774	548	220	8,122	7,286	5,629	2,516
Baltimore	411	417	368	156	4,896	4,343	3,356	1,874
Cincinnati	297	308	264	105	3,597	3,131	2,848	1,293
Kansas City	748	1,012	794	323	11,615	11,223	9,941	3,016
Cleveland	574	576	401	96	6,907	5,482	4,340	1,238
New Orleans	249	367	268	85	3,315	3,170	2,660	904
Minneapolis	357	236	224	143	4,012	2,267	1,949	1,374
Louisville	119	80	105	53	1,290	929	1,160	668
Detroit	455	480	297	98	6,104	4,503	3,181	1,350
Milwaukee	135	135	132	73	1,736	1,528	1,477	848
Los Angeles	380	266	143	84	3,994	2,339	1,547	1,145
Providence	55	75	49	32	697	602	594	401
Omaha	180	242	231	78	3,094	3,058	2,820	883
Buffalo	188	188	105	47	2,293	1,655	1,140	591
St. Paul	202	101	81	57	1,870	966	807	585
Indianapolis	72	77	62	36	942	810	776	415
Denver	165	161	120	42	1,980	1,630	1,203	460
Richmond	232	350	254	42	3,046	3,091	2,404	422
Memphis	83	148	96	33	1,191	1,128	738	363
Seattle	146	184	173	51	2,073	2,021	1,860	631
Hartford	47	42	32	20	531	452	413	261
Salt Lake City	88	96	79	32	892	827	698	315
Total	34,631	38,809	28,211	11,536	411,169	383,407	304,959	142,215
Other cities	2,092	3,575	2,588	1,108	39,984	34,378	27,395	13,030
Total all	37,723	43,384	30,809	12,644	451,103	417,785	332,354	155,245
Outside New York	16,742	18,404	14,150	6,114	207,968	181,982	153,821	72,226

A very important factor in the swelling of the volume of clearings of late years has been the operations of the Federal Reserve banks and their branches. The effect of the further extension of the system in 1920 is seen in the very heavy gains over 1919 at Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City (Kan.), Oklahoma City and Louisville, while at these and the other cities in which parent banks or their branches are located the increases as compared with the pre-war period are simply enormous. Note that the gain at New York, by contrast with 1914, is no less than 196.4%; Boston, 150.3%; Philadelphia, 217%; Pittsburgh, 241.6%; San Francisco, 222.8%; Baltimore, 161.2%; Cincinnati, 176.7%; Kansas City, 285.1%; Cleveland, 457.9%; New Orleans, 166.7%; Minneapolis, 191.4%; Detroit, 352.1%; Buffalo, 288%; St. Paul, 219.6%; Denver, 330.4%; Richmond, 621.8%; Omaha, 250.4%; Memphis, 228.1%; Seattle, 228.5%; Salt Lake City, 183.2%, and Chicago and St. Louis somewhat more than 100%, and Louisville close thereto. Furthermore, at such other Federal Reserve points as Nashville, Jacksonville, Birmingham, Dallas, Houston, El Paso and Kansas City, Kansas, the increases range from 250% to over 1,000%, this latter at the last-named city. To a very slight extent the aggregate for the United States has been swelled by the adoption of a new plan of compiling the clearings at several of the smaller cities, but the augmentation thus brought about, although important as regards the localities involved, is too small to have any bearing on the general result.

For the whole country the aggregate of bank clearings for 1920, as already remarked, is the heaviest in our history, but only by a moderate amount; at \$451,-

103,066,629 it runs ahead of the preceding year by 33¼ billion dollars or 8%. A striking fact is that the addition of new clearing houses to our compilation has not served to really weaken New York's position as a preponderating factor in the totals. On the contrary the lead of New York has been maintained, and up to 1920 had tended toward increase. In 1890 our annual compilation covered 49 cities, but the aggregate of clearings for New York alone was 15 billion dollars greater than for all the others combined; in 1900, with the number of cities increased to 91, this city excelled by 19 billions; in 1910, with 133 clearing houses reporting, New York was in the lead by about 30½ billions, and in 1919 by 54 billions, 178 cities then making returns. On the other hand, in the compilation for 1920, which also includes 178 cities, New York's margin has been cut down to 34½ billions, an outcome largely to be ascribed to Federal Reserve bank operations elsewhere. In the subjoined we give the totals for New York and for outside cities and the aggregate of all annually for the 15 years 1906 to 1920, inclusive:

Year.	New York Clearings.	Inc. or Dec.	Clearings Outside New York.		Inc. or Dec.	Total Clearings.		Inc. or Dec.
			\$	%		\$	%	
1920	243,135,013,364	+3.1	207,968,053,265	+14.3	451,103,066,629	+8.0		
1919	235,802,634,887	+32.0	181,982,219,804	+18.3	417,784,854,691	+25.7		
1918	178,533,248,782	+0.6	153,820,777,681	+18.7	332,354,026,463	+8.3		
1917	177,404,985,589	+11.5	129,539,760,728	+26.7	306,944,726,317	+17.2		
1916	159,580,648,590	+44.4	102,275,125,073	+32.4	261,855,773,663	+39.4		
1915	110,564,392,634	+33.2	77,253,171,911	+7.0	187,817,564,545	+20.9		
1914	83,018,580,016	-12.3	72,226,538,218	-3.9	155,245,118,234	-8.6		
1913	94,634,281,984	-6.1	75,181,418,616	+2.7	169,815,700,600	-2.4		
1912	100,743,967,262	+9.1	73,208,947,649	+7.9	173,952,914,911	+8.6		
1911	92,372,812,735	-5.0	67,856,960,931	+1.6	160,229,773,666	-2.4		
1910	97,274,500,093	-6.1	66,820,729,906	+7.3	164,095,229,999	-1.0		
1909	103,583,738,321	+30.7	62,249,403,009	+17.2	165,838,141,330	+25.2		
1908	79,275,880,256	-9.1	53,132,968,880	-8.4	132,408,849,136	-8.8		
1907	87,182,168,381	-16.7	57,843,565,112	+4.8	145,025,733,493	-9.3		
1906	104,675,828,656	+11.6	55,229,888,677	+10.1	159,905,717,333	+11.0		
1905	93,822,060,202	+36.7	50,005,388,239	+13.9	143,827,448,441	+27.7		

We pass any reference to the influences operative from month to month during the year except to state that in the first half-year period, or until near the close of it, activity was discernible in almost all commercial and industrial lines and was clearly reflected in the clearings, although the gain recorded over 1919 were in great measure, if not wholly, to be ascribed to a further inflation in values. The last half was a period of deflation and decreasing activity, and the fact finds reflection in the figures. A compilation showing the totals of clearings month by month and quarter by quarter for 1920 and 1919 is subjoined:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1920.	1919.	%	1920.	1919.	%
January	41,605,136,819	32,428,137,754	+28.3	18,395,416,713	14,567,494,920	+26.3
February	33,230,502,161	25,808,147,986	+28.8	15,086,449,738	11,613,895,464	+29.9
March	41,240,600,536	30,092,846,875	+37.0	18,907,335,675	13,605,873,216	+39.0
1st quar.	116,076,239,516	88,329,132,615	+31.4	52,389,202,126	39,787,263,600	+31.7
April	39,586,069,592	30,610,755,295	+29.3	17,785,625,497	13,277,687,872	+34.0
May	36,752,594,890	33,196,526,667	+10.7	17,011,070,885	14,313,628,498	+18.8
June	38,360,683,791	34,254,611,450	+12.0	17,851,948,420	14,500,780,258	+23.1
2d quar.	114,699,348,273	98,061,893,412	+16.9	52,648,644,802	42,092,096,628	+25.1
6 mos.	230,775,587,789	186,391,026,027	+23.8	105,037,846,928	81,879,360,228	+28.3
July	37,484,647,153	37,513,314,549	-0.01	17,652,345,947	15,638,684,709	+12.9
August	24,360,792,789	34,708,905,706	-1.0	16,473,486,684	15,181,764,909	+8.5
Sept.	35,991,044,059	35,607,338,896	+1.1	17,384,861,550	15,997,472,639	+8.7
3d quar.	107,836,484,001	107,829,519,151	+0.0	51,510,694,181	46,817,922,257	+10.0
9 mos.	338,607,418,380	294,220,545,178	+15.1	156,548,541,109	128,697,282,485	+21.6
October	38,767,734,094	41,829,995,356	-7.3	18,106,647,415	18,116,242,557	-0.5
Novem'r	36,004,619,958	39,350,218,392	-8.5	16,570,503,540	16,764,465,897	-1.2
Decem'r	37,723,295,277	42,384,095,765	-11.0	16,742,361,501	18,404,228,865	-9.0
4th qr.	112,495,648,248	123,564,309,513	-8.9	51,419,512,156	53,284,937,319	-3.5
Year	451,103,066,629	417,784,854,691	+8.0	207,968,053,265	181,982,219,804	+14.3

With the explanation already offered nothing remains to be said in introducing our usual compilation of the clearings by quarters for the different sections of the country, so it is appended without further comment:

Clearings Reported, (000s omitted.)	First Quarter.	Second Quarter.	Third Quarter.	Fourth Quarter.	Total Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York	1920-- 63,687,037	62,050,704	56,321,136	61,076,136	243,135,013
	1919-- 48,541,869	55,969,797	61,011,597	70,279,372	235,802,635
	1918-- 40,818,705	44,510,862	44,023,506	39,180,182	178,533,249
	1917-- 42,159,580	16,334,757	33,748,519	45,171,110	177,404,966
	1916-- 35,981,414	36,737,056	37,562,001	49,300,177	159,580,649
	1915-- 21,331,633	25,472,302	26,857,219	36,900,239	110,564,393
Total Other	1920-- 10,909,234	11,576,563	11,470,080	11,670,359	45,626,266
Middle	1919-- 8,799,971	9,242,278	10,983,333	11,976,086	39,192,672
	1918-- 6,635,488	8,479,114	8,852,752	9,489,289	33,456,643
	1917-- 6,599,780	7,045,318	6,585,522	7,406,001	27,636,621
	1916-- 5,126,533	5,415,689	5,300,877	6,381,103	22,224,202
	1915-- 3,604,020	3,857,224	3,885,787	4,950,817	16,297,848
Total	1920-- 5,493,073	5,657,361	5,176,747	5,268,688	21,595,869
New England	1919-- 4,369,882	4,764,625	5,111,948	6,048,703	20,295,156
	1918-- 3,745,789	4,754,243	4,375,723	5,031,998	17,907,753
	1917-- 3,460,870	3,651,623	3,610,464	4,186,320	14,909,277
	1916-- 3,097,363	3,199,280	2,878,754	3,710,618	12,886,021
	1915-- 2,228,099	2,435,760	2,236,670	3,027,575	9,928,104
Total Middle West	1920-- 14,022,924	14,400,032	14,553,193	14,042,685	57,018,834
	1919-- 11,010,736	11,795,947	13,157,496	14,051,309	50,015,488
	1918-- 9,718,035	10,551,919	10,912,797	11,283,105	42,465,869
	1917-- 9,345,751	10,009,325	9,592,325	10,160,025	39,107,366
	1916-- 7,105,971	7,485,765	7,865,935	9,281,484	31,739,155
	1915-- 5,616,696	5,803,069	5,855,866	6,801,535	24,077,166
Total Pacific	1920-- 5,015,615	5,070,333	5,075,746	5,241,939	20,403,633
	1919-- 3,476,503	3,757,331	4,432,618	5,114,898	16,781,350
	1918-- 2,781,496	3,093,555	3,365,660	3,808,008	13,048,719
	1917-- 2,373,378	2,600,677	2,647,224	3,146,445	10,767,724
	1916-- 1,722,313	1,867,393	1,979,610	2,461,025	8,030,341
	1915-- 1,473,878	1,488,503	1,543,702	1,792,608	6,298,691
Total Other West	1920-- 6,969,885	7,237,234	6,935,134	6,648,678	27,790,931
	1919-- 5,224,657	5,515,371	6,454,434	6,740,594	23,935,056
	1918-- 5,039,588	4,761,431	5,376,537	5,814,970	20,992,526
	1917-- 3,585,485	3,838,015	3,966,283	5,142,140	16,531,923
	1916-- 2,680,945	2,662,326	2,983,773	3,741,079	12,068,123
	1915-- 2,279,723	2,165,827	2,138,107	2,970,578	9,554,235
Total Southern	1920-- 9,378,471	8,707,122	8,299,794	8,547,134	34,932,521
	1919-- 6,914,633	7,006,424	7,588,093	10,253,347	31,762,497
	1918-- 6,144,520	5,917,986	6,270,953	7,615,818	25,949,277
	1917-- 4,546,550	4,583,392	4,637,071	6,819,826	20,586,849
	1916-- 3,461,097	3,382,150	3,524,410	4,959,626	15,327,283
	1915-- 2,706,958	2,539,385	2,446,867	3,303,918	11,097,128
Total all	1920-- 116,076,239	114,699,349	107,831,830	112,495,649	451,103,067
	1919-- 88,329,255	98,051,771	107,839,519	123,564,309	417,784,854
	1918-- 74,883,621	82,069,110	83,177,922	92,223,373	332,354,026
	1917-- 72,062,394	78,063,107	74,786,348	82,031,877	306,944,726
	1916-- 59,175,636	60,749,665	62,095,360	79,835,113	261,855,774
	1915-- 39,244,007	43,762,070	44,964,218	59,847,270	187,817,565
Outside New York	1920-- 52,389,202	52,648,645	51,510,694	51,419,513	207,968,054
	1919-- 39,787,386	42,081,974	46,827,922	53,284,937	181,982,219
	1918-- 34,064,916	37,558,248	39,154,422	43,043,191	153,820,777
	1917-- 29,911,814	31,728,350	31,038,829	36,860,767	129,539,760
	1916-- 13,194,222	24,012,609	24,533,359	30,534,935	102,275,125
	1915-- 17,909,374	18,289,768	18,106,999	22,947,031	77,253,172

Operations in share properties in the New York Stock Exchange fell considerably under the high record established in 1919. The sales of stocks, particularly the industrial issues, were heavier in each of the first three months than for the corresponding periods of the preceding year and for April only a little less, but beginning with May dealings contracted decidedly and thereafter were much below those of a year earlier until late in November, when liquidation at declining values became a feature. Transactions for the 12 months aggregated 226,640,400 shares against 316,787,725 shares the previous year, 144,118,469 shares two years ago, 233,311,993 shares in 1916, and 284,298,010 shares in 1906. The level of prices was in the vast majority of issues below the level of 1919, especially in the industrial list, liquidation carrying nearly all stocks to the low point of the year. United States bonds were quite actively dealt in throughout 1920, the sales being almost exclusively Liberty Loan issues, the prices for which, considering the downward tendency of values in other securities, were quite well maintained. The aggregate of transactions, which, however, failed to make a new high yearly record, was \$2,860,954,550 par value, Liberty Loan 4¼s selling to the extent of \$1,772,688,500, and Victory 4¾s \$388,720,000. Dealings in 1919 totaled \$2,900,913,150, and in 1918 were \$1,435,716,500. State, city and foreign securities were traded in a little more freely than in the previous year, French Government 8s and the various issues of Japan and the United Kingdom having been most prominent in the dealings. Railroad and industrial issues, too, were more active, the transactions having aggregated \$827,151,500 against \$621,858,500 in 1919 and \$356,441,000 in 1918. Of all classes of bonds the sales totaled \$3,976,106,750 par value, against \$3,809,002,650 the pre-

ceding year and \$2,062,827,000 in 1918. A summary of the year's dealings is subjoined:

Description.	Twelve Months 1920.			Twelve Months 1919.		
	Par Value or Quantity.	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.	Par Value or Quantity.	Actual Value.	Aver. Price.
Stock (Shs.)	226,640,400			316,787,725		
Val.	\$19753,654,925	\$16511,351,748	83.6	\$28816,667,260	\$25904,887,816	90.0
R.R. bonds.	827,151,500	656,227,179	79.3	621,858,500	567,215,977	91.2
U. S. Gov't bonds.	2,860,954,550	2,526,914,405	88.3	2,900,913,150	2,742,476,917	94.5
State, &c., bonds.	288,000,700	261,355,173	90.8	286,231,000	281,730,918	98.4
Bank stocks	22,400	50,361,224.5		48,200	103,682,215.1	
Total	\$23719,784,075	\$19955,898,869	81.1	\$32625,718,110	\$29196,415,310	90.4

As the monthly articles in the Bank and Quotation Supplement of the "Chronicle" have furnished a clear and comprehensive outline month by month of the influences operating in the stock market during the year, and further reference thereto will be found in the "Retrospect for 1920," to be published later, we omit any further comment here, and simply present our customary table covering dealings in shares monthly and quarterly for two years:

SALES OF STOCKS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Mth.	1920.			1919.		
	Number of Shares.	Values.		Number of Shares.	Values.	
		Par.	Actual.		Par.	Actual.
Jan.	19,880,166	1,781,060,200	1,611,927,486	11,858,465	1,126,755,705	1,037,426,808
Feb.	21,865,303	1,929,409,800	1,685,946,403	12,210,741	1,152,181,000	1,038,276,918
Mar.	29,008,749	2,585,053,325	2,312,469,840	21,403,531	2,019,230,100	1,845,369,427
1st qr.	70,754,218	6,295,523,325	5,610,343,729	45,472,737	4,298,166,805	3,921,073,153
April	28,447,239	2,534,782,100	2,300,049,816	28,587,431	2,710,196,850	2,141,053,298
May	16,042,242	1,436,029,950	1,235,942,107	34,413,553	3,215,473,425	3,841,347,811
June	9,354,267	815,179,150	685,942,111	32,860,365	2,879,567,450	2,599,924,615
2d qr.	54,443,748	4,785,991,200	4,221,934,034	95,861,349	8,805,237,725	8,582,325,727
6 mos.	125,197,966	11,081,514,525	9,832,277,763	141,334,086	13,103,404,530	12,503,398,850
July	12,541,922	1,103,006,150	904,242,687	34,502,242	3,017,064,550	2,810,474,811
Aug.	13,728,598	1,172,753,800	940,461,408	24,432,647	2,165,107,475	2,056,927,637
Sept.	15,296,356	1,321,942,900	1,023,468,729	24,141,830	2,210,207,875	2,114,448,927
3d qr.	41,566,876	3,597,702,850	2,868,172,824	83,076,719	7,392,379,900	6,981,851,375
9 mos.	166,764,842	14,679,217,375	12,700,450,587	224,410,805	20,495,784,430	18,535,250,255
Oct.	13,667,289	1,183,064,100	930,497,816	37,354,859	3,369,280,880	3,249,147,918
Nov.	22,069,391	1,882,017,500	1,279,998,426	30,169,478	2,762,131,150	2,120,487,629
Dec.	24,138,878	2,009,355,950	1,600,404,919	24,852,583	2,189,470,800	2,000,002,014
4th qr.	59,875,558	5,074,437,550	3,810,901,161	92,376,920	8,320,882,830	7,369,637,561
Year	226,640,400	19,753,654,925	16,511,351,748	316,787,725	28,816,667,260	25,904,887,816

The relation the transactions in share properties for 1920 bear to those of earlier years is clearly shown in the subjoined statement, which carries the comparison back to 1897:

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SHARES SOLD AT N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

Year.	Stocks, Shares.	Aver. Price.	Values (approximate)	Year.	Stocks, Shares.	Aver. Price.	Values (approximate)
1920	226,640,400	83.6	16,511,351,748	1908	197,206,346	86.6	15,319,491,797
1919	316,787,725	90.0	25,904,887,816	1907	196,438,824	85.8	14,757,802,189
1918	144,118,469	92.8	12,482,631,016	1906	284,298,010	94.2	23,393,101,482
1917	185,628,948	91.2	15,609,335,098	1905	263,081,156	87.3	21,295,723,688
1916	233,311,993	93.8	18,869,840,955	1904	187,312,065	69.9	12,061,452,399
1915	173,145,203	85.1	12,661,476,002	1903	161,102,101	73.2	11,004,083,001
1914	47,900,568	93.2	3,898,414,285	1902	188,503,403	79.9	14,218,440,083
1913	83,470,693	96.2	7,170,562,086	1901	265,944,659	79.0	20,431,960,551
1912	131,128,425	97.7	11,562,129,835	1900	138,380,184	69.2	9,249,285,109
1911	127,208,258	95.8	11,003,600,829	1899	176,421,135	78.6	13,429,291,715
1910	164,051,061	96.2	14,125,875,897	1898	112,699,957	72.7	8,187,413,985
1909	214,632,194	97.5	19,142,339,184	1897	77,324,172	67.0	4,973,553,065

To avoid any misunderstanding of the foregoing we would state that the average price given is not per share without regard to the par thereof, which ranges all the way from \$1 to \$100, but is based upon a par of \$100. In other words, the actual sales for the year 1920 were 226,640,400 shares, equaling 197,536,549 shares of \$100 par (with the few properties with no stated par taken at \$100) of an approximate sale value of \$16,511,351,748, or an average of 83.6%.

There is really no occasion for comment upon developments on the New York Curb market during the year except that as on the New York Stock Exchange the course of values was downward and the aggregate of sales fell off. Suffice it to say, therefore, that the dealings in industrial and miscellaneous stock reached a total of only 18,462,615 shares,

against 41,758,218 shares in 1919, and 10,223,749 shares in 1918; oil stocks, 36,905,534 shares, against 59,341,613 shares and 34,877,265 shares, and mining stocks, 59,310,221 shares, against 79,521,653 shares and 44,020,796 shares. In all, consequently, sales of 114,678,370 shares compare with 180,621,484 shares and 89,121,810, respectively, one and two years earlier. Bond transactions on the Curb were \$265,429,900 par value, against \$56,601,100 in 1919 and \$68,953,000 in 1918.

What is true of New York is true of other leading centres of speculative activity. Contraction in dealings and lowering of values was the rule. Boston sales totaled 6,696,423 shares, against 9,235,751 shares in 1919, and 3,727,008 shares in 1918, and Philadelphia dealings aggregated 2,365,518 shares, against 3,230,740 shares and 1,827,978 shares, respectively. Chicago reported transactions in 6,369,603 shares, against 6,811,885 shares and 1,955,151 shares, one and two years previous; Pittsburgh, 4,153,769 shares, against 5,579,055 shares and 6,072,300 shares; Cleveland, 943,257 shares, 725,970 shares and 176,463 shares, and Detroit 2,494,789 shares, 1,099,713 shares and 430,022 shares.

Bank clearings in the Dominion of Canada, although showing a contracting tendency toward the close of the year, and an actual decrease at a few points in the latest months were, nevertheless, larger at all cities than in 1919, and in the aggregate set up a new high record. The statement applies to all but two of the individual cities. The most notable gains in the Eastern Provinces were at Toronto, Windsor, Brantford, Sherbrooke and Kitchener, and in the West at Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and New Westminster. The aggregate of clearing for the 27 cities reporting comparative figures (the Moncton Clearing House having been established since the opening of 1920) at \$20,256,382,854 is not only 21.3% better than that for 1919 and 47.6% in excess of 1918, but overtops 1914 by 151%. Stock speculation, while on a reduced scale in the last few months of the year, was for the twelve months of greater volume than in 1919 on both the Montreal and Toronto exchanges. The Canadian clearings summarized by quarters are as follows:

Clearings Reported (000s omitted.)	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year.
Canada	4,638,357	4,924,428	4,819,816	5,873,781	20,256,382
1919	3,329,475	3,970,863	4,127,237	5,275,350	16,702,925
1918	2,818,417	3,387,131	3,212,600	4,300,425	13,718,673
1917	2,657,205	3,363,807	2,923,735	3,611,971	12,556,718
1916	2,162,216	2,618,482	2,489,518	3,236,383	10,506,599
1915	1,850,341	1,743,265	1,741,243	2,662,892	7,797,741

RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

Slowly but surely the improved situation of the railroads of the United States arising out of the higher transportation rates which they are receiving is being reflected in the monthly income returns, as filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington. In the present article we are dealing with the figures for the month of November, as compiled by us from these returns, and the results are not only gratifying in themselves, but also in the promise that they afford of still better results for future months. The comparison as to both gross earnings and net earnings is the best we have had for many a long month. In the gross the addition reaches no less than \$154,239,572, or over 35%. This was attended by a heavy augmentation in expenses, namely \$116,-

706,042, or roughly 30%, but that still left an increase of \$37,533,530 in the net. With this gain the amount of the net for November 1920 makes a strikingly favorable contrast with the previous year, the comparison being between \$85,778,171 and \$48,244,641, from which an idea can be obtained of the auspicious character of the comparison—the improvement in the net being over 77%, as will be seen by the following:

Month of November—	1920.	1919	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	
Miles of road	235,213	233,829	+1,374	0.58%
Gross earnings	\$592,277,620	\$438,038,048	+\$154,239,572	35.21%
Operating expenses	506,499,449	389,793,407	+116,706,042	29.94%
Net earnings	\$85,778,171	\$48,244,641	+\$37,533,530	77.89%

The favorable nature of the results as disclosed by the foregoing makes it evident that by degrees expectations of a very substantial improvement in results are being realized. The course of the comparisons during the three months since the carriers have been without the Government rental guaranty, namely, September, October and November, is conclusive proof on the point referred to. The main obstacles to the full realization of the benefits counted upon from the higher transportation rates have been, first, that these higher rates, though authorized by the Commerce Commission, have not been in complete operation owing to the opposition to advances in intra-State rates by the State authorities, and secondly, the further great additions to the expense accounts. But the intervention of the State authorities to advances within the States is being gradually overcome, while at the same time expenses are also by degrees being got under control. About \$53,000,000 addition a month to the expenses could not in any event be avoided, since this represents the proportionate monthly amount of the estimated \$635,000,000 a year addition to the annual pay-roll of the carriers arising out of the further increase in wages due to the award of the Railroad Labor Board in July. In addition, however, expenses have been running very high by reason of the heavy extra maintenance outlays the roads have been obliged to incur in order to make up for deficiencies of maintenance outlays during the period of Government control. Furthermore, labor inefficiency due to lax discipline under Government management has also had to be overcome, and meanwhile has been proving very costly. In both particulars the situation has already been greatly altered for the better, and still further betterment can be counted upon with absolute certainty in future months. In other words, the extra maintenance outlays are diminishing with the approach to more nearly normal conditions, and contemporaneously, the enforcement of discipline and the weeding out of incompetent and inefficient employees is bringing about larger and better control of the expense accounts and reducing operating costs.

As showing how each month is improving on its predecessor it is only necessary to pass in review the figures for the three months referred to. Thus in September our tabulations showed \$113,783,775 increase in gross or somewhat over 23%, but only \$8,905,693 increase in net, or 9.53%; in October the increase in the gross reached \$130,570,938 or nearly 26%, but the increase in the net still was only \$14,936,521 or not quite 14½%. On the other hand, for November now, as already pointed out, the increase in the gross is up to \$154,239,572, or 35%, while the gain in the net reaches no less than \$37,533,530, or over 77%.

Of course comparison is with very poor figures in the previous year, but on the other hand the comparison in preceding months was by no means with good returns. Still it remains true that the November returns in 1919 were more than ordinarily bad. This will appear when we recall to the mind of the reader that it was the period of the strike at the bituminous coal mines. This strike had the effect of very materially contracting the coal traffic over the railroads and proved a highly disturbing influence in other respects. The result was that our tabulations recorded a loss in gross and net earnings alike—only \$2,593,438 in the former, but (owing to a coincident large augmentation in the expenses) a loss of no less than \$26,848,880 in the net earnings, or over 35%. Added emphasis attached at the time to this large loss in the net because it came on top of a considerable shrinkage in the net in November of the previous year. In November, 1918, a tremendous augmentation in expenses occurred owing to the prodigious advances in wages made in that year. These wage advances, with the great rise in operating cost in other directions, so expanded railroad expenses that the increase in the latter far outdistanced the gain in gross revenues, large though these were by reason of the higher rates put in force a few months before. In brief, though the gain in the gross then reached \$82,163,408 or 23.06%, the augmentation in expenses amounted to no less than \$102,091,182 or 39.16%, leaving the net reduced by \$19,927,774 or 20.80%. The year before (1917) a closely similar situation existed. In other words, our tabulation for November, 1917, recorded \$33,304,905 increase in gross earnings with \$20,830,409 decrease in the net. It follows that the gain of \$37,533,530 now recorded in the net comes after \$26,848,880 loss in November 1919, \$19,927,774 in November 1918, and \$20,830,409 in November 1917. For the three years combined, it will be seen, the contraction in the net reached over \$67,000,000 in face of over \$112,000,000 increase in gross revenues. Even the year before—1916—rising expenses were already a striking feature of the returns. The figures showed that with \$23,652,274 addition to the gross, all but \$323,090 had been consumed by augmented expenses. It is true, on the other hand, that in November, 1915, before the great rise in operating costs, the showing was an exceptionally good one, the addition to the gross having been no less than \$66,310,622, and having been attended by a gain of \$50,002,894 in the net. These exceptional gains, however, at that time were in no small measure deprived of their significance by the circumstance that they represented in considerable part a recovery of previous losses or the absence of previous growth. In November, 1914, our compilations showed a falling off of \$32,646,340 in the gross earnings and of \$9,578,383 in the net, and this followed a falling off of \$9,143,593 in gross and \$15,069,894 in the net in 1913.

In the following we furnish the November summaries back to 1906. It is proper to state that for 1910, for 1909 and for 1908 we use the Inter-State Commerce totals, which then were on a very comprehensive basis, but for preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals of these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads at that time to give out monthly figures for publication.

Table with columns: Year, Gross Earnings (Year Given, Year Preceding, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)), Net Earnings (Year Given, Year Preceding, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)). Rows for years 1906-1920.

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of November was 97 in 1907, 87; in 1908, the returns were based on 232,577 miles of road. In 1909, 239,038; in 1910, 241,272; in 1911, 231,209; in 1912, 237,376; in 1913, 243,715; in 1914, 246,497; in 1915, 246,910; in 1916, 248,863; in 1917, 242,407; in 1918, 232,274; in 1919, 233,033; in 1920, 235,213.

As far as the separate roads are concerned, the comparison between 1920 and 1919 is just like that in the case of the general totals. And yet the showing is by no means uniform, and instances of roads which, instead of having improved on their very poor results of the previous year, have actually suffered further losses, are by no means lacking. Among the roads or systems in the former category the most conspicuous instance is the Pennsylvania Railroad, which, on the Eastern and Western lines combined, has added no less than \$26,576,272 to the gross and saved \$14,936,496 out of this for the net. On the other hand, however, it is equally true that in the previous year the Pennsylvania, by reason of its large coal traffic, suffered beyond all others from the bituminous coal miners' strike, its return then showing \$7,263,220 decrease in gross and \$10,349,815 decrease in net. The New York Central considered by itself, without the auxiliary and controlled roads, submits a much less favorable exhibit as far as the net is concerned, a gain of \$9,460,943 in the gross being concurrent with a loss of \$342,544 in the net. When, however, the auxiliary and controlled roads are taken into consideration, there is a gain in both gross and net—\$16,633,102 in the former and \$2,026,309 in the latter. The New England roads are most conspicuous for their shrinkage in net, the Boston & Maine having suffered a decrease of \$1,525,841 in net and the New Haven a decrease of \$1,151,529. But returns of smaller net are found scattered all through the list, being, however, most common in the Southern and Southwestern groups, with some also in the Pacific group. It is not necessary to enumerate these at length, since a glance at the following summary will reveal their names. In this summary we show all changes for the separate roads or systems for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Table with columns: Road Name, Increase, Net Earnings. Lists various roads and their financial performance for November.

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Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate roads so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves. a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (incl. the Pennsylvania Company) and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis combined, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$22,370,817 increase and the P. C. C. & St. L. \$4,205,455 increase. b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$16,633,102.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS IN NOVEMBER.

Table with columns: Road Name, Increase, Net Earnings. Lists various roads and their financial performance for November.

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. (incl. the Pennsylvania Company) and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis combined, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$12,272,250 increase and the P. C. C. & St. L. \$2,664,246 increase. b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a gain of \$2,026,309.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions according to their location, every group of course records enlarged gross, but in the case of the net there are two exceptions to the rule. The two exceptions, as would be supposed from what has already been said, are the New England group and the group composed of roads traversing the Pacific States. Our summary by groups is as follows:

Table with columns: Section or Group, 1920, 1919, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Summary by groups showing financial performance for 1920 and 1919.

NOTE.—Group 1 includes all of the New England States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As far as the movements of the leading staples are concerned, Western roads treated as a whole seem to have had a somewhat smaller grain movement and also a diminished live stock movement. The wheat receipts at the primary markets ran somewhat heavier than in the preceding year and the receipts of barley and rye were also heavier, but on the other hand, there was a falling off in the receipts of corn and also in those of oats. For wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye combined the receipts for the four weeks ending Nov. 27 were only 64,141,000 bushels, as compared with 66,682,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of the preceding year. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are shown in the table we now present.

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

Four weeks ending Nov. 27.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley. (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
Chicago—						
1920	537,000	1,044,000	3,446,000	4,179,000	1,157,000	129,000
1919	1,131,000	3,252,000	4,783,000	5,274,000	960,000	263,000
Milwaukee—						
1920	58,000	184,000	689,000	1,318,000	685,000	258,000
1919	74,000	465,000	658,000	2,273,000	935,000	217,000
St. Louis—						
1920	268,000	2,960,000	787,000	1,744,000	197,000	36,000
1919	497,000	3,284,000	1,300,000	2,804,000	64,000	18,000
Toledo—						
1920		583,000	184,000	272,000	67,000	
1919		426,000	154,000	182,000		
Detroit—						
1920		141,000	155,000	193,000		
1919		161,000	142,000	269,000		
Cleveland—						
1920						
1919						
Peoria—						
1920	189,000	131,000	929,000	840,000	110,000	13,600
1919	308,000	108,000	2,071,000	894,000	47,000	7,000
Duluth—						
1920		6,512,000	2,000	151,000	767,000	1,959,000
1919		2,788,000		55,000	168,000	887,000
Minneapolis—						
1920		13,571,000	752,000	2,172,000	2,033,000	289,000
1919		10,971,000	649,000	1,370,000	1,191,000	603,000
Kansas City—						
1920	5,000	6,794,000	512,000	650,000		
1919	19,000	8,513,000	542,000	646,000		
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1920		2,365,000	1,568,000	1,753,000		
1919		2,586,000	2,891,000	1,811,000		
Total of All—						
1920	1,057,000	34,345,000	9,024,000	13,072,000	5,016,000	2,684,000
1919	2,029,000	32,554,000	13,190,000	15,578,000	3,365,000	1,995,000
Jan. 1 to Nov. 27.						
Chicago—						
1920	7,552,000	26,652,000	78,156,000	71,169,000	9,659,000	5,434,000
1919	9,221,000	75,277,000	58,453,000	83,860,000	25,270,000	7,489,000
Milwaukee—						
1920	668,000	3,301,000	13,561,000	21,773,000	7,272,000	4,207,000
1919	758,000	8,246,000	6,985,000	26,312,000	18,316,000	4,321,000
St. Louis—						
1920	3,887,000	31,490,000	24,646,000	28,236,000	877,000	406,000
1919	3,865,000	42,007,000	18,223,000	30,082,000	1,040,000	397,000
Toledo—						
1920		4,399,000	1,930,000	4,351,000	67,000	
1919		12,175,000	1,131,000	4,394,000		
Detroit—						
1920		1,084,000	1,352,000	2,548,000		
1919	30,000	1,617,000	1,339,000	2,297,000	29,000	
Cleveland—						
1920						
1919	39,000	553,000	625,000	2,119,000	7,000	4,000
Peoria—						
1920	2,356,000	3,402,000	19,218,000	12,272,000	998,000	873,000
1919	3,286,000	2,782,000	17,806,000	7,754,000	1,386,000	208,000
Duluth—						
1920		36,968,000	9,000	2,803,000	3,391,000	18,407,000
1919		24,376,000	28,000	1,022,000	7,055,000	15,508,000
Minneapolis—						
1920		101,640,000	7,517,000	20,397,000	13,591,000	6,542,000
1919		97,787,000	6,632,000	24,026,000	32,874,000	13,739,000
Kansas City—						
1920	9,000	61,975,000	10,599,000	7,214,000	48,000	
1919	115,000	63,326,000	14,492,000	11,921,000		4,000
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1920		31,022,000	36,591,000	28,101,000		
1919		32,480,000	35,723,000	26,875,000		
Total of All—						
1920	14,472,000	301,933,000	193,579,000	198,864,000	35,903,000	35,869,000
1919	17,314,000	360,626,000	161,428,000	220,662,000	85,977,000	41,670,000

As regards the Western livestock movement, the receipts at Chicago for November 1920 comprised 28,212 carloads, as against 30,895 cars in November 1919. In like manner Kansas City reports receipts

of only 12,904 carloads against 14,478, and Omaha only 8,953 cars against 10,837.

The Southern cotton movement also failed to equal that of the year preceding. The shipments overland in November 1920 were 177,902 bales against 359,158 bales in November 1919; 307,790 bales in November 1918; 496,304 bales in 1917 and 525,651 bales in 1916, while at the Southern outports the receipts were 1,046,560 bales, against 1,181,606 bales in 1919, but comparing with only 596,111 bales in 1918, as will be seen by the following:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN NOVEMBER AND FROM JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 30 1920, 1919 AND 1918.

Ports.	November.			Since January 1.		
	1920.	1919.	1918.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Galveston—bales.	479,843	394,523	169,482	2,212,665	1,944,530	1,299,760
Texas City, &c.	75,064	108,945	11,077	447,249	274,291	102,383
New Orleans	275,768	166,566	206,054	1,280,406	1,280,065	1,356,627
Mobile	21,029	108,277	13,946	122,940	217,923	88,730
Pensacola, &c.	258	5,143	7,862	19,121	24,860	36,941
Savannah	105,889	215,734	96,946	794,417	1,231,927	888,123
Brunswick	2,300	29,000	18,000	75,554	205,030	85,400
Charleston	13,061	53,381	19,125	297,930	252,231	119,583
Wilmington	14,857	28,932	8,552	87,301	162,362	82,018
Norfolk	58,242	70,824	43,681	241,688	337,222	220,995
Newport News, &c.	249	281	1,386	3,746	2,441	5,592
Total	1,046,560	1,181,606	596,111	5,583,017	5,932,882	4,286,152

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 January 10.

RATE ON FRENCH TREASURY BILLS CONTINUED AT 6½%.

The French ninety-day Treasury bills were disposed of this week on a discount basis of 6½%—the figure to which the rate was advanced March 26; it had previously for some time been 6%. The bills in this week's offering are dated January 14.

LONDON ATTRIBUTES FALL IN GOLD TO UPWARD MOVE IN AMERICAN EXCHANGE.

The following cablegram from London is taken from the "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 12: The decline of 44d. per ounce in the price of bar gold is held to be due to the upward trend of American exchange which to-day touched \$3.76 for cable transfers. The cause assigned for this rise is the slackening of trade with a consequent smaller demand for dollars.

\$250,000 IN GOLD SENT HERE TO BUY SUPPLIES FOR TURKEY.

The following is from the New York "Tribune" of Jan. 8: Acting on behalf of the Turkish Government, the Guaranty Trust Co. is shipping \$250,000 in gold from its office in Constantinople to New York for the purchase of foodstuffs and other commodities in this market. Albert Breton, head of the foreign department of the Guaranty Trust Co., in confirming a cable report relative to the transaction, said that the matter had been handled at the other end, and that all of the details were not known here. According to Mr. Breton this is the first shipment of Turkish gold to the United States in many years.

While other shipments may follow, it is not believed that the movement of gold from Turkey will be large in the aggregate, owing to the fact that the supply of metal at Constantinople is extremely limited. Ordinarily the purchases of flour and other commodities to be made here would be financed through the purchase of exchange on London or New York, but sterling and dollar rates in the Turkish capital, according to Mr. Breton, are so high as to make the cost almost prohibitive.

The shipment of gold from Turkey adds one more to the growing list of countries sending gold to the United States. At present the metal is coming from England, India and China, while Russia would ship metal here if the authorities would accept it.

CITY OF PARIS OFFERING IN MONTREAL.

The following is from the Montreal "Gazette" of Jan. 12: The City of Paris has authorized R. A. Fargeud, 35 St. James Street, Montreal, representing the City of Paris here, to sign up an offering of \$4,000,000 City of Paris 6% loan with the Banque Nationale and the Banque Provinciale.

The amount is part of the \$20,000,000 authorized by the City of Paris for placement in Canada and of which \$2,000,000 have been offered to the public. The whole amount will be used for the purchase of foodstuffs, &c., in Canada. Monsieur Fargeud states that in connection with recent purchases, the City of Paris has expressed complete satisfaction, the commodities sent by the Dominion being of excellent quality.

The announcement of the terms, &c., of the loan will not be made public until all arrangements will have been made by the banks.

**BELGIUM PREMIUM LOAN, WITH PRIZES, TO BE ISSUED.**

Under date of Jan. 11 a special London cablegram to the "Journal of Commerce" said:

The Belgian Government, it is understood, is arranging for the issue of a big new premium loan with important prizes, especially during the first year. This should appeal to speculators.

Further details were given as follows in a later cablegram to the same paper:

Belgium's new loan is to be 1,000,000,000 francs 4% issued at 80 and repayable in ninety years by drawings at par and by prizes which for the first ten years will amount to seven million francs annually.

**REPORT OF PROPOSED ADVANCES TO GREECE BY UNITED STATES, AND DENIAL.**

The New York "Commercial" in an Athens cablegram, Jan. 13, said:

The United States Government has consented to advance to the Greek Government \$38,000,000 already promised Greece when M. Venizelos was its Prime Minister, it was announced here to-day. The loan was on condition the money be expended in America for non-war material.

Along with the above, the "Commercial" printed the following denial by Washington officials of reported advances:

State and Treasury Department officials were unable to explain to-day the announcement from Athens that the balance of a \$38,000,000 credit granted the former Greek Government had been made available to the Constantine Government. There had been no change as to the status of the fund, it was said, at both departments.

Pending formal recognition of the new Greek Government, it was said, the balance of \$38,000,000 would remain in the Treasury.

**DIVIDEND DECLARATIONS BY GERMAN BANKS.**

A Berlin cablegram to the daily papers, Jan. 7, said:

The Brazilian Bank for Germany at a general meeting in Hamburg to-day declared a dividend of 15%. Its annual report indicated that prospects for the coming year were favorable.

A later cablegram (Jan. 10) stated that the German Overseas Bank, at its annual meeting on that day, had declared a dividend of 30%.

**SUSPENSION OF DANISH BANK.**

A cablegram to the daily papers Jan. 7 said:

The Nordisk Bank here suspended payment to-day. The bank, which had a capital of 5,000,000 kroner, was started during the war. It closed owing to inability to obtain help from the Danish National Bank. The Manager of the institution says it will be able to pay all depositors and also a considerable part of the capital shares.

The daily papers added:

The Nordisk Bank in Copenhagen, Denmark, which suspended payment to-day, was organized in February 1918 and is regarded here as a small institution. Its New York correspondent is the National City Bank. The Copenhagen institution had few if any credits in this country, it was said in financial circles.

**GENEVA (SWITZERLAND) BANK DISTURBANCES.**

Regarding banking disturbances in Geneva, Switzerland, a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from Geneva, Jan. 7, said:

Since yesterday another Geneva bank has stopped payment, and larger banking houses have held a special consultation to decide how best to take over the business of the smaller banks in order to avoid more crashes or suspensions of payments.

The bank which has just suspended payment is the Banque Commerciale Genevoise, whose customers are mostly small tradespeople and whose deficit is estimated at 1,000,000 francs. Its procurator, Henry Nariet, has disappeared and is believed to be on his way to the United States under an assumed name.

Owing to the large amounts of business which the Swiss banks have been accustomed to transact in German, Italian and French currency and owing to the low value of the German mark, the Italian lire and the French franc, business generally is passing through a very trying time here.

This is the reason why the Swiss banks are not in a position to make loans for national undertakings. Thus the Swiss State railways are at present negotiating for 300,000,000 gold francs in the United States for electrification purposes. It was hoped in industrial circles, particularly by those interested in electrical machinery, that a loan for the electrification of the State railways could be raised in Switzerland so as to avoid buying the machinery in the United States, but now it is certain that the loan must be raised outside the country, and consequently some orders for locomotives and electrical plant generally must be given where the loan is raised.

**DANISH GOVERNMENT BOND OFFERING OF HUTH & CO.**

Huth & Co., of 30 Pine St., this city, are seeking a market for a Danish Government 3½% loan, issued in 1909 for £2,217,000. The bonds are irredeemable until Feb. 1 1920, after which date the Danish Government reserves the rights to redeem the whole or part of the loan on three months' notice, either by purchase or drawings at par. Interest is payable semi-annually February and August. The bonds are free from all Danish taxes and are issued in denominations of Kr. 360 in coupon form. An important feature of the loan, it is pointed out, is that the interest is payable in London at a fixed rate of exchange, which at the present rate, gives an actual yield of 8% on the above bond, which will be materially increased as sterling advances.

**CITY OF COPENHAGEN BONDS OFFERED BY HUTH & CO**

Huth & Co, of this city, are offering City of Copenhagen 4% Loan issued in 1901 for Kr. 19,976,000—\$5,335,000. The bonds are repayable at the latest in 1948 by annual drawings, the drawings to take place in August of each year, payable on the 15th of November following. The Government reserves the right, after 1910, to increase the sinking fund or to redeem the whole loan on three months notice. Interest is payable semi-annually May 15 and Nov. 15. The bonds are issued in denominations of Kr. 1,816, equal to \$485. It is pointed out that the interest is payable semi-annually in dollars at a fixed rate of \$19.40 per bond of \$485. The principal also will be redeemed when drawn, in dollars, \$485 per bond. The approximate cost at the present rate of exchange is \$277 per bond of \$485; the redemption value is \$485.

**DENIAL THAT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO SELL VICTORY BONDS.**

The following is taken from the Toronto "Globe" of Dec. 31:

Reports that the Dominion Government may throw a large quantity of Victory bonds on the market further reducing bond values, were referred this afternoon to Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance.

Commenting on the reports, Sir Henry said that the Government had not give a single order to sell and that the Government had not indicated a single order would be given.

The bonds referred to are bonds purchased on behalf of the Government by the Victory Loan Trading Committee during the period of control. They represent the difference between the amount which was taken and the amount which the committee was able to resell to permanent investors.

**SPEYER & CO. EXTEND TIME FOR DEPOSITING MEXICAN GOLD BONDS OF 1954.**

Notice was issued by Speyer & Co. on Jan. 11 to the holders of \$40,000,000 4% gold bonds, due 1954, of the United States of Mexico, that the time for depositing these bonds with the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository, or with its agents, under the bondholders' agreement, dated Nov. 22 1920, is extended to and including Feb. 28 1921. Holders are urged to deposit their bonds without delay, in order to enable the bankers to effectually protect their interests. Reference to the call for deposit of these bonds was made in these columns Nov. 27, page 2092. Last week, page 103, we called attention to the extension of time for depositing the Mexican irrigation bonds.

**COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF CONDITION OF CANADIAN BANKS.**

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

	ASSETS.		
	Nov. 30 1920.	Oct. 30 1920.	June 30 1914.
Gold and subsidiary coin—	\$	\$	\$
In Canada.....	63,983,436	61,680,300	28,948,841
Elsewhere.....	22,737,583	18,143,172	17,160,111
Total.....	86,721,019	79,823,472	46,108,952
Dominion notes.....	190,640,878	178,921,891	92,114,482
Depos. with Minister of Finance for security of note circulation.....	6,293,933	6,293,982	6,667,568
Deposit of central gold reserves.....	114,902,533	119,202,533	3,050,000
Due from banks.....	298,710,123	292,998,718	123,608,936
Loans and discounts.....	1,603,709,761	1,684,886,429	925,681,966
Bonds, securities, &c.....	364,973,006	367,481,462	102,341,120
Call and short loans in Canada.....	108,471,340	113,135,902	67,401,484
Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	218,183,194	188,367,459	137,120,167
Other assets.....	124,289,410	124,489,652	71,209,738
Total.....	3,116,895,197	3,155,601,500	1,575,307,413
	LIABILITIES.		
	\$	\$	\$
Capital authorized.....	197,075,000	197,075,000	192,866,666
Capital subscribed.....	128,719,600	128,280,100	115,434,666
Capital paid up.....	127,913,611	127,269,427	114,811,775
Reserve fund.....	132,782,190	130,413,330	113,368,898
Circulation.....	234,339,923	249,165,707	99,138,029
Government deposits.....	154,726,806	185,072,150	44,453,738
Demand deposits.....	1,038,535,018	1,027,607,014	495,067,832
Time deposits.....	1,292,009,008	1,271,275,751	663,650,230
Due to banks.....	52,702,787	74,655,491	32,426,404
Bills payable.....	9,796,509	9,548,818	20,096,365
Other liabilities.....	53,468,668	51,191,198	12,656,085
Total, not including capital or reserve fund.....	2,835,578,720	2,868,516,199	1,330,488,683

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

*PROPOSAL OF SIR ROBERT HORNE TO RECTIFY EXCHANGE THROUGH EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE.*

The London cablegrams to the daily papers Jan. 3 told of the submission by Sir Robert Horne, President of the London Board of Trade, at a conference with leading bankers of a plan for the establishment of credit bonds and of the proposals with a view to rectifying foreign exchange rates. The press accounts stated that:

Sir Robert invited criticism as a result of which, it is anticipated, an important plan will shortly be placed before the Cabinet, and, if adopted, will have the backing of British financiers and insurance magnates. It is hoped the scheme also will assist materially in solving the unemployment problem.

According to a copyright London cablegram to the New York "Times" Jan. 3 Reginald McKenna headed the delegation of bankers who conferred with Sir Robert. As to the plan for the adoption of export credit insurance—or proposal to insure negotiable bonds issued by countries in Europe anxious to secure raw and manufactured goods the "Times" said:

It is assumed that bonds would readily be accepted by British manufacturers and traders if they could be realized on immediately. This, of course, would depend upon the bankers, who, in turn, are asking for some form of insurance.

The proposal now before the Government is that banks and insurance companies should participate in a joint insurance credit system. This is understood to meet with official approval. If it can be carried out, the British or other trader will be secure in accepting bonds in payment for commodities which are urgently required in many European markets.

Further details regarding the proposal are contained in the articles which follows.

*COUNCIL OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN FOR INSURING IMPORT CREDITS AS OUTLINED IN LONDON.*

A copyright cablegram from London Dec. 22 to the New York "Times" said:

In the House of Commons tonight A. J. Balfour gave a survey of the League of Nations meeting at Geneva. He gave prominence to the scheme adopted by the Council of the League for helping impoverished countries which are in need of imports.

He said that one of the great problems under which the economic world was now groaning was that those who produced could not sell and those who wanted to buy could not buy. The difficulty was in the problem of arranging adequate credits. The proposal was to make it possible for any country which required imports for the essential needs of life, not luxuries, to see whether in some form or another, in the shape of its national lands or particular sources of revenue, it had assets on which borrowing might legitimately take place. If it had, the League proposed to find machinery for valuing these assets and borrowing. The country could issue bonds upon its assets in payment for goods imported.

Mr. Balfour said he was authorized by the President of the Board of Trade to say that the British Government was seriously considering whether so far as this country was concerned, the scheme of these bonds might not be supplemented by some form of insurance which would make their convenience and utility for the purposes for which they were called into existence more certain.

The most profoundly impressive feature of the Geneva gathering, Mr. Balfour added was the aspect of cooperation by all nations meeting not only in the Council and Assembly but in social intercourse. As regards the achievements of the League, he said it was a "credible output for eleven months of work," and concluded:

I am more than ever convinced that the experiment we have begun is an experiment we can never afford to drop.

Further copyright advices on the subject from London Jan. 4 were published as follows by the New York "Times" Jan. 5:

The Government's scheme for credit bonds to make possible the resumption of trade with impoverished European countries attracted much attention to-day in banking and insurance circles. There is no difference of opinion as to the necessity of some such scheme, and discussion turned on the details.

While bank managers and directors of insurance companies are anxious to do all they can to forward the project, they naturally ask what are the risks they are to undertake. To the New York "Times" representative the manager of one of the leading banks who was present at the interview with Sir Robert Horne, the President of the Board of Trade, on Monday said:

"It is proposed that the exporter shall be able to discount the bond which has been given him by the importing country in payment for goods sold to that country, and that he shall be able to insure that the bond will be honored by the Government. Banks and insurance companies are anxious to know the amount and nature of the risk they are asked to undertake. Many countries in Europe are issuing additional paper money every week, with the result that there is a varying value to everything in those countries. This makes the risk more hazardous.

"I consider that the matter should be regarded not from a National, but an Inter-National point of view. It is hardly an ordinary commercial risk which private traders or institutions can reasonably be asked to shoulder. The signatories to the Treaty of Versailles remade the map of Europe, and in doing so they seriously undermined the commercial stability of some countries and created other States which had no credit to fall back upon. They ought to be asked to bear the burden of re-establishing credit in other States jointly, instead of asking private traders and financiers in this country to undertake two-thirds of these uncertain risks.

"In the meantime we are putting forth every endeavor to discover the best method of working the scheme."

The Director of an insurance company said:

"The simplest way would be for the Government to undertake the greater share of the risk; or, better still, there should be an Inter-National guarantee."

Twenty-seven American traders in this country are watching with keen interest to see what effect the arrangements which Lord Chalmers will make with the Treasury Department concerning the British Government's debt to the United States will have on New York. London has long realized the serious handicaps which the present state of exchange imposes on the

increase of American exports to England, and it is hoped that nothing will be settled at Washington which will still further depress the value of the sovereign.

If that occurs, it is asserted, it will affect American trade with all Europe, as Europe buys its drafts on New York in London, and Italy, France or Germany would consequently have to pay more for the American goods they purchased in just the same way as England would and American traders here are apprehensive lest the bargain struck between the two governments react to their private disadvantage.

The mission of Lord Chalmers, I learn, will have nothing to do with the large loans the British Government floated in Wall Street before the United States entered the war. They are amply covered by collateral and stand on the same footing as any other borrowings from big financial houses. The mission is concerned solely with the advances made by the American Government and is sent out in accordance with the plan laid down at the time the financial arrangement was made that gave Washington the right to call upon the British Treasury, at a time convenient to itself, to convert the original notes into long-term securities.

Lord Chalmers has evident qualifications as head of the British Mission, for he has not only been Secretary of the Treasury but he was also Chairman of the committee which, during the war, when England needed to finance its huge American purchases, dealt with American securities owned in the United Kingdom.

Apart from that he has led a varied and interesting career? Entering the Treasury Department in 1882 he worked his way up until he became first, Chairman of the Inland Revenue Board and then permanent Secretary of the Treasury. This brought him into touch with financial and currency problems of India, with the result that he was sent out to Ceylon as Governor in 1913. The war, however, brought finance to the front in England, and he came back to the Treasury in 1916 and then remained until 1919, serving also for five months in 1916, immediately after the Dublin rebellion, as Under-Secretary for Ireland. He has written on the currency problems of the British Dominions and has also proved that he possesses literary tastes by publishing translation of the Cingalese classic, the Jataka, from the Pali.

*LORD CHALMERS'S MISSION TO US RELATIVE TO FUNDING OF BRITISH DEBT TO U. S.*

It is reported that Lord Chalmers, special representative of the British Treasury, will sail from England on Jan. 22 on his mission, to continue in Washington, the discussions begun abroad, looking to the exchange into long time obligations of the war loans extended to Great Britain by the United States. The following regarding the refunding of these obligations is taken from the Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 8, having been received by it in special correspondence from Washington.

Owes \$5,000,000,000.

It was stated in official circles to-day [Jan. 8] that already the two governments are in accord upon the fundamental proposals and that it should be a simple matter to arrive at an agreement upon such important details as remain to be determined.

As outlined this afternoon by Treasury officials the general understanding provides for funding the demand notes of this Government held by Great Britain approximating \$5,000,000,000 into long-term securities at an interest rate certainly not less than that being paid by this Government on money which it borrowed for the purpose of loaning it to the British.

The most important details to be arranged at the conferences which will take place between Lord Chalmers, on the one hand, and Secretary Houston and his advisers, on the other, are the maturity dates on the obligations to be given and the interest rate.

The British are inclined to stand for a far distant date of maturity. They would like these obligations to be for not less than 20 years and if agreeable to the United States, for 25 years.

No Difficulty on Rate.

Little difficulty, it was explained to-day, will be experienced in fixing the rate of interest. This will be in the neighborhood of 5%, it is said. The law makes it obligatory on the part of the Treasury to fix a rate of interest as high as that being paid on domestic war loans which runs as high as 4%. Since this Government sees no necessity of making a profit on its British loans, the rate, which will be proposed, will not be much, if any, higher than the domestic rate.

So far, it appears, the Government of the United States has collected no overdue interest on the British or any of the other foreign loans and an adjustment of this is another matter which it will be necessary for the negotiators to deal with at the Washington conferences.

To Deal With Others.

It was stated in this connection to-day that the United States Treasury was ready to engage in similar negotiations with France, Italy, Belgium and other European nations who borrowed money from America with which to prosecute the war. So far, however, the matter has been taken up only informally with foreign treasuries.

Europe is indebted to the United States for slightly more than \$10,000,000,000, approximately half of which the British owe this country. Great Britain, it seems, holds temporary obligations of other Allied Powers for probably as much money as she owes the United States and before the British Government could go finally into negotiations with the United States it has been necessary for it to come to at least a tentative understanding with its debtors.

In this general connection it might be stated that the recent agitation in favor of the cancellation of all the foreign loans as an act of super-generosity on the part of America has subsided.

Congress alone can act in that direction. As Secretary Houston has pointed out, the Liberty Bond Acts contemplate no such move on the part of this Government.

\$475,000,000 in Interest.

In other quarters it has been proposed that the United States at least cancel the interest on the foreign obligations. This, too, is a matter which Congress alone can deal with. The interest on the demand obligations now held by this Government, it was indicated to-day, amounts to about \$475,000,000 a year.

One of the serious questions which the Treasury has had to face was the collection of this interest, as the law provides. It has been argued by some authorities that the Government, which is paying interest to its own people on the money loaned to foreign countries, should collect the interest due it as a matter of good business. On account of the rates on foreign exchange, however, it has been difficult for this Government to arrive at a basis for the interest payment and it was felt by Treasury officials that it would be better to await the return of stable conditions before insisting upon a collection of outstanding interest on foreign obligations.

**LIKELIHOOD THAT QUESTION OF FUNDING BRITISH DEBT WILL AWAIT HARDING ADMINISTRATION.**

The New York "Times" in Washington advices, Jan. 10, stated that it is the belief there that no definite decision will be made by the Treasury officials of the present Administration concerning the reported desire of the British Government to refund the interest charges and possibly the principal of the loans made to Great Britain during the war. While Lord Chalmers, the British envoy, will shortly begin a series of conferences with Secretary of the Treasury Houston and other Government officials in regard to the loans the "Times" reports it as probable that such negotiations will not be completed by March 4, when the Harding Administration will go into power. It says further:

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas is prepared to start a discussion of the question on the floor of the Senate in the event that there seems to be a likelihood of anything definite being done before March 4. It is understood that there are other Republican Senators who feel as he does.

The Ways and Means Committee has admitted that it is within the authority of Secretary Houston, under the terms of the Victory Loan Act, to arrange for refunding the principal and interest on the loans. But it is not felt here that Secretary Houston would seek to put into effect, at this time, any program in regard to the British loans which might embarrass the incoming Administration.

Senator Capper expressed surprise that the British Government should even endeavor to open negotiations on so important a question with the present Administration, in view of the fact that it will soon be retired.

The discussions leading up to an agreement probably would require several weeks under the most favorable conditions.

**SIR ROBERT HORNE PROPOSES CANCELLATION OF ALL WAR DEBTS TO STABILIZE EXCHANGE.**

As the only solution of the exchange question the proposal is made by Sir Robert Horne, President of the London Board of Trade, that America waive England's indebtedness, and that England do the same as to European countries. This proposal of Sir Robert's was suggested in an interview in the London "Graphic," according to press cablegrams of Jan. 6; in the interview in which he is said to have urged the adoption of a spirit of calculated constructive optimism to meet the world's commercial and financial depression, he is reported as having declared that American's participation in the world regeneration was essential, but that unfortunately the United States was not helping at the moment. He is said to have added:

The attitude of America is strictly self-contained, but there is a movement on foot which I hope may lead to something.

The only solution of the exchange question, as of so many others bearing upon it is the proposal mooted some time ago that America should waive England's indebtedness upon condition England does the same with other European countries. In a word, that there should be a forgiveness of debts all around. This would not only help to stabilize European exchange values, but would help America herself, who today finds herself in the curious position that the high value of a dollar prevents her from selling.

A special cablegram to the New York "Times" on Jan. 6 also reports him as saying:

The Government fully realizes the need at all costs of getting the world to work again. The Government is prepared to consider seriously the extension of credit to Austria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, but not to Germany, at least not at this juncture. The position in regard to Germany is the blunt fact that she is dumping profusely and we have reason to believe there are German financiers who are trying to keep the mark depressed so as to enable them to knock out England and other countries from the world's markets.

**A NEW BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR TAKING OVER BY U. S. OF EUROPEAN DEBTS TO GREAT BRITAIN.**

A plan for stabilizing world finance whereby the United States would take over Europe's debts to Great Britain was made by Sir J. C. Stamp, a British economist and formerly Chief of the Inland Revenue Service, writing in the London "Times" on Jan. 6, according to a copyright cablegram by the Chicago Tribune Company, which also stated:

He pointed out that Great Britain owes the United States £867,000,000 (normally about \$4,335,000,000), while the allied European nations owe Great Britain £1,731,000,000 (about \$8,655,000,000). In other words Great Britain borrowed from the United States to lend to the Allies before America entered the war, partly because England was better security than the others. The British economist believes that if America had entered the war earlier she would probably have lent direct.

He also declares that America would have a better chance in getting collections than Great Britain because she would be less amenable to political and other considerations affecting Europe. He says such an arrangement would also restore dollar-pound exchange, thus re-establishing trade on a sound and permanent basis.

**RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR INFORMATION ON GREAT BRITAIN'S INDEBTEDNESS TO THE UNITED STATES.**

Under a resolution introduced on Jan. 12 by Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, the Secretary of the Treasury would be prohibited without the consent of Congress, from exercising the authority conferred on him under the several Liberty Loan Acts, to determine the maturity of, and rate,

method and time of payment of interest on obligations of foreign Governments acquired by the Government of the United States. Still another resolution introduced by Sen. Walsh on Jan. 12 calls upon the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State to furnish to the Senate all official correspondence bearing on negotiations for the payment of interest and refunding of obligations of foreign governments acquired by the United States. Both resolutions were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; the one calling for copies of correspondence, reads as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State be, and they hereby are, directed to transmit, as soon as practicable, to the Senate copies of all official correspondence and other documents relating to the negotiations for the payment of interest on and refunding of the obligations of foreign Governments acquired by the United States under the provisions of Section 2 of the First Liberty Loan Act, approved April 24 1917; Section 3 of the Second Liberty Loan Act, approved Sept. 24 1917; Section 2 of the Third Liberty Loan Act, approved April 4 1918; Section 2 of the Fourth Liberty Loan Act, approved July 9 1918; and Section 8 of the Victory Liberty Loan Act approved March 3 1919.

*Resolved further*, That the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and they hereby are, directed to advise the Senate whether any negotiations touching the matters referred to have been conducted by oral exchange in whole or in part, and if so, to communicate to the Senate in substance the proposals submitted during the course of such exchanges on behalf of the Government of the United States and such foreign Governments, respectively.

On Jan. 13 Senator La Follette introduced a resolution requesting that the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State refrain from effecting any arrangement with Great Britain concerning the indebtedness without the approval of Congress.

**NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPROVES REPORT URGING BANKERS TO AID MERCHANTS ENGAGED IN FOREIGN TRADE.**

A report in which it was declared that it will be impossible for the merchants of the country to hold their normal trade abroad unless they are placed promptly in a position to sell their bills of exchange, and handle the business along usual lines, was presented at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York on the 6th inst. The report, which was unanimously adopted, urged that banks and bankers extend to merchants engaged in foreign trade "every justifiable and proper facility for the conduct of business." The following is the report which was presented by William E. Peck, as Chairman of the Chamber's Committee on Foreign Commerce and the Revenue Laws:

The export business of the United States, it is stated, has fallen off during the year 1920 by not less than one billion five hundred million of dollars. This was to be expected due to the natural reaction after the war.

It is obvious, based on present figures, that our export trade will decline very much more heavily during the present year unless some action is taken to prevent such an unfortunate result.

It is absolutely essential, for the welfare of the country, of our producers and of our manufacturing industries, that our foreign business shall be preserved, and increased to the fullest extent that is possible.

It will be impossible, however, for the merchants of the country to hold their normal trade abroad unless they are placed promptly in a position to sell their bills of exchange, and handle the business along usual lines.

It is therefore the sense of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York that our merchants engaged in foreign trade, having now laid the situation before the banking community, shall have the present perilous position of our export trade carefully considered by the bankers, and that our banks and bankers are urged to extend to our merchants every justifiable and proper facility for the conduct of business.

It is also the belief of the Chamber that every possible consideration should be granted the exporters in dealing with the complicated problems facing them in adjusting their payments with the importers abroad, to the end that they may arrange their collections, and liquidate their accounts on as favorable and fair a basis as can be mutually accomplished through co-operation and justifiable concessions.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Peck, <i>Chairman</i>	John F. Fowler
George F. Trowbridge	Henry A. Caesar
R. A. C. Smith	William H. Douglas
Edwin J. Gillies	

*Committee on Foreign Commerce and the Revenue Laws.*

**DR. WALTER LICHENSTEIN ON PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AS AFFECTED BY FOREIGN TRADE.**

In a discussion of "The Present Financial Situation," Dr. Walter Lichenstein, Foreign Trade Adviser of the First National Bank of Chicago, undertook to point out wherein, in his opinion, this situation is vitally affected at the present time by conditions regulating our foreign trade. Mr. Lichenstein, whose remarks were addressed to the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Banking on Dec. 14 declared that he was not one of those who has an exaggerated opinion of the extent of our foreign trade. According to Mr. Lichenstein, there has been altogether too much "big" talk in relation to the possibility of developing our export trade. Mr. Lichenstein stated that it cannot be pointed out too often that in the long run it is impossible to have export trade without import trade for a large proportion of goods

which other countries buy from us must be paid in turn by goods which they send to us. Consequently, he contends, if we increase our export trade largely there must be a somewhat corresponding increase of our import trade, and this may mean serious competition with industries existing in this country. At present, he said, the difficulty with our whole foreign trade is chiefly due to the fact that our exports so largely exceed both in quantity and value our imports. In part, he continued:

If I may be permitted to do so, I should like at this point to give a few figures showing what I mean. I have been spending considerable time lately seeking to estimate the total amount of production in this country of raw material as well as of manufactured goods, and how much of this total production cannot be consumed in this country and therefore must find markets outside of our own borders. The conclusion which I reached is that our total production stated in pounds amounts to about 6,500,000,000, and that of this we must export about 4%, or roughly 260,000,000,000 pounds. Stated in dollars, at present prices, our total production amounts to about \$160,000,000,000 a year, and our surplus, to be exported, is about 5%, or \$8,000,000,000. You will notice that stated in values our exports are a little larger proportionately than when the same facts are stated in pounds. The reason is that export prices are relatively somewhat higher than domestic prices, for the former include in the nature of the case a certain amount of profit and other items. However that may be, we are safe in assuming that our exports represent somewhat under 5% of the total amount of material produced in this country. This seems relatively a small amount, but it is just the difference between good times and bad, for I have heard it stated that 10% is all the spread there is between a boom and a panic. As I have tried to show you, of these 10% about half is represented by our export trade.

I have stated that we cannot hope for a continuation of our exports permanently unless we have also imports. If a country buys from us much more largely than it sells to us it must make the difference good by means of payment in gold, or by selling us insurance, or by expenditures on the part of our tourists, or by selling us securities. Let us look in detail at these various items, and in order to obtain a proper perspective let us for a moment glance at the situation before the war. Sir George Paish, the well known British economist, wrote some years before the war a booklet entitled "The Trade Balance of the United States," which was published by the National Monetary Commission. He estimated that at that time the United States made a net annual payment to other countries for interest and dividends upon capital of about \$225,000,000. In addition, our tourists expended chiefly in Europe a sum of about \$170,000,000. Furthermore, he estimated that inhabitants of foreign extraction in this country remitted yearly about \$150,000,000 abroad, and, finally, the net sum which the United States paid to other countries for the transportation of merchandise he estimated to be about \$25,000,000. In other words, America, according to Sir George's estimate, had to make before the war an annual payment of about \$595,000,000 for purposes other than for the purchase of goods from other countries, that is, the exports of merchandise, gold, and silver from the United States had to exceed the aggregate value of the merchandise, gold, and silver imported by nearly \$600,000,000 in order that payment could be made for interest, tourist expenditures, and the like. Consequently, before the war if the visible balance of trade was in our favor by a considerable sum it was no more than was needed to balance accounts.

What is the situation to-day in this regard? Instead of there being about \$6,000,000,000 of European capital invested in "permanent" securities in the United States and a floating debt of about \$400,000,000 in addition owing by this country to Europe, or call it in round numbers \$6,500,000,000 of European capital here, it has been estimated that of this amount \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 was repaid during the war. In addition, our Government has lent European Governments about \$10,000,000,000, and according to estimates prepared by Dr. B. M. Anderson, Jr., of the Chase National Bank of New York, Europe owed on Sept. 15 1920, an unfunded debt of over \$3,500,000,000 to private individuals, banks, and corporations in the United States. Furthermore, there was loaned by individuals in this country to European Governments or invested in private enterprises large sums, which must amount to about \$1,000,000,000, making the total which Europe owes to us about \$14,500,000,000. Consequently, instead of a net payment of interest on our part to foreign countries of \$225,000,000, foreign countries must now make a payment to us for interest charges of probably about \$900,000,000, annually. How is Europe to meet this enormous annual charge? As I have stated above, the easiest way would be for Europe to sell us more goods than it buys from us, but there are no indications that our balance of trade will become an adverse one, and about the best that Europe can hope for is that the balance of trade may not continue to be quite as largely in our favor as it has been in recent years. To be sure, for the ten months ended October, 1920, the total balance of trade in our favor amounted to \$2,107,000,000, as against \$3,400,000,000 for the same period in 1919, and for Europe the improvement is even relatively a more marked one, the balance in our favor for the ten months ended October, 1920, being \$2,600,000,000, as against \$3,700,000,000 for the same period in 1919. Obviously, however, all this will not aid in cancelling the existing debt and thus bring exchanges back to normal and make it possible for Europe to purchase from us within paying exorbitant prices in its own currency. Thus we have a vicious circle. Europe will not buy from us anything which it can obtain elsewhere until the rate of exchange shows some improvement. The rate of exchange will show no improvement as long as there is a far greater demand for American bills than there is a demand here for European bills. After all, rate of exchange is regulated, as every other commodity is, by the supply and demand.

Very well, then, Europe will pay in gold. But at present one-third or more of the total gold supply of the world is already in the United States, and foreign countries are forbidding as far as possible the further exportation of their gold. In spite of this, our gold supply in recent months has been increasing. The imports of gold during October amounted to \$117,000,000 compared with \$39,000,000 in September of this year and \$5,000,000 in October of last year. These are the largest gold imports of any month in the last three years. Gold imports during the ten months ending October amounted to \$316,000,000 in 1920 against \$61,000,000 in the same period of 1919. Gold exports in October were \$26,000,000 this year, against \$44,000,000 last year, and for the ten months ending October, \$285,000,000 this year, against \$270,000,000 last year. Our gain in the supply of gold, then, for the year to date, has amounted to \$31,000,000. If we take a longer period of time, let us say from Jan. 1 1919, we find that we have shipped abroad about \$330,000,000 more gold than we have received. This has been due to the fact that we are the only free gold market in the world, and owing to the fact that Europe will and cannot ship gold we have been unable to use our European credits to pay our South American and Far Eastern debts. At the same time, we require more gold for our own reserves because it takes a far greater amount of money to finance the same production than formerly. Federal Reserve notes in circulation have in-

creased since the close of the war \$753,843,000, and while at the time of the armistice the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve banks were 49.9% they are at present only 44.1%, and in recent months have often been even closer to the legal minimum of 40%. It is clear that there is not enough gold in the world for Europe to pay its indebtedness to us.

How, then, if ever, is Europe to meet the annual interest payment if we do not buy a sufficient amount of its goods and if it has not sufficient gold? I have mentioned, as other possible means for Europe to cancel its indebtedness: the expenditures of our tourists, marine insurance, freight charges, and remittances on the part of people of foreign extraction living in this country to their relatives abroad. But all these items are not likely to reduce the annual amount due us by much more—if as much—than \$400,000,000, leaving still a balance of \$500,000,000. We have, then, left only one method by which Europe can pay, and that is the one which Great Britain and some other European countries employed before the war with marked success in dealing with debtor nations. Payment for goods sold was not expected; the credits were largely left in foreign countries and invested in the securities of these countries. It is in this way that our own country was developed by European capital in the days when balances of trade were not in our favor. Our railroads and our farms and many of our other industries were developed during the Nineteenth Century largely by British, French, German and Dutch capital. But are we in a position at the present moment to buy foreign securities to any large extent, and if we can do so, will we do so? It seems to me that there are two points to be made here: In the first place, we have by no means turned our backs on suffering Europe as has sometimes been claimed. In addition to all the credits to which I have referred, it must be remembered that the American Red Cross, the American Relief Commission, and individuals have expended for charitable purposes untold millions in Europe since the armistice. Secondly, we are not in a position at the present moment to do much more than we have done. We must first of all put our own financial house in order. It is clear that this has not been done if it be noted that on Oct. 22 bills discounted by the Federal Reserve banks for their member banks amounted to \$2,749,282,000, so that in spite of all the efforts of the Federal Reserve banks to bring about deflation very little has been accomplished, for at the corresponding period of last year the total bills discounted amounted to only \$2,082,139,000.

This item of \$2,749,282,000 of rediscounted bills in the Federal Reserve banks is all the more interesting if we look at its constituent elements. It consists of \$1,199,139,000 of bills secured by Government war obligations and \$1,550,143,000 of bills secured by commercial instruments, &c. If we take the corresponding figures on Oct. 24 1919, we find that the total amount of bills rediscounted was, as I have said, \$2,082,139,000, of which \$1,666,055,000 was secured by Government war obligations and only \$416,084,000 by commercial paper and the like. In other words, as Dr. Anderson pointed out, the present inflation must be due very largely to our unfinanced export trade, for we know that recently there has been a considerable contraction in domestic trade, and since there has been only a slight increase in rediscounts due to undigested Government war obligations there is really nothing left except our export trade to which can be ascribed continued inflation. If we take loans and investments reported by member banks the result is even more striking. The total on Oct. 15 1920, of all loans and investments was \$17,283,996,000, of which 5.3% were loans secured by Government war obligations, while on Oct. 17 1919 the total of all loans and investments was \$15,433,563,000, of which 8.4% were loans secured by Government war obligations.

As regards our willingness to take long term securities from Europe. So far we have done very little. Since the middle of 1919 virtually the whole export balance has gone on open account, and long time loans made by private investors in American to Europe have been exceeded by old loans maturing within the same period, so that the new loans have done nothing to create new credit resources for Europe. Much of this burden has been borne by London, which has purchased with sterling or with short term dollar obligations the great bulk of the franc, lire and other Continental exchanges created in the United States. In addition, London has purchased great quantities of goods from the United States and other parts of the non-European world for cash or on short credits which she has resold to the Continent on long credits. This is one of the chief reasons that sterling exchange has been unduly depressed as compared with its intrinsic merits, while Continental exchange rates have been held above the figures which they would have reached in the absence of London support.

What is the way out of this dilemma? Evidently we must have foreign trade in order to take care of our surplus production, for our capacity to produce has expanded enormously in recent years, probably as much as 50% since 1909. If we do not market the surplus we shall have plants shutting down right and left, unemployment, and all the attendant evils of a long continued business depression. On the other hand, I have sought to show so far the following:

1. Europe cannot cancel all her indebtedness by means of merchandise.
2. There is not sufficient gold in the world to cancel Europe's indebtedness to us.
3. Imports of merchandise from Europe plus invisible items are not sufficient to cancel the indebtedness.
4. We cannot continue indefinitely to sell on open account since this is largely the cause of our present credit inflation.
5. The country so far has shown little desire to invest in foreign securities to a sufficient extent to cancel the indebtedness.

In my opinion the only way to meet this situation is the one which has been pointed out by experienced financiers ever since the Armistice. We must establish foreign trade financing corporations of great magnitude such as that suggested in the call of John S. Drum of San Francisco, President of the American Bankers' Association, to consider the formation of a corporation of \$100,000,000 capital for the financing of American export trade. No ordinary commercial bank can possibly handle this kind of business. Commercial banks cannot afford to tie up their resources in fixed assets to any large extent for any great length of time. If they did it would mean that they could not extend to our own business men the credit needed. We need "a single institution, national in its scope and control, of great financial power, operating under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, and in accordance with the terms of the Edge law, which shall receive foreign securities and by selling debentures against them to the American investor, furnish to the American producer and manufacturer immediate payment for his exports." Such an organization will inspire sufficient confidence, it is to be hoped, to enable it to sell its securities to the American people. This is the greatest promise which is held out to us that matters will right themselves. Europe in its turn, must continue to work, work, work, and curtail as far as possible all unnecessary importations. In this respect Great Britain, which is infinitely better off than most other European powers is showing the way. For the ten months ended Oct. 31 1919, the adverse balance of trade of Great Britain was almost £700,000,000, while for the same period in 1920 the adverse balance was only slightly over £530,000,000. If we take into consideration the invisible items which in the case of Great Britain are still very extensive the accounts probably balance. Great Britain has still invested in foreign countries and in her colonies \$20,000,000,000, and only owes to this country and her colonies about \$8,-

000,000,000, leaving a net balance in her favor of \$12,000,000,000. To be sure, some of the sums due her, as those from Russia, which owes Great Britain approximately \$2,500,000,000 may never be paid, but nevertheless there is still a very substantial balance in favor of Great Britain. Her insurance companies, especially those selling marine insurance, still remit large sums to London, and she still has, after all, the largest merchant marine.

European countries must seek by all means possible to reduce their governmental expenditures and must cease printing paper money without adequate reserves. In this last respect there has been altogether too little improvement. Mr. O. P. Austin, Statistician of the National City Bank of New York, has estimated that while at the end of the first peace year the outstanding paper money in the world amounted to, roughly, \$55,000,000,000, it has now increased to about \$82,000,000,000, with a consequent reduction of gold reserves from 13.5% to 9.2%. It is unfortunate, also, that political conditions in Europe and the attitude of labor the world over appear not to have reached a point where the future can be viewed with unqualified confidence. British labor shows increasing restiveness, the Irish and other crises are ever with us, and the Russian situation has still to be conclusively settled. However, we should not despair. Even as regards Bolshevism, remember that conservative business men at the end of the Eighteenth Century must have felt about the French Revolution much as we do about the events in Russia. And still out of all the turmoil of that time ultimate progress came, and although we do not see the road I have no doubt that somehow or other we shall find the path leading us to more stable and better conditions, enabling us to surmount the difficulties which confront us at home and abroad at the present time.

#### CO-OPERATION AMONG EXPORT CREDIT DEPARTMENTS SOUGHT TO PREVENT CANCELLATIONS.

Realizing that merchants abroad who formerly paid their bills promptly are now refusing shipments and cancelling contracts, the National Association of Credit Men announces that 300 of the largest exporters in this country are co-operating as never before in their business history by exchanging credit information regarding their customers so as to form an impenetrable barricade against unprincipled foreign buyers and professional commercial swindlers who see in the United States an opportunity to order merchandise for which they do not intend to pay. Following an experiment of fifteen months, during which time these exporters conducted a non-profit-making Foreign Credit Interchange Bureau, under the auspices of the National Association of Credit Men, the supervisory committee in charge of the operation of this department has decided that now is the opportune time to launch a country-wide campaign to enroll 700 additional American exporters as members of the institution. When the Bureau has 1,000 members it will constitute the most complete source of credit information in the country, according to J. W. H. Ross, Chairman of the membership campaign committee. Mr. Ross is quoted as saying:

"Practical and systematic co-operation among export credit departments will be one of the most important factors in following out the policy of caution now necessary in making foreign shipments. A large amount of the present cancellation and bad debt losses could have been avoided if all export departments had co-operated through some standardized medium. Co-operation in export trade has been discussed and eulogized for years, but its practical application has been badly neglected.

"During the past fifteen months the Foreign Credit Inter-Change Bureau has demonstrated its immense value to its supporters in carrying on a systematic and standardized exchange of credit information and supplying general information of value to the members.

"A weekly confidential bulletin is issued for the exclusive use of the members. This publication contains data that is not available through customary sources. It enables our members to keep in close touch with the conditions and recent happenings in various foreign countries.

"The significant value of the Foreign Credit Interchange Bureau is reflected in the resolution passed at the recent International Chamber of Commerce convention which appointed committees from the four foreign Powers represented to investigate the possibilities of establishing similar interchange bureaus in their respective countries. Our nation anticipated this action by a whole year as we had already established just such an institution. It now behooves our American exporters to support this movement and make it what it deserves to be—one of the strongest pillars of our foreign credit structure."

#### RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR SHELTON (CONN.) BANK & TRUST CO.

Ex-Governor M. H. Holcomb was appointed receiver of the Shelton Bank & Trust Co. on Jan. 13 by Judge Keeler of the Superior Court. We referred to the closing of this bank in our issue of Jan. 8.

#### AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FOR SETTLEMENT OF ALLAN A. RYAN'S AFFAIRS.

It was made known in a statement issued on Jan. 11 by Samuel Untermeyer that the adjustment of the affairs of Allan A. Ryan and Allan A. Ryan & Co. had been satisfactorily effected in agreements which had been executed under which the Guaranty Trust Co. and Alvin Untermeyer have agreed to act as joint trustees. It will be recalled that toward the end of November Mr. Samuel Untermeyer consented, under certain conditions, to act as counsel for Mr. Ryan, a reference to this having appeared in our issue of Dec. 4, page 2184. At the same time it was reported that a committee of bankers was being formed to take charge of Mr. Ryan's affairs. Mr. Untermeyer's statement of this

week announces that the settlement just concluded "will not involve and renders unnecessary the liquidation of Mr. Ryan's extensive holdings." It also states that the settlement does not affect Mr. Ryan's litigation against the New York Stock Exchange. The following is the statement in full:

The affairs of Mr. Allan A. Ryan and Allan A. Ryan & Co. have now been satisfactorily settled by agreements this day executed and delivered.

The Guaranty Trust Co. and Mr. Alvin Untermeyer have been requested and have agreed to act as joint trustees under the agreement.

Mr. Ryan retains control of his properties, which will continue to be operated as heretofore.

The settlement will not involve and renders unnecessary the liquidation of Mr. Ryan's extensive holdings.

The settlement arrived at does not affect Mr. Ryan's litigation against the Stock Exchange, which will be pressed with all possible energy.

Mr. Ryan takes this opportunity to deny the many baseless and foolish rumors that have been circulated concerning his relations in banking circles and to give public expression of his appreciation of the uniform justice and courtesy that he has received.

#### UNIT OF TRANSACTION ON PITTSBURGH STOCK EXCHANGE TO BE 100 SHARES.

By a recent vote of members of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange it was decided that bid and ask quotations to be posted on the board must be for at least 100 shares. The Pittsburgh Despatch of Dec. 21 in reporting this said:

Heretofore quotations were posted on 50-share orders. "Quotable" lots of penny mining stocks remain unchanged at 500 shares. No change was made in "quotable" sales, the minimum remaining at 10 shares, with the exception of bank stocks, all sales of which are recorded.

#### MEETING OF CURB, STOCK AND BOND MARKET, INC.

Regarding the first formal meeting on Jan. 4 of the new curb organization, the New York "Commercial" of Jan. 5, said:

Members of the Curb, Stock and Bond Market of New York, Inc., held their first formal meeting last night at Milano's Restaurant, No. 39 Beaver Street, at which officers were elected and the constitution of the organization was read. The Curb, Stock and Bond Market is the organization which is opposed to the New York Curb Market Association, which is planning to erect a stock exchange on Trinity Place near Rector Street.

Officers elected were: Thomas A. Cook, President; John N. Van der Leith, Treasurer, and Harry L. Casey, Secretary. All of the officers have been working for some time for the definite organization of the curb market to continue business on the open street. The next meeting will be held Jan. 11, at which time a board of governors will be chosen.

Provisions in the constitution call for an initiation fee of \$100. The body is chartered as a board of trade and is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. Offices are maintained at No. 35 Broad Street.

William G. Gallagher, familiarly known in the Street as "Billy" Gallagher, was the principal speaker. Mr. Gallagher alleged that the Curb Stock Exchange Building would prove a "white elephant" on the hands of its promoters, in that it would produce no revenue and would be a constant drain on those who had to pay the bills.

#### W. P. G. HARDING OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD SEES DEPRESSION NEARING ITS END.

W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, speaking as a guest of the Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland at a dinner in New York City on Jan. 7 to commemorate Franklin D. Roosevelt's election as a Vice-President of that company, expressed his belief that the country generally has recovered its normal condition. "I think undoubtedly that the worst is over," he said, adding:

As to the revival of trade, there are signs on the horizon that the extreme depression which has occurred in some industries is nearing its end. There is already a better sentiment in the woolen market in Boston, and the woolen situation has been one of the worst which we have had to contend with in this country. There are indications that the cotton mills will soon need increased supplies of raw cotton.

The first essential for the restoration of world trade is the establishment of peace throughout the world.

I think the hope of American trade lies in the establishment of foreign finance corporations as provided in the Edge Act; and yet, to be perfectly frank, that must be a very slow and gradual development, because foreign trade at the present time is accompanied with very many pitfalls and complications.

No corporation can sell its debentures or obligations to the public that does not immediately establish a reputation for conservatism and security, rather than a disposition to do business for volume without regard to security. We have got to feel our way along gradually, and if and when a condition arises when the investment market of this country, which now shows signs of recovery, can be so strengthened and when Europe can furnish attractive securities and attractive investments to Americans, then it will be possible to re-establish our foreign trade on a broader basis.

#### PAUL M. WARBURG ELECTED TO FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Paul M. Warburg, formerly Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, has been elected a member of the Federal Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve District of New York to succeed A. Barton Hepburn, who has served for the last two years. Mr. Hepburn was relieved of the office at his own request. Mr. Warburg has been chosen to serve during the current year.

**EMPLOYEE OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT.**

According to the New York "Times" of Jan. 12, Arthur C. Duncelman, Assistant Chief of the money division of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Dietrich on Jan. 11 to having robbed the bank, and was sentenced to two years in the Atlanta penitentiary. The accused, it is stated, was arrested on June 23 by Secret Service Agent Ruvano and was charged with counterfeiting. It was explained that the prisoner had raised one dollar bills to bills of larger denomination which he had substituted for the genuine currency.

**NEW DIRECTORS OF BUFFALO BRANCH OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.**

The following announcement was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York yesterday (Jan. 14):

Two additional directors have been appointed to serve on the board of the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. E. J. Barcalo, president of the Barcalo Manufacturing Company of Buffalo, was appointed by the Federal Reserve Board and Thomas E. Lannin, Vice-President of the Lincoln Alliance Bank of Rochester, by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The object of the increase in the number of directors is to give representation to the banks of Rochester, and also to have on the board a member active in industrial enterprises.

The five former directors of the Buffalo Branch were reappointed. They are Frank L. Bartlett, President of the Exchange National Bank, Olean, N. Y., and Clifford Hubbell, President of the Fidelity Trust Company, Buffalo, N. Y., appointed by the Federal Reserve Board, and Elliott C. McDougal, President of the Marine Trust Company of Buffalo, Harry T. Ramsdell, President of the Manufacturers and Traders National Bank of Buffalo, and R. M. Gidney, manager of the Buffalo Branch, appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

**FLOYD IKARD MADE CASHIER OF HOUSTON BRANCH OF DALLAS FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.**

Floyd Ikard, has been made cashier of the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas succeeding Paul S. Miller, who tendered his resignation on Dec. 1 to take effect Dec. 31. Mr. Miller will retire from the banking field and will return to Dallas as head of a large paying concern. Mr. Ikard has been identified with banking interests since 1904. Among other posts held by him, he served as Auditor of the First National Bank of Fort Worth and also as auditor of the Security National Bank of Dallas. In 1918 he became affiliated with the Federal Reserve banking system as Assistant Manager in the war loan department of the Dallas Bank.

**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 Jan. 7 1921:

District No.	Capital.	Surplus.	Total Resources.
District No. 6—			
Orrville Bank & Trust Co., Orrville, Ala.....	\$25,000	\$26,500	\$202,612
District No. 9—			
The Farmers State Bank, Hayfield, Minn....	25,000	14,000	638,418
Bank of Boulder, Boulder, Mont.....	50,000	25,000	649,005
Bank of Commerce, Forsyth, Mont.....	75,000	37,500	944,324
Montana Trust & Savings Bank, Helena, Mont.....	150,000	75,000	1,969,591
Philipsburg State Bank, Philipsburg, Mont..	40,000	15,000	491,471
Little Horn State Bank, Wyola, Mont.....	25,000	6,750	117,364
District No. 12—			
First State Bank, Richfield, Idaho.....	25,000	4,000	200,209

**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:

- The First National Bank of Biddeford, Biddeford, Maine.
- The First National Bank of Bordentown, Bordentown, N. J.
- The First National Bank of Blairsville, Blairsville, Pa.

**GUY F. ALLEN NAMED AS U. S. TREASURER, SUCCEEDING JOHN BURKE, RESIGNED.**

Guy F. Allen of Somerset, Md., was named by President Wilson on Jan. 8 as Treasurer of the United States. Mr. Allen, who has been Assistant Treasurer, will succeed John Burke as Treasurer, whose resignation was referred to in these columns last week, page 112. It was accepted by the President on the 7th. Mr. Burke resigned to form the co-partnership with Louis Montgomery Kardos, Jr., under the firm name of Kardos & Burke.

**BROWN BROS. & CO. DELIVER CHECK TO PRESIDENT WILSON IN PAYMENT OF NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.**

Brown Brothers & Co. this week delivered to President Wilson a check in payment of the Nobel Foundation Peace Prize awarded him last month.

**NEW OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.**

An offering of two new series of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, aggregating \$250,000,000 or thereabouts, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Houston on Jan. 9. Both series will be dated and bear interest from Jan. 15 1921; one of the issues, Series E-1921, will carry interest at 5½% and will mature April 15 1921; the other, Series F-1921, will bear 5¾% interest and will mature Oct. 15 1921. The last previous offering also embraced two series, TJ 2-1921, running for six months from Dec. 15 1921, and bearing interest at 5¾%, and the other, Series TD-1921, at 6%, maturing in one year, or on Dec. 15 1921. The certificates do not bear the circulation privilege and will not be accepted in payment of taxes. The certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates of Series E-1921 will have one interest coupon attached, payable April 15 1921, and the certificates of Series F-1921, two interest coupons attached, one for semi-annual interest payable July 15 1921, and the other payable October 15 1921. The circular issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York regarding the offering also says:

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000 owned by any individual partnership, association or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates of either or both series applied for and to close the subscriptions as to either or both series at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Jan. 15 1921, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series B-1921, maturing Jan. 15 1921, will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, in payment for any certificates of the Series E-1921 or F-1921 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotment in full in the order of the receipt of applications up to amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

The flotation of the \$250,000,000 issue, Treasury officials state, will enable the Government to meet the maturity of \$125,000,000 in certificates due on Jan. 15, and at the same time provide a margin for expenses not met by current revenues during the first part of the year when tax returns are lightest.

**CIRCULAR OF N. Y. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNSOLD TREASURY SAVINGS SECURITIES.**

A circular regarding the reimbursement of authorized agents and sales stations for unsold War Savings Certificates and Stamps of 1920 was issued as follows on Jan. 3 by J. H. Case, Acting Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

Government Bond Department. (Circular No. 333) (January 3 1921)  
Reimbursement for Unsold United States Government Treasury Savings Securities.

Surrender of War Savings Certificates and Stamps, Series of 1920, Treasury Savings Certificates, Series of 1920, and Thrift Stamps, Held by Authorized Agents and Sales Stations

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

Any incorporated bank or trust company may receive from any sales station, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of its designation, War Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1920, and Thrift Stamps remaining unsold at the close of business on December 31 1920, and may make cash reimbursement to the sales station for War Savings Certificate Stamps at the rate of \$4 24 each and for Thrift Stamps at 25 cents each.\* Such surrenders and reimbursements should be made on or before January 20 1921. All unissued blank War Savings Certificates of last year's series may also be so surrendered but no credit or reimbursement will be made for such blank certificates. Such stamps and certificates so received by banks and trust companies should be delivered to us on or before January 31 1921, or accounting and reimbursement, accompanied by the proper schedule, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. (Form GB-127).

\* United States Thrift Stamps, issued at any time on or after December 3 1917, will be on sale during 1921, and appropriate arrangements will be made for the exchange of filled Thrift Cards for War Savings Certificate Stamps, Series of 1921.

*Surrender by Collateral and Cash Agents.*

Each banking institution in this Federal Reserve District qualified as a "collateral agent" should deliver to us by or before the end of this month all of last year's Treasury Savings Certificates and War Savings Certificate Stamps obtained by it from us and not sold before the end of the year, and shall thereupon receive appropriate credit in its account with us.

A "cash agent" surrendering such securities to us on or before January 31 1921, will be entitled to cash reimbursement at a rate equivalent to the current redemption value at the time of surrender.

A copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 220, containing the Treasury's regulations governing such surrenders by sales stations and authorized agents, is enclosed herewith for your information.

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

**JUDGE GARY SEES NOTHING UNFAVORABLE IN BUSINESS HORIZON.**

In a statement bearing on the business outlook, issued on Jan. 12, Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation declared he thought himself justified in saying that, so far as his information extends, there is nothing unfavorable in the business horizon. "Certainly at present" he says, "the tendency is toward improved business conditions. This does not necessarily mean that there is a decided increase in volume but it does mean that the general aspect, including the temper of business men is better. If that continues, he added, we are certain to have decided improvement within a comparatively short time." Judge Gary also says:

As before stated, the principal reason for apparent dulness in some lines is that the purchasing public is waiting for such information as will influence them to conclude bottom prices have been reached. It should be evident to everyone that in certain lines or departments further decreases in selling prices are necessary, and therefore likely to be reached. I have heard of cases where lower prices have been fixed by retailers than the prices they paid to the wholesalers for the same goods, which shows a disposition to make adjustments which have been determined upon for the purpose of completing readjustments, promptly disposing of stocks and of getting into a financial position which will enable the retailers to proceed in the regular way.

This is only an illustration of what must be done in all lines before we can expect good business. However, we all know by experience that after any movement of importance commences, as it progresses it gathers speed and will, within a short time, reach a momentum that means pretty early completion of the movement. I see increasing signs of a disposition on the part of producers and sellers to recognize conditions and to submit to such reductions in selling prices as are necessary before a return to normal volume of business.

Also it must be evident to everyone that a large percentage of workmen are disposed to and are proposing reductions in wages immediately following the action of their employers to make reductions in their prices. This is a good sign and will have a decided effect. I hope and believe this disposition on the part of employees will be reciprocated by the employers.

I notice by the published reports the cash in circulation per capita at the present time is nearly \$60. This means over six billion dollars of money in circulation, and it is a good guess that a large part of that will not be deposited in vaults or hidden. The natural tendency of any person with ready money is to spend that money for goods or property when the possessor has reached the conclusion that all prices are reasonable, and it is the tendency of men of means to make extensions or improvements by the erection of buildings or otherwise whenever the proper time arrives.

But another important thing to be remembered is that a reasonable supply of the necessities of life of themselves involve large expenditures of money, and in this country, unlike most other countries, there is enough money to make purchases for that purpose. Even though people generally are economical as they ought to be, and I hope will be, still they should and will make enough purchases to supply their necessities as to bring a substantial prosperity.

In the steel business to-day those who are buying are doing so from the standpoint of necessity, and this, up to date, has secured for our corporation, at least, a satisfactory volume of business, considering the times, and will, I hope, enable us to continue the payment of interest and the usual dividends. Under these circumstances, how could we be other than optimistic? This is the season of the year for dull business, if there is to be any; it is a time for taking inventories, repairing furnaces and mills, stripping mines for the next season's output, putting steamboats, engines and cars in good repair, and in every way making full preparation for the business which we hope and expect will be offered during the year. And yet, notwithstanding these conditions and circumstances, as I have stated, we are doing a substantial business.

**FOREIGN HOLDINGS OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.**

The foreign holdings of shares of the United States Steel Corporation have undergone a further reduction as is disclosed by the figures for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1920, just made public. The foreign holdings of common stock on that date stood at 292,835 shares, as against 323,438 shares on Sept. 30 last, while the holdings of preferred stock were 111,436 shares on Dec. 31 as compared with 118,212 shares on Sept. 30. On Dec. 31 1919 the common holdings were 368,895 shares, while the preferred shares held abroad aggregated 138,566. Contrasted with the period before the war the shrinkage in foreign holdings, is very striking; in the case of the common stock, foreign holdings which now as stated, amount to only 292,835 shares, on Mar. 31 1914 aggregated 1,285,636 shares. The foreign holdings of preferred which stood at 312,311 shares on Mar. 31 1914, now amount to only 111,436 shares. Below we furnish a detailed statement of the foreign holdings at various dates since Dec. 31 1914 to the latest period:

**FOREIGN HOLDINGS OF SHARES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.**

Common Stock—	Dec. 31 1920.	Dec. 31 1919.	Dec. 31 1918.	Dec. 31 1917.	Dec. 31 1916.	Dec. 31 1915.	Dec. 31 1914.
Africa	73	89	75	23	15	5	2
Algeria	---	---	---	---	---	150	340
Argentina	76	78	64	43	34	23	8
Australia	86	80	36	30	23	38	3
Austria	3,049	2,888	2,887	472	472	532	690
Belgium	2,261	2,689	2,629	2,625	2,625	2,639	3,509
Bermuda	97	84	107	97	95	95	46
Brazil	79	80	48	7	7	7	18
British India	---	---	---	38	21	24	17
Canada	31,311	35,686	45,613	41,639	31,662	38,011	54,259
Central Amer	34	36	15	1	78	235	382
Chile	145	118	80	30	18	11	8
China	119	73	28	79	10	13	13
Denmark	16	26	876	---	---	---	---
Egypt	60	---	---	---	---	---	---
England	159,613	166,387	172,453	173,074	192,250	355,088	710,621
France	13,939	28,607	29,700	30,059	34,328	50,193	64,537
Germany	1,015	959	891	612	628	1,178	2,664
Gibraltar	---	---	---	---	---	---	100
Holland	73,861	124,558	229,285	229,185	234,365	238,617	342,645
India	50	59	69	---	---	---	---
Ireland	256	160	19	19	914	1,730	2,991
Italy	269	281	281	281	279	280	146
Japan	55	55	45	---	---	---	5
Java	16	8	4	---	---	---	---
Luxembourg	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Malta	40	40	40	75	75	75	75
Mexico	125	165	153	154	140	250	300
Norway	65	23	20	20	20	20	70
Peru	6	---	---	---	1	3	---
Portugal	---	---	---	---	---	---	190
Rumania	5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Russia	---	---	---	---	---	---	10
Scotland	103	125	76	75	482	3,435	4,208
Serbia	8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spain	302	555	549	300	510	800	1,225
Sweden	14	70	80	64	68	13	1
Switzerland	1,860	1,649	1,292	1,442	1,512	1,267	1,470
Turkey	200	---	---	---	---	16	16
Uruguay	---	---	10	10	---	---	---
Wales	33	39	30	30	45	315	623
West Indies	3,590	3,228	4,049	3,690	1,952	1,568	1,872
Total	292,835	368,895	491,580	484,190	502,632	696,631	1,193,064

Preferred Stock—	Dec. 31 1920.	Dec. 31 1919.	Dec. 31 1918.	Dec. 31 1917.	Dec. 31 1916.	Dec. 31 1915.	Dec. 31 1914.
Africa	67	70	34	9	44	55	58
Algeria	---	---	---	105	105	75	75
Argentina	15	15	15	19	24	18	11
Australia	123	104	73	379	379	403	484
Austria	2,566	2,463	2,463	683	3,683	3,483	2,086
Azores	120	120	120	120	120	120	---
Belgium	117	314	314	331	339	341	697
Bermuda	285	343	120	53	25	25	21
Brazil	20	84	84	84	82	16	31
British India	---	---	---	352	354	119	51
Canada	32,580	36,830	42,073	36,201	35,876	36,453	34,673
Central Amer	24	9	1	---	33	237	146
Chile	23	25	27	23	23	24	12
China	119	105	105	50	50	57	42
Colombia	4	55	55	30	30	30	---
Denmark	58	78	78	178	140	140	40
Egypt	---	35	---	---	---	40	140
England	31,306	37,703	37,936	39,779	50,429	147,453	174,906
France	18,649	23,663	25,896	25,763	27,863	32,524	36,749
Germany	4,142	3,796	3,865	862	935	1,330	3,252
Greece	37	65	65	65	38	38	35
Holland	13,935	23,094	25,264	25,274	25,384	26,494	29,000
India	305	302	352	---	---	---	---
Ireland	505	318	315	450	826	3,929	4,119
Italy	1,811	2,087	1,979	2,028	2,185	2,148	1,678
Japan	1	1	1	61	61	61	81
Luxembourg	23	23	23	15	15	15	---
Malta	50	50	245	405	405	405	405
Mexico	25	7	7	6	16	16	235
Morocco	---	---	---	---	---	---	7
Norway	2	28	26	26	31	27	27
Peru	6	6	6	6	6	6	5
Portugal	---	---	---	---	---	---	120
Russia	14	12	11	7	7	33	43
Scotland	78	171	229	252	734	12,256	13,747
Serbia	---	---	---	220	220	220	220
Spain	1,270	1,270	1,300	880	710	421	432
Sweden	283	1,370	1,156	1,136	1,136	1,130	1,137
Switzerland	2,174	2,672	2,707	2,848	3,043	2,695	2,617
Turkey	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Wales	39	33	49	24	45	788	1,068
West Indies	560	1,145	1,131	1,259	1,952	863	874
Total	111,436	138,566	148,225	140,077	156,412	274,588	309,457

COMMON.			PREFERRED.		
Date—	Shares.	PerCent.	Date—	Shares.	PerCent.
Mar. 31 1914	1,285,636	25.29	Mar. 31 1914	312,311	8.67
June 30 1914	1,274,247	25.07	June 30 1914	312,832	8.68
Dec. 31 1914	1,193,064	23.47	Dec. 31 1914	309,457	8.59
Mar. 31 1915	1,130,209	22.23	Mar. 31 1915	308,005	8.55
June 30 1915	957,587	18.84	June 30 1915	303,070	8.41
Sept. 30 1915	826,833	16.27	Sept. 30 1915	297,691	8.26
Dec. 31 1915	696,631	13.70	Dec. 31 1915	274,588	7.62
Mar. 31 1916	634,469	12.48	Mar. 31 1916	262,091	7.27
Sept. 30 1916	537,809	10.58	Sept. 30 1916	171,096	4.75
Dec. 31 1916	502,632	9.89	Dec. 31 1916	156,412	4.34
Mar. 31 1917	494,338	9.72	Mar. 31 1917	151,757	4.21
June 30 1917	481,342	9.45	June 30 1917	142,226	3.94
Sept. 30 1917	477,109	9.39	Sept. 30 1917	140,039	3.69
Dec. 31 1917	484,190	9.52	Dec. 31 1917	140,077	3.88
Mar. 31 1918	485,708	9.56	Mar. 31 1918	140,198	3.90
June 30 1918	491,464	9.66	June 30 1918	149,032	4.13
Sept. 30 1918	495,009	9.73	Sept. 30 1918	147,845	4.10
Dec. 31 1918	491,580	9.68	Dec. 31 1918	148,225	4.11
Mar. 31 1919	493,552	9.71	Mar. 31 1919	149,832	4.16
June 30 1919	465,434	9.15	June 30 1919	146,478	4.07
Sept. 30 1919	394,543	7.76	Sept. 30 1919	143,840	3.99
Dec. 31 1919	368,895	7.26	Dec. 31 1919	138,566	3.84
Mar. 31 1920	348,038	6.84	Mar. 31 1920	127,562	3.54
June 30 1920	342,567	6.74	June 30 1920	124,346	3.46
Sept. 30 1920	323,438	6.36	Sept. 30 1920	118,212	3.28
Dec. 31 1920	292,835	5.76	Dec. 31 1920	111,436	3.09

In the following table is shown the number of shares of the Steel Corporation distributed as between brokers and investors, on Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 1920:

	Dec. 31 1920.	Ratio.	Sept. 30 1920.	Ratio.
Common—				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	1,279,557	25.17	1,560,125	30.69
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,803,468	74.83	3,522,900	69.31
Preferred—				
Brokers, domestic and foreign	271,508	7.53	266,596	7.42
Investors, domestic and foreign	3,331,303	92.47	3,336,215	92.58

The following is of interest as it shows the holdings of brokers and investors in New York State;

	Dec. 31 1920.	Ratio.	Sept. 30 1920.	Ratio.
Common—				
Brokers	1,011,819	19.90	1,259,328	24.77
Investors	1,425,264	28.04	1,275,906	25.10
Preferred—				
Brokers	230,855	6.40	221,599	6.15
Investors	1,462,187	40.58	1,481,340	41.11

HEARINGS BEFORE RAILROAD LABOR BOARD ON  
NATIONAL AGREEMENTS—LABOR'S CHARGES  
OF INFLATED COSTS.

On Jan. 10, the United States Railroad Labor Board began in Chicago its hearings on the question of the continuation, abrogation or modification of the National Agreements, rules and working conditions instituted by the United States Railroad Administration and still in effect upon the railroads. This is the second part of the labor question submitted to the Railroad Labor Board in April, 1920. The Board's Decision of July 20 1920, given in the "Chronicle" of July 24, page 347, passed only on the question of wages, and asked for a continuation of the rules, working conditions and agreements above referred to until the Board could undertake the present hearings. With the opening of the hearings this week charges were made that the railroads of the country are in a conspiracy to create unemployment and are defrauding the American people out of millions of dollars through the operation of a cost-plus system of contracts with equipment and repair companies. These allegations were made by representatives of employees of the roads who repeated the threadbare allegations (so often denied) that 80% of the railroad mileage in the country was controlled by the Morgan-Steel interests and that maintenance costs had been inflated at the expense of the public. This was done, according to the statement of B. M. Jewell, head of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, by letting contracts to equipment companies "controlled by the same banks that control the railroads." He is said to have added:

Under the guarantee of the Esch-Cummins Act the alleged inflated costs constitute a fraud against the United States Government and operated to throw out of employment more than 50,000 skilled railway employees.

Mr. Jewell is also reported as saying that railroad control is exercised by a group of twelve New York banks, trust companies and insurance companies, "dominated by J. P. Morgan & Co. and that only twenty-five men are the instruments of this and an even wider control." He added that this same group of banks had interlocking directorates with twenty of the leading equipment concerns. The railroad operators presented counter testimony; E. T. Whiter, Chairman of the Conference Committee of Managers of the Association of Railway Executives declared that the charges had no relevancy to the hearings on rules and working conditions, and that they were made to divert public attention from the matters in controversy. His statement was as follows:

The statement made on behalf of the labor organizations this morning consists of a series of reckless general charges which their spokesman says they will not attempt to substantiate at this time and which have no relevancy whatever to the question of the continuance of national agreements or to any other question now pending before the Board.

The apparent purpose of the labor leaders in introducing such a statement is to divert public attention from consideration of the matters actually in controversy and under consideration by the Railroad Labor Board. The very fact that they are trying in this manner to divert public attention from the matters actually in controversy leads to the conclusion that they have no confidence in the real merits of their case. To us it is a matter of profound regret that in a hearing so important there should be injected a series of charges admittedly unsubstantiated, and that these charges should be coupled with the insidious intimation that unless this board follows a course satisfactory to the employees "the service rendered to the public will inevitably suffer."

The statement read into the record by the labor representatives will not divert us from the presentation, in an orderly manner, of the real question long pending before the board, and such presentation we shall now proceed to make.

T. De Witt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, also took occasion on Jan. 10 to deny the allegations and characterized them as inflammatory, extraneous to the subjects under discussion, and full of insinuation and false conclusions. The statements, Mr. Cuyler said, were apparently "evidence of a concerted movement to appeal to the public over the heads of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Railroad Labor Board and to confuse the effort to deal with the subjects in controversy in an orderly manner."

A statement showing the objections of the railroads to the continuation of the National agreements, and pointing out the necessity, from an operating standpoint, of eliminating many of the rules and working conditions contained therein, was presented to the Labor Board by Mr. Whiter during the week's hearing in Chicago. It was contended by the representatives of the railroads that the National Agreements between the railroads and various classes of their employees, standardizing the latter's rules and working conditions throughout the Nation, which were instituted six months before the end of Federal control, should not, in the interests of "honest, efficient and economical management" be continued longer under private operation.

"The only parties who are fully qualified to consider such regulations are the individual managements and their employees," Mr. Whiter, Chairman of the Managers' Committee presenting the carriers' side of the controversy, testified. The reasons for the carriers' opposition to National Agreements were outlined in the opening statement on behalf of the railroads. This opposition according to Mr. Whiter's testimony, is based on the facts that:

1. They are ultra-restrictive and therefore prevent the "honest, efficient and economical management demanded by the Transportation Act;

2. The variable conditions in different sections of the country make the universal application of their provisions impracticable;

3. The existing rules, the continuation of which is proposed by the men, are capable of various constructions;

4. The existing agreements provide that the rules contained therein shall apply to all employees of any particular craft regardless of the department of the railroad in which the man is employed; thus leading to a division of jurisdiction and a conflict in the working rules applicable to employees engaged in the same work.

5. The existing agreements have destroyed acknowledged efficient and economical practices such as the piece-work system for regulating rates of pay;

6. The railroads must have relief from the rules controlling the employment of men, which are so restrictive as to prevent them from obtaining a sufficient number of employees in certain departments, thus interfering with output and causing delay to the movement of traffic;

7. The agreements contain many rules which provide for payment for work not performed, and thereby cause many millions of dollars of unnecessary expense annually.

In presenting the carriers' stand on the issue, Mr. Whiter said:

The railroads do not object to schedules (the technical term for railway agreements) properly negotiated and entered into with their own employees as is evidenced by the fact that nearly all, if not all, of the roads represented by this Committee, have had schedules with the various train service organizations for many years.

Prior to Federal control, some roads had schedules with other classes of their employees; many had no schedules with any crafts other than the train service organizations, but there were no so-called "National Agreements" which made all rules uniformly the same throughout the country. All roads that did have schedules directly negotiated them to fit their own conditions with their own men, and in every case the railroads had the undisputed right to negotiate their own schedules, which was denied during Federal control.

Under Governmental control the railroads were unified, and the Director General entered into so-called "National Agreements" with the shopmen, maintenance of way employees, clerks, firemen and oilers, and signalmen. The first of these so-called "National Agreements" was made with the shop crafts less than six months and the last, that with the signalmen, only a few days before the return of the roads to their owners. These agreements which were of universal application for the period of Federal control, were specifically recognized by the parties signatory thereto as effective during this period only, and contain nothing that would impose such obligation upon all roads alike after individual responsibility had to be assumed by the separate railroads for their successful operation as separate properties. Therefore, we contend that under private control, consideration must necessarily be given to the conditions and peculiarities of operation on the individual properties in the preparation of any regulations governing the working conditions of employees of those properties. The only parties who are fully qualified to consider such regulations are the individual managements and their employees.

Many of the rules in the so-called "National Agreements" are so ultra-restrictive that they positively prevent reasonably economical operations and result in serious interference with efficiency and production. There should be no such interference with the responsibility of the managements as might unreasonably impair the efficient and economical operation of the properties, of which responsibility the managements cannot divest themselves, and which responsibility is specifically placed upon them by the provisions of the Transportation Act, 1920, in the following language:

"The Commission . . . shall give due consideration among other things, to the transportation needs of the country and the necessity (under honest, efficient and economical management of the existing transportation facilities) of enlarging such facilities in order to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation."

The responsibility upon the individual properties, and the variable conditions which are encountered in the different sections of a country so large as the United States, we hold makes impracticable the universal application of the provisions of the so-called "National Agreements." We hold also that many of the rules are so worded that they are capable of various constructions and have resulted in so-called Interpretations which are in fact new rules; others are impracticable of application without incurring excessive penalties. Experience in trying to work under the rules has demonstrated that they have resulted in extraordinary numerous questions from both the employees and the managements. This in itself, makes the rules particularly objectionable. We respectfully ask, therefore, that this Board leave the individual roads free to negotiate their own schedules, so as best to meet justly the widely varying conditions on the different roads. We hold that this principle is recognized in Section 301 of the Transportation Act itself, which provides that the railroads and their employees shall negotiate directly with each other to the fullest extent before referring questions at issue to other tribunals.

The so-called "National Agreement" covering the shop crafts provides that the rules contained therein apply to all employees of any particular craft regardless of the department in which employed. Under these conditions portions of gangs are necessarily governed by one set of rules and other portions of the same gangs by another, which is obviously wholly wrong in the principle and practice. Employees of each department should be separate and distinct from the employees of any other department, and should be governed entirely by the rules or schedules of the department in which they are employed. There should be no division of jurisdiction. It is true that certain mechanical work is required in the maintenance of way department. Nearly all of it is road work, performed under entirely different conditions than prevail in shops and shop rules are not applicable. The employees who perform this work must be trained, supervised and promoted by the officials of the department in which they are employed, in order to secure that efficiency, economy and dispatch which is essential to good management and the proper discharge, by the railroads, of their duties as common carriers. Rules agreed upon by the individual railroads with their employees can be so constructed as to give employees who are members of the same craft, but employed in different departments, all of the protection to which they are justly entitled.

Those roads, represented by this Committee, which have been working on the eight-hour day basis, will continue to do so unless changed by mutual agreement with their employees, but they must have the right to re-establish more efficient and economical practices, when it is found desirable and practicable to do so. We refer, among other things, to piece-work methods which were abolished. This action has cost many millions of dollars to the roads which had for years successfully produced much of their output by piece-work methods. The excess cost, which is really a loss to the railroads, is piling up day after day and will continue to do so as long as the railroads are prevented from re-establishing the piece-work basis and until the railroads are free to re-establish such former practices they will not be able to comply wholly with the requirements of the Transportation Act. By this method the output of the shop is increased, and the workmen on account of their ability and skill are afforded opportunity for receiving increased compensation over and above what they would receive working on the day basis. The piece-work method is well recognized as being the most efficient method of operation and proof of this is the large number of manufacturing plants throughout the United States which are working on a piece-work basis and further proof that many men desire piece-work, is that, when this method of pay was abolished, a great many employees left the railroad shops and entered the service of car building and other manufacturing plants where the piece-work system of pay was in effect. Among the elements set forth in the Transportation Act for determining rates of pay is "The training and skill required." We hold that the piece-work system of pay affords a specific basis for compensating employees under this requirement, which at the same time is just and reasonable.

Mr. Whiter then pointed out the necessity for relief from the restrictive rules regarding employment which are interfering with output and causing delay to the movement of traffic and the fallacy of perpetuating National Agreements with organizations which do not represent all the employees of a particular class on all railroads. In conclusion, he said:

We believe that the Board should not approach this subject from the angle of a schedule with any organization; or that the Board can properly say what organizations shall or shall not represent the employees. The subject should be dealt with from the standpoint of what are the proper regulations for the character of service under consideration, and that the question of whether they shall be applied on the individual properties, in the form of a schedule with certain organizations, depends upon the policy of the individual property and the desire of the majority of the respective employees on that property.

We firmly believe that the Board will be convinced that the widely varying conditions on the different railroads can be properly considered and disposed of only by direct negotiations on the individual properties, and will accordingly deny the request of the employees for continuation or perpetuation of the so-called "National Agreements," together with the interpretations and rulings thereon.

#### LABOR'S CHARGES AGAINST BANKS AND RAILROAD INTERESTS OF EFFORTS TO DISRUPT LABOR.

Charges that railroad interests in conjunction with J. P. Morgan & Co., the United States Steel Company and other interests are operating to lay off railroad employees, and generally to disrupt labor organizations were made in a statement addressed to the Inter-State Commerce Commission by W. Jett Lauck, in behalf of the Inter-National Association of Machinists. A similar statement was made by B. M. Jewell of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, before the U. S. Railroad Labor Board with the opening of the hearings in Chicago on Monday last, on the question of the continuation or modifications of National working agreements. Mr. Jewell's charges are referred to in another article in to-day's issue of our paper in which he deals with the statements made at the hearing, and wherein we also refer to the denials which have been entered against the allegations. Mr. Lauck's petition reads as follows:

Hon. Edgar E. Clark, Chairman Inter-State Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.

Sir:—I wish respectfully to make petition to your honorable body on behalf of Mr. William H. Johnston, President of the Inter-National Association of Machinists, whom I represent, that an immediate inquiry be instituted into the present practices of a large number of railways in entering into contracts to have their locomotives and car repair work performed in outside establishments, and to request that a public hearing be ordered so that we, as well as other interested parties, may have an opportunity to present for your consideration evidence which we have in our possession as to the fundamental significance of these practices. This course of procedure on the part of the transportation industry has recently become so extensive as to affect seriously the general public interest, and to menace acutely the economic well-being of large classes of railroad employees, and too, what is of even greater importance, to threaten to deprive them of certain fundamental, industrial rights guaranteed to them by the Transportation Act of 1920.

Our own partial inquiries up to the present time justify us in making the following charges:

First—The cost of locomotive repair work, when done for the railroad by large private equipment companies under contract, costs the railroads on an average four times as much as it costs the railroads to do similar work in their own shops. In other words, locomotive repair work, which would under ordinary circumstances, when done at the present time in railroad shops, cost from \$4,000 to \$5,000, tends when done under contract with outside equipment concerns to cost approximately \$20,000.

Locomotive repair work outlays for the entire transportation system of the country amount annually to between \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000. If the private interests involved are allowed without restraint to go into the business of locomotive repair work, generally on the profitable lines which our investigation has disclosed, the effect would be to burden shippers or the general public with an excess and unwarranted charge amounting to at least half a billion dollars a year.

Second—The same general tendencies have been brought to light by our investigation of freight car repair work. Data has been secured which show that representative railroad systems have contracted with outside

concerns for the repair of at least 50 000 freight cars of various types. The excess price paid by the railroads for the repair of cars made by private companies in comparison with the cost of similar work in railroad shops amounts on the most conservative basis to at least \$600 a car, and in many cases is considerably more. If Class 1 carriers alone were generally to have their repairs done by outside companies on the basis of the unwarranted charges which we have discovered, the country's bill for repair of freight train cars alone would be increased to the extent of a quarter of a billion dollars a year.

The reasons which have constrained a large number of railways to adopt this unprecedented policy are twofold:

First—They desire to make profitable the operations of certain private equipment companies in which the railroads, or certain large banking groups which control the railroads, are frequently interested. As the public pays the bill ultimately for the transportation industry this means that the public is being required, without warrant in law or ethics, to pay undefensible charges to secure profitable returns on certain equipment companies which are controlled by the same financial interests which control the railroads. Many of these equipment concerns made excessive profits on an expanded capital during the war period, and would not now be profitable were it not for this policy of manipulating the public interest for private gain.

Second—In the second place, many railroad managements, especially those affiliated with the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., by closing their own repair shops and contracting with private companies to do their locomotive and car repairs, evidently aim to disrupt railroad labor organizations which have developed during the war. Their obvious plan is to throw railway employees temporarily out of employment, and later when work is resumed in railway shops to re-employ the former workers, not as members of railway labor organizations, but as individuals. Our records already show more than 32,000 men thrown out of work.

This phase of the matter is without doubt part of the alleged "open shop" movement which has for its real object the disruption of all legitimate labor organizations and trade union agreements. Evidence of its activity has already been disclosed:

1. By its disruption of the Inter-church World Movement because it prepared a report advocating collective bargaining in the United States Steel Corporation, an industrial organization affiliated with J. P. Morgan & Co.

2. In the recent startling revelations before the Lockwood committee in New York to the effect that the United States Steel Corporation and the Bethlehem Steel Company refused to furnish fabricated steel to construction companies in New York City who employed members of labor unions.

3. In the recent refusal of the companies entering into the anthracite coal combination controlled by J. P. Morgan & Co. to grant complete union recognition to the anthracite mine workers.

4. In the present deplorable situation in Mingo and McDowell counties, West Virginia, and in the Birmingham district in Alabama, where there has been a complete breakdown of civil Government due to the refusal of coal and steel companies, dominated by the United States Steel Corporation, to grant to bituminous coal miners the rights of collective bargaining to which they are legally entitled.

These same interests are now attempting by the unwarranted methods we have described to deprive railroad workers of their right of collective action.

We realize fully that your honorable body has no jurisdiction over industrial relations in general or over the relations between railway employees and railway managers. We do claim most emphatically, however, that you cannot permit railroad companies under your jurisdiction to take funds paid by the public for effective transportation machinery and to use these funds illegitimately and indefensibly for the purpose of disrupting the organizations of railway employees which received Governmental sanction and commendation during the war. Aside from considerations of labor policy, it is obvious that the law contemplates that revenues derived from transportation services must be economically, efficiently and honestly accounted for or expended, and that it is the duty of your honorable body to scrutinize the expenditures of the railroad companies to see that the public interest is fully protected.

It is for this reason that we petition you for a complete investigation and hearing. We are prepared to submit to you the facts which we have already collected and which we feel assured that your own records and inquiries will verify. When there has been a complete ascertainment of the facts and we are afforded an opportunity we hope to urge in detail for your consideration the following policy in order to correct the evils of which we complain:

1. That no railroad company be permitted to enter into contracts for repair work on locomotives or cars by outside companies unless given a permit to do so by your honorable body, and

2. That as a condition to securing such a permit the railroad companies must show,

(a) They cannot do the work which they wish to contract for, or,

(b) They cannot do it at as low a cost as they can have it done by outside companies, and,

(c) If a permit is granted that the same rates of compensation, and the same conditions of employment will be observed by the contractors as are recognized and guaranteed to railroad workers by the Transportation Act of 1920 and the awards of the Railway Wage Board established by this Act.

The general public interest involved in our petition for an investigation and hearing is evident. Our own peculiar interests are acute and immediate. We, therefore, hope for early and favorable action upon our request in order to prevent further impairment of the public interest and great loss and inconvenience to your petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

W. JETT LAUCK.

Representing William H. Johnston, President  
Inter-National Association of Machinists.

#### JUDGE GARY'S ANSWER TO CHARGES OF INTER-NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS.

In response to a query on the subject, Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation, had the following to say to a New York "Evening Post" representative on Jan. 10, relative to the charges contained in the petition (referred to by us in another item to-day) of the International Association of Machinists that the corporation, together with railroads and banking interests was waging war against the closed shop in American industry and trying to break the power of labor unions.

There is no justification in fact for the claims or assertions made in this article so far as it affects the United States Steel Corporation.

PHILADELPHIA BOURSE PROTESTS AGAINST EFFORTS TO NATIONALIZE RAILROADS THROUGH ADJUSTMENT BOARDS.

Following upon their declaration in favor of the "open shop" for all industries, the directors of the Philadelphia Bourse have filed a vigorous protest with R. M. Barton, chairman of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, against attempts that are now being made to force what in effect they declare would be "nationalization" of the railroads of the country through perpetuation or reformation of the adjustment boards which were created under Federal control of the carriers. Its statement in the matter was as follows in part:

The Philadelphia Bourse, acting through its Board of Directors, desires to file its protest against the continuance of the "National Agreements" and "National Boards of Adjustment" which were created during the Federal control of the railroads for consideration and action upon questions arising as to the relations between railroad corporations and their employees, believing that such continuance or the re-creation of similar boards or agreements would be contrary to the best interests of shippers, passengers and the general public and as well contrary to the spirit and letter of the Transportation Act of 1920.

"The 'honest, efficient and economical management' of the railroads of the country (as named in the Transportation Act of 1920—Sec. 422, 2 and 3, as the basis for rates to be established by the Inter-State Commerce Commission) is of most vital concern to the commercial interests of the country and to the general public because it is they who must pay the rates established, and it is our belief that such 'honest, efficient and economical management' can only be assured if and when each carrier and its employees shall be permitted, authorized and compelled to settle their disputes themselves, being the ones directly interested in such disputes.

"The questions or disputes arising on one road or in one locality, whether as to rules and working conditions or as to wages, may be and frequently are different from those arising on other roads or in other localities and to attempt to settle all upon one basis or to make the rule apply to all must inevitably work a hardship or an advantage to one road or locality over another, and in the end the public must pay the bill.

"'Honest, efficient and economical management' can only be secured to its fullest extent when employer and employee come in closest personal contact, without intervention of parties not directly interested in any question at issue, particularly in matters of discipline, interpretations or rules.

"Sec. 301 of the Transportation Act is mandatory in its provision for consideration and decision, if possible, of all disputes by representatives of the carrier and its employees *directly interested*, before such dispute can be referred to the other boards authorized by the Act; and in our judgment Sec. 302, while reading 'Railroad Boards of Labor may be established,' &c., can easily be interpreted to mean that it is permitted such boards may be established by agreement, 1st., between any carrier and its employees, 2nd., between any group of carriers and an organization of employees, or, 3rd., between the carriers as a whole and a group of organizations, as the exigencies of the situation may require, and not simply at the will, fancy or desire of either of the parties, carrier or employees, to select one or the other character of Board. We further believe that this view is confirmed by the provision in Sec. 307 (a) 'In case the appropriate Adjustment Board is not organized,' &c., where the word 'appropriate' we feel refers to the character of question arising, whether localized to one carrier, one Section or the entire country.

"In the public interest we feel most strongly that the U. S. Labor Board, upon which the public has representation, should not permit nor sanction the formation of Boards of Adjustment of National character, and upon which the public would have no representation, for the consideration and decision of disputes which are local or even sectional in character, but that the Labor Board should insist upon the formation of 'appropriate' Adjustment Boards as mentioned in Sec. 307 (a) to handle such questions as may appropriately come before them. We also feel that it is to be regretted that provision was not made for representation of the Public upon the Adjustment Boards to be established under Sec. 302 as the interest of the public is just as important in the consideration of question and disputes by the Local Adjustment Boards as it is when such questions come under review by the labor board.

"We believe that the perpetuation of the 'National Agreements' and of 'National Adjustment Boards,' or the re-formation of the latter would tend to the nationalization of the railroads which would not only be against the interests of the public but contrary to the spirit and intent of the Transportation Act; that it would tend to place the control, so far as employees are concerned, in the hands of the organized workmen without any voice on the part of those not members of the organization, thus preventing "open-shop" operation not only as to the carriers but eventually in all affiliated industry, with the power on their part to enforce demands by stopping not only transportation but all other industry throughout the country; that it would tend to remove from the carriers the power to enforce discipline, to employ or discharge men, or to operate efficiently or economically; that for all this the public, without voice in the matter, would be compelled to pay.

"We believe that the intent of the Federal Congress to discontinue the 'National Agreements' and 'National Adjustment Boards' is clearly shown by the fact that the Transportation Act of 1920 did not include any provision for their continuance and that proposed legislation looking to the making permanent of those Boards failed of enactment.

"We believe that the permission given by the Act for the creation of Local Boards of Adjustment, appropriate to handle the different questions arising, will be acted upon promptly by agreement between the carriers and their employees as soon as it is definitely and positively made known by the Labor Board that the existing 'National Agreements' must be superseded by agreements arrived at between the several roads and their employees, that 'National Adjustment Boards' will not be authorized but that all matters in dispute, before coming to the Labor Board must show evidence of having had consideration by a conference of representatives of those 'directly interested in the dispute,' that an earnest effort has been made to carry out the duty imposed by Sec. 301 'to exert every reasonable effort and adopt every available means to avoid any interruption to the operation of any carrier growing out of any dispute' and that failing to arrive at a decision in such conference the subject in dispute had had the careful consideration of an 'appropriate' Local Adjustment Board as provided for in Sec. 302 and which in accordance with Sec. 307 (a) had failed to reach a decision within a reasonable time.

"We therefore urge most earnestly in the public interest that the United States Labor Board make known at the earliest possible moment its decision in accordance with the preceding paragraph in the firm belief that promptly thereafter the carriers and their employees will agree upon the establishment of Local Labor Adjustment Boards appropriate to consider and decide such questions or disputes as may arise and which, after every reasonable effort has been made in conference of the representatives of those directly interested, have failed of satisfactory decision."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT UPHOLDS RULING OF COMPTROLLER OF TREASURY REGARDING PAYMENTS TO RAILROADS.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on Jan. 3 upheld the ruling of Comptroller Warwick of the U. S. Treasury that the railroads must await a final audit by the Inter-State Commerce Commission before the Treasury Department would be authorized to make any payments under the guaranty provision of the Transportation Act. The decision was rendered by Chief Justice McCoy; with regard to the Court's findings the Washington "Post" said:

The decision was handed down in mandamus proceedings brought by the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company to compel the Secretary of the Treasury to make a partial payment of \$500,000 to the company on account of the Government guaranty. Denying the mandamus, Chief Justice McCoy upheld the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury that the guaranty provision of the transportation act did not permit the Secretary of the Treasury to make partial payments to the railroads in advance of a final audit by the Interstate Commerce Commission showing the entire amount due.

Disagreeing with the contention of counsel for the railway company that the expression "several amounts" in the act indicated Congress intended partial payments might be made to any road desiring them. Chief Justice McCoy said he construed the word "several" as meaning "respective" payments to the several roads.

According to the New York "Commercial" of Jan. 4. Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives, in stating that an appeal would be taken, said:

Steps will also be taken to have Congress amend the Transportation Act so that it will be plain that Congress intended that partial payments of the amounts due under the guaranty should be made.

It was stated yesterday (Jan. 14) that the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce had begun consideration of the Winslow bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to make payments to railroads authorized by the Transportation Act.

NOVEMBER OPERATING INCOME OF CLASS I RAILROADS 41% BELOW EXPECTED YIELD.

According to a statement issued under date of Jan. 12 by the Association of Railway Executives, reports made by the railroads to the Inter-State Commerce Commission show that the net railway operating income for November of the Class I railroads was \$57,741,937, which is \$41,544,063 or 41.8% below the amount which it was estimated would be earned under the increased rates fixed in August by the Commission in accordance with the Transportation Act. The Association says:

The tabulation is based on reports received from 200 railroads with a total mileage of 229,754 miles.

Upon the basis of this operating income, the carriers would earn annually approximately 3½% on the value of their properties as tentatively fixed for rate-making purposes by the Commission. This is 1.1% below that estimated on the basis of October earnings. To have realized a return of 6% on their valuation as provided by the Transportation Act, the railroads should have earned \$99,286,000 as their November quota.

Total operating revenues for November were \$568,697,087, or an increase of 34.6% over those for the same month last year, which, however, was marked by the coal strike. Total operating expenses were \$485,466,885, or an increase of 29.2% compared with the same previous month. While the net railway operating income is an increase of 170.8% over that for November 1919, this increase is principally due to the strike of bituminous coal miners during that month one year ago, which greatly reduced the freight tonnage.

Compilations show, however, that for the first quarter since the expiration of the guaranty period, on Sept. 1, the net railway operating income totals \$219,507,735, which is \$101,449,265 less than was estimated would be earned under the rates fixed by the Commission and effective on Aug. 26 last. On the basis of that net operating income for the three-months-period, the carriers would earn 4.9% annually. To have earned 6% upon their tentative valuation, their net operating income should have been \$320,957,000 during that period.

As in the case of September and October, the net operating income in every district fell below the 6% return during November. Calculating on the basis of the showing for November, the railroads in the Eastern district would earn 3.06% upon their tentative valuation, the Southern district 3.12%, and the Western district 3.96%.

ANNUAL RE-UNION OF CONSTRUCTION DIVISION OF ARMY.

The annual reunion of those who were identified with the Construction Division of the Army during the war will be held at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago on Feb. 25 and 26. The afternoon of the first day and the morning and afternoon of the second day will be devoted to business sessions and the annual banquet will be held on the evening of Feb. 26. The membership of the Construction Division Association consists of those who served in the Construction Division of the Army during the war, either in uniform or as civilians. The officers are: President, Colonel Clark C. Wright of George C. Nimmons & Co., 122 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; Vice-President, Colonel J. N. Willcutt of R. D. Willcutt & Sons Company, Boston, Mass.; Secretary, Major George Gibbs, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Assistant Secretary, William Kennedy, office of Colonel Evan Shelby,

63 Wall Street, New York City; and Treasurer, Major A. C. King, 8 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. Col. E. C. Stockdale of Page & Hill, 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago, is Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

#### HOPEFUL VIEW OF RAILROADS' FUTURE EXPRESSED BY WILLIAM SPROULE.

In an optimistic statement as to the future of the railroad industry, William Sproule, President of the Southern Pacific Co., observes that the railroads begin the new year with confidence as to their ability to meet the transportation needs of the country. In showing what the railroads have accomplished in the ten months of private control, and what they have to look to in the future, Mr. Sproule said in part:

The labor problems have been in very large degree settled through the Railroad Labor Board provided under the Transportation Act. The increased wages resulting and other increased costs of operation not previously reflected in higher rates have been met by increases in rates determined by the Inter-State Commerce Commission as necessary to carry out the intent of the new Transportation Act. These rates were made effective in the latter part of August, except where certain States for one reason or another have not co-operated with the Inter-State Commerce Commission with respect to the increases affecting the movement of commerce within their individual borders. It is yet too early to say whether or not these rates will give the desired results in establishing the financial credit of the railroads as a whole to the extent that they may be able to attract the necessary money to care for the transportation needs of this growing nation.

Without hesitation, however, the railroads have attacked the problems placed before them on March first last. Results are read in the records of achievements. The unmoved loaded freight cars on December first were one-fifth of those on March first. The equipment has been not only re-located to meet the changing needs of the country emerging from war into peace, but it has been brought back a long way towards its pre-war condition and effectiveness. For example, on Sept. 30 on the lines of the Southern Pacific the locomotives in bad order were only a little over 60% of the number in bad order on March 1 last. The railroads during these ten months have carried the largest traffic in the history of the country compared with any similar period of time. The average movement of freight cars since the lines have returned to private control have increased 35% and incidentally it may be remarked that the average movement of freight cars on the Southern Pacific per day is 40% above the average in the United States. The Southern Pacific during the nine months ending Sept. 30 handled 750,000 tons more than during any corresponding period of any previous year. These results have not been obtained by the railroads alone. They have come as a result of the team-work of the nation, the shippers and the railroads. The constructive spirit of legislation, the admirable work of the shippers in loading and unloading cars promptly, and loading them to the maximum whenever possible, have been as great factors as the new spirit within the railroads themselves.

The railroads are gaining in the spirit of service and in the pride of work well done. Once again they have become individual companies, each with its own forces in the field seeking to please the public by prompt attention to its wants and soliciting patronage on the basis of service performed. This high rivalry in service is again animating the forces of the railroads through all ranks. The pride is in performance rather than in pay-day.

While realizing what has been accomplished, yet every thoughtful man in the railway service, whatever his place, must feel that there is much yet to be done before a fully efficient transportation system which will demand the full respect and support of the American people, is re-created. In every hive there are many drones. In times of extraordinary activity and especially war activity, these drones get more than their reward for the time being, and sometimes, giving more energy to agitation than to constructive work, they influence their clear-minded and industrious associates—and these also only for the time being; but in the end we can always count upon the clear-thinking substratum of industrious and conscientious men to handle the problems arising with good judgment.

We are now going into a period when the drones must either get out of the hive or work. The other men and women in industry generally will assert themselves in the interest of efficiency, knowing that the downward course of industry must be checked; if otherwise because of falling markets and failing work they realize that such downward course must work to their own undoing. In all lines of business activity we are facing the condition at the present time of having wages and expenses at their highest, while markets are dropping and the demand for our products is less than the supply. I sometimes think a large part of the trouble at present lies in the fact that we have permitted the thought of the nation, which is the common thought of all, to be directed by phrases that creep into the ear of the average man but often cover injurious things. Sentiment is too often born of phrase-making. For instance, we have heard a great deal about "collective bargaining." The phrase very often catches the people generally without full understanding of what it man mean either to those directly concerned or to the public at large. Another example, is the set phrase, "capital and labor," which has crept into the relations of employer and employee. The working man knows he is not a capitalist and so public thought allows the impression that every man represents either capital or labor through the use of this set phrase. It is not true. Yet the misleading phrase, "capital and labor," has been allowed to get into the vernacular until it has hardened in the mind of the man who works. The employee and the employer are in direct relation and they both use capital, and without capital neither could get along.

Another phrase by way of final example is "guarantee from the Government," as expressive of the relations between the Government and the railroads under the Transportation Act of 1920. There is no such guarantee since September 1. The Inter-State Commerce Commission under the new Act has established certain territorial groups in the United States and established transportation rates on a basis which it is presumed will give to the railroads as a whole in each of these groups possible earnings of 5½% upon the value of their properties, which value the Inter-State Commerce Commission is to determine. The rates also provide for another one-half of 1% to be used in improving the road that earns it. Any return above 6% is divided by the railroad that makes it with the treasury of the United States. If any railroad fails to earn its 5½%, then the deficit is not made up from any source. Under such conditions as the Government may prescribe loans are made to the railroads that can show need for them, that their investment is for the public interest and they are unable to secure funds elsewhere; but it must be remembered at this time that money is

costing the railroads from 7% to 8% at the very time they are being allowed 5½% return on the value of their properties.

It is not an ideal situation. There are some errors of judgment in the law. At every point the railroads meet with taxation and other burdens that arise from the new scheme of taxes in these days. But the present law is the first constructive step that has been taken by the Government in the regulation of the railroads and we are working to make it fully successful. Other plans of regulation have been mostly punitive in character, and the present law is entitled to the support of all who strive for improved conditions in that transportation which is the servant of all.

The railroads have had to struggle for existence, often against tremendous odds; but we look into the future not merely with hope, but with faith. We ask from the public a continuation of the spirit of constructive co-operation which has been so helpful toward solving our problems and for which we have deep appreciation. The railroads in turn will co-operate in the desire to be of continued and increasing service.

#### INCOME TAX LAW—INCREMENT OF AN INVESTMENT NOT INCOME WITHIN THE FEDERAL TAX LAW.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Connecticut, Judge Thomas rendered a very important decision last month, holding that increment of value of an investment when realized by sale is not income within the true meaning of the 16th Amendment to the Federal Constitution. This, it is needless to say, is contrary to the rules laid down by the Internal Revenue Department, which has been requiring the inclusion of such increase as profits subject to the Federal income taxes. To the layman Judge Thomas's reasoning seems logical and sound. It is his contention that the Income Tax Law of 1916, in so far as it attempts to tax the increment is in conflict with the apportionment requirement of the First Article of the U. S. Constitution, being a direct tax, and not apportioned among the several States according to population. He takes the case of Gray vs. Darlington as deciding that such increment in value is not income at all, but merely increase of capital and not subject to a tax as income. An interesting question arises in connection with this decision, supposing it to be sustained by the Supreme Court, and that is whether if an increase in an investment cannot be taxed a decrease in such an investment can any longer be considered a permissible deduction as a loss in income tax returns. The full text of Judge Thomas's decision is given below:

District Court of the United States—District of Connecticut, Dec. 16 1920. Frederick F. Brewster v. James J. Walsh, Collector of Internal Revenue. At law.

Henry F. Parmelee and George D. Watrous, of New Haven, Conn., for plaintiff; Edward L. Smith, United States Attorney, and Allan K. Smith, Assistant United States Attorney, for defendant.

Thomas, D. J.—This action arises under the Income Tax Law of 1916. The plaintiff seeks to recover of the defendant, who is Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Connecticut, \$17,689.13, which amount the plaintiff paid to the Government under protest as an additional income tax assessed against him for the year ending Dec. 31 1916. The plaintiff further claims that there is also due him the additional sum of \$67.66 which the Government concedes was an overpayment of normal tax and is rightly due the plaintiff, so that the total amount claimed by the plaintiff is \$17,756.79. Trial by jury was waived and the case was tried to the court.

The facts are stipulated. It appears that the plaintiff is not now nor was he during the times mentioned herein a member of any stock exchange, or of any similar organization or association engaged in the business of trading in, buying or selling securities. Neither was he in any way engaged in the business of buying or selling stocks and bonds, otherwise than occasionally making purchases of stocks and bonds for investment purposes, and occasionally making sales of such stocks and bonds for the purpose of changing the character of his investments. It further appears that there are three transactions involved in the main points raised in this suit.

The first transaction concerns the bonds of the International Navigation Company. In 1899 the plaintiff acquired certain interest-bearing bonds of that company of the face value of \$191,000 in exchange for other securities of the same corporation, and during the year 1916 he sold the same bonds for \$191,000. On March 1, 1913, these bonds were quoted in the market at 79½% of their face value, so that on that day the market value of the bonds was \$151,845. The tax sought to be collected by the Government on this transaction is based upon the difference between the sale price and the market price of the bonds on March 1, 1913, to wit, \$39,155, which amount the commissioner taxed as income for the year 1916, and is part of the tax paid under protest which plaintiff seeks to recover in this suit.

The second transaction concerns certain bonds of the International Mercantile Marine Company. In 1903 plaintiff, as a member of an underwriting syndicate, was granted an allotment of mortgage bonds of the face value of \$257,000, in return for which he paid the company at that time \$231,300 in cash, but the bonds thus allotted were not delivered to the plaintiff until April, 1906, when he received them with nothing by way of interest on the amount of cash he had turned over to the company in 1903. The plaintiff claims that interest at 6% for three years on \$231,300 is properly an element of cost and attributable thereto.

It becomes necessary at this point to digress from a statement of the facts and first dispose of plaintiff's claim for interest on this transaction, in order to determine what the bonds actually cost the plaintiff, as the actual cost must be determined before consideration can be given to the plaintiff's claims respecting the tax the commissioner assessed and which plaintiff paid under protest, pursuant to such assessment. Plaintiff's claim that interest computed from date of payment in 1903 to date of receipt of bonds in 1906, and added to the cash paid for the bonds represents the real cost of the bonds to the plaintiff is untenable.

In Hays v. Gauley Mountain Coal Co. (247 U. S., 189) one of the questions there presented was whether the respondent should be allowed to add interest to the amount of cash it had paid in 1902 for certain shares of the capital stock of another mining company, which shares it sold in 1911, but the Supreme Court held that there was "no merit in the contention that interest should be added to the purchase price in order to ascertain its

costs," so that I find that the actual cost of these bonds to the plaintiff was \$231,300.

From the stipulation it further appears that the plaintiff sold the bonds in 1916 for \$270,150, part of them having been sold at 107½ and part at 107½. But on March 1, 1913, the market quotation and market value of these bonds was 64 bid and 64½ asked and at such quotation had an actual market value of \$164,480. On this transaction the plaintiff failed to make an income tax return as to any profit or gain by him obtained on the sale of these bonds and was later assessed an additional tax on \$11,670 on the ground that this was the representative gain shown by the difference between \$164,480, the value of said bonds as indicated by the market quotation of March 1, 1913, and \$270,150, the price which the plaintiff received from the sale of the bonds in 1916. The tax which was assessed on this transaction by the Commissioner, and paid under protest, and which is part of the tax here sought to be recovered, was levied upon the sum of \$111,670, which amount the Government claims represents the income received from the sale of these bonds and which amount, as stated above, was the difference between the market value of the bonds on March 1, 1913, and the sum received for them when sold in 1916.

The third transaction relates to a stock dividend declared by the Standard Oil Co. of California, in which company the plaintiff owned 1,330 shares of its capital stock. In 1916 the plaintiff received 665 shares of stock of said company as a stock dividend declared against a surplus—18.0754% of which had been earned after March 1, 1913. The Government claims that the plaintiff derived \$12,019.41 taxable income therefrom, but this claim has been decided adversely to the Government in *Eisner v. Macomber* (252 U. S., 189), where the identical stock dividend was under consideration, so that the plaintiff, upon that authority, is entitled to recover for the tax assessed and collected in connection with this transaction.

The discussion is therefore narrowed to two transactions—those pertaining to (a) the International Navigation Company bonds, (b) the International Mercantile Marine Company bonds, both of which the plaintiff owned on and before March 1, 1913, and which he sold in 1916, in accordance with the conditions above set forth. So that the sole inquiry here is—whether the difference in the amount, between the value of investment securities on March 1, 1913, and the amounts received for such securities when sold in 1916 is taxable income within the Income Tax Law of 1916? (39 Stat., chap. 463, pp. 756, 757.)

The discussion of this proposition revolves around the Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution and the legislation passed by the Congress after the ratification of the amendment.

The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution provides: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

The pertinent sections of the statute passed by the Congress to carry the amendment into effect provide:

"Sec. 1. (a) That there shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid annually upon the entire net income received in the preceding calendar year from all sources by every individual, a citizen or resident of the United States, a tax of two per centum upon such income.

"Sec. 2. (b) That, subject only to such exemptions and deductions as are hereinafter allowed, the net income of a taxable person shall include gains, profits, and income derived from salaries, wages, or compensation for personal service of whatever kind and in whatever form paid, or from professions, vocations, businesses, trade, commerce, or sales, or dealings in property, whether real or personal, growing out of the ownership or use of or interest in real or personal property, also from interest, rent, dividends, securities, or the transactions of any business carried on for gain or profit, or gains or profits and income derived from any source whatever. Provided, that the term 'dividends' as used in this title shall be held to mean any distribution made or ordered to be made by a corporation, joint-stock company, association, or insurance company, out of its earnings or profits accrued since March first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and payable to its shareholders, whether in cash or in stock of the corporation, joint-stock company, association, or insurance company, which stock dividend shall be considered income, to the amount of its cash value."

It is thus apparent that the statute specifically imposes a tax upon net income which "shall include gains, profits and income derived from . . . sales or dealings in property," and then provides: "(c) For the purpose of ascertaining the gain derived from the sale or other disposition of property, real, personal or mixed, acquired before March first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, the fair market price, or value of such property as of March first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, shall be the basis for determining the amount of such gain derived."

It is the contention of the plaintiff that the statute is unconstitutional in so far as it taxes as income the increased value of investments when realized by sale, and that such a tax is a direct tax upon capital or property not authorized by the Sixteenth Amendment and not a tax upon income. In other words, that such gains do not come within the definition of income as the word is used in the Sixteenth Amendment.

On the other hand, it is the contention of the Government that such gains do constitute income properly taxable under the Income Tax Law of 1916.

We are therefore brought to a consideration of the scope of the Sixteenth Amendment, because there is no question but that prior to the adoption of this amendment the Congress had no power whatever to tax as income gains arising from the sale of property where the owner thereof was not a dealer or trader in such property so as to justify an excise tax upon his business.

In support of this reference is made to the decision of the Supreme Court in *Pollock v. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.* (158 U. S., 601). The conclusion stated by Chief Justice Fuller, on page 637, is as follows: "Taxes on personal property or on the income of personal property are likewise direct taxes," and that "the tax imposed by sections 27 to 37, inclusive, of the Act of 1894, so far as it falls on the income of real estate and of personal property, being a direct tax within the meaning of the Constitution, and therefore unconstitutional and void because not apportioned according to representation, all those sections . . . are necessarily invalid."

In *Eisner v. Macomber* (supra) Mr. Justice Pitney, speaking of the *Pollock* case, said on page 205: "It was held that taxes upon rents and profits of real estate and upon returns from investments of personal property were in effect direct taxes upon the property from which such income arose, imposed by reason of ownership, and that Congress could not impose such taxes without apportioning them among the States according to population, as required by Article I, section 2, clause 3, and section 9, clause 4, of the original Constitution."

The Sixteenth Amendment does not extend the taxing power to new subjects. In *Evans v. Gore* (253 U. S., 245, at p. 261) Mr. Justice Van Devanter, in delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court, said: "Thus the genesis and words of the amendment unite in showing that it does not extend the taxing power to new or excepted subjects, but merely removes all occasion otherwise existing for an apportionment among the States of taxes laid on income, whether derived from one source or another."

And, again, in *Eisner v. Macomber* (supra) at page 206 Mr. Justice Pitney, in discussing the scope of the amendment, said: "As repeatedly held, this did not extend the taxing power to new subjects, but merely removed the necessity which otherwise might exist for an apportionment among the States of taxes laid on income (*Brushaber v. Union Pacific R.R.*, 240 U. S., 1, 17-19; *Stanton v. Baltic Mining Co.*, 240 U. S., 103, 112 et seq., *Peck & Co. v. Lowe*, 247 U. S., 165, 172-173). A proper regard for its genesis, as well as its very clear language, requires also that this amendment shall not be extended by loose construction so as to repeal or modify, except as applied to income, those provisions of the Constitution that require an apportionment according to population for direct taxes upon property, real and personal. This limitation still has an appropriate and important function and is not to be overridden by Congress or disregarded by the courts. In order, therefore, that the causes cited from Article I of the Constitution may have proper force and effect, save only as modified by the amendment, and that the latter also may have proper effect, it becomes essential to distinguish between what is and what is not 'income' as the term is there used, and to apply the distinction, as cases arise, according to truth and substance, without regard to form. Congress cannot by any definition it may adopt conclude the matter, since it cannot by legislation alter the Constitution, from which alone it derives its power to legislate and within whose limitations alone that power can be lawfully exercised."

In the case at bar it therefore "becomes essential to distinguish between what is and what is not 'income' as the term is used in the Sixteenth Amendment . . . and to apply the distinction according to truth and substance without regard to form" in order that Article I of the original Constitution, section 2, clause 3, and section 9, clause 4, may have proper force and effect save only as modified by the Sixteenth Amendment.

The question therefore is simply this: Is a gain in value realized from the sale of property income?

Insisting with great earnestness, with persuasive argument and the citation of cases alleged to be in support of its argument, the Government contends that the answer is yes. The plaintiff, with equal forcefulness, contends that the answer is no.

But the cases relied upon by the Government arose under the Corporation Tax Act of 1909, and not under an Income Tax Law. The Corporation Tax Act of 1909, as held by the Supreme Court in *Stratton's Independence v. Howbert* (231 U. S., 399, 414, 416), was not an income tax law, and since gains by sales were specifically included as taxable, the cases decided under that Act do not determine the definition of the word "income" within the Sixteenth Amendment, and so are not apposite to the instant case.

Mr. Justice Pitney, in the *Stratton's Independence* case (supra) on page 414 said: "As has been repeatedly remarked, the Corporation Tax Act of 1909 was not intended to be and is not in any proper sense an income tax law. This court had decided in the *Pollock* case that the Income Tax Law of 1894 amounted in effect to a direct tax upon property, and was invalid because not apportioned according to population as prescribed by the Constitution. The Act of 1909 avoided this difficulty by imposing not an income tax, but an excise tax upon the conduct of business in a corporate capacity, measuring, however, the amount of tax by the income of the corporation, with certain qualifications prescribed by the act itself (*Flint v. Stone-Tracy Co.*, 220 U. S., 107; *McCoach v. Minehill Co.*, 228 U. S., 295; *United States v. Whitridge*, decided at this term, ante, p. 144)."

And again on page 416 he said: "As to what should be deemed 'income' within the meaning of section 38, it of course need not be such an income as would have been taxable as such, for that time (the Sixteenth Amendment not having been as yet ratified) income was not taxable as such by Congress without apportionment according to population, and this tax was not so apportioned. Evidently Congress adopted the income as the measure of the tax to be imposed with respect to the doing of business in corporate form because it desired that the excise should be imposed, approximately at least, with regard to the amount of benefit presumably derived by such corporation from the current operations of the Government. In *Flint v. Stone-Tracy Co.* (220 U. S., 107, 165) it was held that Congress, in exercising the right to tax a legitimate subject of taxation as a franchise or privilege, was not barred by the Constitution from measuring the taxation by the total income, although derived in part from property, which, considered by itself, was not taxable. It was reasonable that Congress should fix upon gross income, without distinction as to source, as a convenient and sufficiently accurate index of the importance of the business transacted."

(See also *Anderson v. Forty-Two Broadway*, 239 U. S., 69, 72; *Stanton v. Baltic Mining Co.*, 240 U. S., 103, 114; *Von Blaumbach v. Sargent Land Co.*, 242 U. S., 503, 522; *Doyle v. Mitchell Bros. Co.*, 247 U. S., 179, 183.)

The question before us was passed upon by the Supreme Court under the Income Tax Law of 1867 in *Gray v. Darlington* (15 Wallace, 63) and this precise question has not been before the Supreme Court since that decision. There it was decided that under the Law of 1867 a gradual increase in value extending over a period of years could not be taxed as income for the year in which it was realized by sale. Speaking for the Court, Mr. Justice Field on page 65 said: "The question presented is whether the advance in the value of the bonds, during this period of four years, over their cost, realized by their sale, was subject to taxation as gains, profits or income of the plaintiff for the year in which the bonds were sold. The answer which should be given to this question does not, in our judgment, admit of any doubt. The advance in the value of property during a series of years can in no just sense be considered the gains, profits or income of any one particular year of the series, although the entire amount of the advance be at one time turned into money by a sale of the property. The statute looks, with some exceptions, for subjects of taxation, only to annual gains, profits and income."

And further on page 66: "The mere fact that property has advanced in value between the date of its acquisition and sale does not authorize the imposition of the tax on the amount of the advance. Mere advance in value in no sense constitutes the gains, profits or income specified by the statute. It constitutes and can be treated merely as increase of capital."

Respecting this decision, the Supreme Court in *Lynch v. Turrish* (247 U. S., 221), speaking by Mr. Justice McKenna, said on page 230, after discussing *Gray v. Darlington*:

"This case has not been since questioned or modified," and meets the Government's attempt to distinguish *Gray v. Darlington*, on page 230, in the following manner: "The Government, however, makes its view depend upon disputable differences between certain words of the two Acts. It urges that the Act of 1913 makes the income taxed one 'arising or accruing' in the preceding calendar year, while the Act of 1867 makes the income one 'derived.' Granting that there is a shade of difference between the words, it cannot be granted that Congress made that shade a criterion of intention and committed the construction of its legislation to the disputes of purists. Besides, the contention of the Government does not reach the principle of *Gray v. Darlington*, which is that the gradual advance in the value of property during a series of years in no just sense can

be ascribed to a particular year, not therefore as 'arising or accruing' to meet the challenge of the words, in the last one of the years, as the Government contends, and taxable as income for that year or when turned into cash. Indeed the case decides that such advance in values is not income at all, but merely increase of capital and not subject to a tax as income."

The meaning of the word "incomes" in the Sixteenth Amendment is no broader than its meaning in the Act of 1867. It was adopted in its present form, using only the words "incomes from whatever source derived" with the presumptive knowledge on the part of Congress and the several State Legislatures of the meaning attributed thereto by the decisions of the various courts, both State and Federal.

It has been held repeatedly that gains realized from the sale of capital assets held in trust are not income, but are principal—exactly as the securities were before they were sold, and that where a tenant for life is entitled to the entire net income of a fund, and the trustee realizes an advance in value by the sale of an investment, the life tenant is not entitled to the gain, which is uniformly treated by the courts as an increment to principal and a part of the corpus of the trust.

The following are a few of the leading cases sustaining the doctrine that the growth or increase of value when realized on the sale of an investment is accretion to capital and not income as between life tenant and remainderman; Boardman v. Mansfield (79 Conn., 634), Carpenter v. Perkins (83 Conn., 11, 20), Parker v. Johnson (37 N. J. Eq., 366, 368), Outcalt v. Appleby (36 N. J. Eq., 74, 78), Matter of Gerry (103 N. Y., 445), Thayer v. Burr (201 N. Y., 155, 157, 158), Graham's Estate (198 Pa. Stat., 216), Neel's Estate, No. 2 (207 Pa. Stat., 446) Lauman v. Foster (157 Iowa, 275), Slocum v. Ames (19 R. I., 401), Jordan v. Jordan (192 Mass., 337) Mercer v. Buchanan (132 Fed., 501, 508).

These decisions had at the time of the adoption of the Sixteenth Amendment established a definite meaning of the word "income" for the purpose of statutory and constitutional construction. It is difficult to see how the word "income" can have any different meaning when applied to the proceeds of an investment when held by a trustee than when held by an individual, as the Income Tax Law specifically refers to funds held in trust (sec. 2-b).

In order to show the conclusions reached by the courts it will suffice to quote from only one of the cases to which reference is made supra. In Parker v. Johnson (37 N. J. Eq., 366) the court said: "The profit is not income. It was made by the trustee in the process of converting the investment, and, like a premium realized on the sale of Government bonds in which the fund might be invested, it belongs to the fund. The trustee in this case is to keep the fund invested and the tenant for life is entitled to the interest. It is clearly the duty of the trustee to apply the profits on one investment to making up the losses on others."

So it seems that income from investments consists, in the case of bonds, of interest; in the case of stocks, of dividends. There is no income from the sale of investments.

The conclusion seems imperative that the word "income" has a well-defined meaning not only in common speech, but also under judicial construction, and this meaning does not include the increase in value of capital assets when realized upon a sale.

The following extract from the opinion of Mr. Justice Pitney in the Macomber case (supra), at page 206, is instructive: "For the present purpose we require only a clear definition of the term 'income' as used in common speech in order to determine its meaning in the amendment."

It seems to me apparent that the Supreme Court, in Towne v. Eisner (245 U. S., 418, 426) and in Eisner v. Macomber (supra), followed the doctrine enunciated in Gibbons v. Mahon (136 U. S., 549), where it was held that a stock dividend is an accretion to capital and not income as between a life tenant and the remainderman, and therefore held in the Towne case that a stock dividend was not income within the meaning of the Income Tax Law of 1913, and in the Macomber case that a stock dividend was not income within the meaning of the Sixteenth Amendment. As already stated, it is difficult to see why any different rule should be applied to the proceeds of an investment—purely a capital investment—when held by a trustee than when held by an individual.

Two pertinent points have been definitely established by the Supreme Court in Eisner v. Macomber (supra, page 214): First, "Enrichment through increase in value of capital investment is not income in any proper meaning of the term"; and, second, if it requires conversion of capital in order to pay the tax, it must follow that the tax is on capital increase and not on income, for on page 213 the Court said: "Yet without selling, the shareholder, unless possessed of other resources, has not the wherewithal to pay an income tax upon the dividend stock. Nothing could more clearly show that to tax a stock dividend is to tax a capital increase, and not income, than this demonstration that in the nature of things it requires conversion of capital in order to pay the tax."

Had the plaintiff possessed no resources other than the bonds which he sold, prior to the sale his capital would have been their then entire value. The increase since March 1, 1913, was capital increase. To collect the tax on this increase in value because the capital was converted into cash must of necessity diminish his capital to that extent. Before the sale all the plaintiff possessed was capital without any part of it constituting income. The sale of capital results only in changing its form and, like the mere issue of a stock dividend, makes the recipient no richer than before (Gibbons v. Mahon, supra; Towne v. Eisner, supra; Eisner v. Macomber, supra).

The exact question presented in this case has not been before the Supreme Court since its decision in Gray v. Darlington (supra). Notwithstanding certain passages in the opinion of the court in the Macomber case stating that when dividend stock is sold at a profit, the profit is taxable like other income—which I consider, in view of all that has been written by the Supreme Court in a long line of income tax decisions, must mean that the profit derived from such transactions, if it is income, applies in the case of a trader and not in the case of an individual who merely changes his investments.

Therefore, under the authority of Gray v. Darlington, which is approved in Lynch v. Turrish (supra), I feel constrained to hold that the appreciation in value of the plaintiff's bonds, even though realized by sale, is not income taxable as such, and in reaching this conclusion I find support for it in the Macomber case, where Mr. Justice Pitney says: "Enrichment through increase in value of capital investment is not income in any proper meaning of the term."

It follows that the Income Tax Law of 1916, in so far as it attempts to tax such increase, is in conflict with the apportionment requirement of the First Article of the Constitution, being a direct tax and not apportioned among the several States according to population.

Counsel for plaintiff contended that the Act should be so construed as to limit the tax to the actual increase from the dates of acquisition, although the value of such bonds was less on March 1, 1913, than when acquired prior thereto, in the event that the gain in value of the bonds when sold was taxable at all. In view of the decision that such increases are not income it becomes unnecessary to discuss the point.

The conclusion herein expressed has been reached only after a very careful consideration of all the respective claims presented by able counsel in exhaustive and persuasive briefs and with full appreciation of the admonition given by the Supreme Court in Nicol v. Ames (173 U. S., 509, at page 514). This court fully appreciates that "it is always an exceedingly grave and delicate duty to decide upon the constitutionality of an Act of the Congress of the United States," and that "the duty imposed demands in its discharge the utmost deliberation and care and invokes the deepest sense of responsibility," as was said by Chief Justice Fuller in the opening paragraph of the opinion in Pollock v. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. (158 U. S., 601, at page 617). In the discharge of that duty, as I see it, it follows that the word "incomes" in the Sixteenth Amendment should not and cannot be so construed as to include property other than income, even if such property is described as income by an Act of Congress, as such a construction permits the Congress to nullify the provisions of the second section of Article I of the Constitution, that direct taxes shall be apportioned.

Let judgment be entered for the plaintiff to recover of the defendant \$17,756.79, together with interest on the same from July 19, 1918, together with costs of suit.

Ordered accordingly.

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

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 85 shares and were all made at auction. The transactions in trust company stocks reach a total of 41 shares.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
10	Chase National Bank	335	335	335	April 1917—388
4	Fifth Avenue Bank	900	900	900	Feb. 1920—940
4	First National Bank	910	910	910	Nov. 1919—993
4	Garfield National Bank	224	224	224	Aug. 1913—230
47	New York, N. B. A., Bk. of	464	465	465	Mar. 1919—450
16	Park Bank, National	408	408	408	Feb. 1919—581

	TRUST COMPANIES—New York.				
15	Commercial Trust	149	149	149	Nov. 1919—155
25	Guaranty Trust	325	325	325	Mar. 1919—385
1	United States Trust	825	825	825	Nov. 1918—900

Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated at \$89,000, \$90,000 and \$90,000, respectively.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Park Bank of this city on Jan. 11, the plans to increase the capital from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 were ratified. The new capital will become effective on Feb. 3 1921. Reference to the plans for its enlargement was made in our issue of Dec. 11. At the meeting also Joseph D. Oliver, Jr., was elected to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late John C. Van Cleef, J. E. Silliman, Stanley F. Ketcham and Kenly Saville were appointed assistant cashiers of the bank.

C. H. Marfield, formerly Cashier of the Seaboard National Bank of this city was this week made Vice-President and Cashier. Donald Bayne has also become a Vice-President and J. M. Potts has been made Assistant Cashier. Two new members, Howard Bayne and L. N. Ve Vausney, Vice-President, of the bank, were added to the board.

Wm. Gage Brady Jr., formerly Assistant Vice-President of The National City Bank of New York in charge of a portion of the bank's South American business, was elected a Vice-President of the bank at the annual meeting this week. James C. Martine, formerly Assistant Cashier, was appointed an Assistant Vice-President. William J. Siemon was appointed an Assistant Cashier and James McLean and Kenneth A. Patterson were appointed Assistant Trust Officers.

Benjamin E. Smythe resigned this week as Vice-President of the Liberty National Bank of this city on account of ill health. Alexander R. Nicol and Charles H. Sabin resigned as directors of the bank and Frederick P. McGlynn was elected to the board. The following are the directors who were elected to serve one year:

James L. Ashley,	Charles D. Hilles,	Grayson M.-P. Murphy,
Frank H. Bethell,	Lyman N. Hine,	Alexander V. Ostrom,
Joseph A. Bower,	Frederick W. Hvoslef,	Daniel E. Pomrecoy,
Edmund C. Converse,	Edward E. Loomis,	Seward Prosser,
Otis H. Cutler,	C. M. MacNeill,	Daniel G. Reid,
George Doubleday,	H. W. Maxwell,	Charles W. Riecks,
Russell H. Dunham,	Frederick P. McGlynn,	E. A. Cappelen Smith,
Henry J. Fuller,	Jeremiah Milbank,	Ernest Stauffen Jr.,
Harvey D. Gibson,	Edward S. Moore,	Charles H. Stout,
Thomas A. Gillespie,		Charles H. Warren,

On the same day the following officers were elected to serve one year: President, Harvey D. Gibson; Vice-Presidents, Daniel G. Reid, Alexander V. Ostrom, Charles W. Riecks, Ernest Stauffen Jr., Joseph A. Bower, James G. Blaine Jr., Joseph S. Maxwell, George Murnane, Sidney W. Noyes and Maurice F. Bayard. Frederick W. Waltz was appointed Cashier; Bert Clark, Assistant to President; Frederick P. McGlynn, Theodore C. Hovey, Louis W.

Knowles, Raymond G. Forbes, Danforth Cardozo and Edward J. Whalen were appointed Assistant Cashiers, and Donald D. Davis was appointed Trust Officer.

Mortimer N. Buekner, President of The New York Trust Co., has been elected a Director of the Liberty National Bank of New York.

Officers and directors W. R. Grace & Co.'s Bank of this city were reelected with the exception of T. A. H. Clarke, who resigned. Regular semi-annual dividend of 4 payable Feb. 2 1921 to stockholders of record Jan. 26 1921, was also declared at this week's meeting.

Edward R. Tinker was elected President of the Chase Securities Corporation to succeed Albert H. Wiggan, who became Chairman of the Board. Robert L. Clarkson was elected Vice-President, Jonas C. Anderson was made Bond Manager, T. K. Little has become Auditor and Henry Hargreaves has been made Cashier.

Charles H. Sabin, President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, in a report to the stockholders on Dec. 31, states that the figures of the year's operations appearing in the company's annual statement as of Dec. 31 will show the year 1920 to have been the most successful in the history of the company. The report also says in part:

Our undivided profits account as of Dec. 31 1920 will be more than \$11,600,000, as compared with \$6,239,890 on Jan. 1 1920, thus showing an increase in that account during the year of over \$5,000,000. This addition is made after the deduction of all operating expenses, including the 20% high cost of living allowance to our employees, providing for all taxes, the regular 20% dividend amounting to \$5,000,000, making deductions for distribution under our profit-sharing plan, charging off determined losses, and making due allowance for bad and doubtful accounts, both foreign and domestic.

Besides these allowances, the securities owned by the company are carried at less than market values, and there are more than sufficient unrealized profits to cover any possible eventualities in connection with any business in hand.

In every department of the company's business the year 1920 has been marked by a maximum of volume, and the pressure of the public's demand upon us has been so great that a constant enlargement of our organization and of working quarters has been necessary. During the year the ratio of earnings to operating costs has been considerably increased. The building of an organization to take care of the constantly increasing volume of business has commanded our most serious attention, and important steps looking toward the increase of such organization efficiency have been taken, and have shown splendid results. It is the feeling of your executive staff to-day that the company is in better position to handle its business than it has ever been.

During 1920 our bond department and the Guaranty Company handled a total of \$2,165,820,960 par value of securities, as compared with \$1,390,826,687 during 1919.

In order to assist our employees to meet the continuing high cost of living during the year, an additional distribution of 20% of their salaries, up to the salary maximum of \$2,500, was made, and was paid in quarterly installments.

Since 1911, it has been possible for employees of the company to obtain ownership of Guaranty stock on the partial payment plan through the arrangement made for their benefit. During the nine years that the plan has been in operation, many employees have completed payments and now enjoy the benefits of full ownership. The total holdings of the company's stock by its officers, employees and their families at the present time are 20,018 shares.

The company suffered a great loss in the last week of the year in the sudden death of the Chairman of its Board of Directors, Mr. Alexander J. Hemphill, who entered the service of the company as a Vice-President in 1905, and, since that time, in the capacity of Vice-President, President and Chairman, served its interests ably and devotedly. The officers and employees of the company join with the directors in their sense of loss and deep appreciation of the loyal friendship and useful service which had characterized his life. The consideration which he uniformly gave to the views and rights of others and the quick response he always made to every worthy appeal both inside and outside our organization endeared him to all. His cheerful and helpful co-operation will be greatly missed and long remembered.

In common with a majority of the banks of the country, your company will show somewhat decreased deposits at the close of 1920 in comparison with those of 1919. This is, of course, a reflection of the natural reaction and the general readjustment of business which is in progress. These readjustments, of course, have not been confined to this country alone, but have extended throughout the world and have affected business conditions generally. In facing this period of liquidation, deflation and reconstruction, it is a source of congratulation to you, both as citizens of this country and as stockholders of this company, that American financial institutions are, on the whole, on a sound basis and amply prepared to meet both the problems the situation raises and the opportunities which are certain to follow in the future.

To meet the needs of our clients, we have from time to time availed ourselves of the rediscount privileges of the Federal Reserve System, in the belief that it is our duty not only to our clients, but to the general business situation to make use of the facilities offered by our membership in the System, and to bear our share of the credit burden during the period of transition from war to peace conditions. It has been the policy of your company's officers to retain in the company's portfolio at all times a large volume of rediscountable paper for such use when needed. Our rediscounts have been kept well within the bounds of conservative banking, but it seems not improper to call attention to the splendid service the Federal Reserve System has rendered to the country in such a period as the present in its control over and extension of credit to meet the basic needs of the country. Your management has been in thorough accord with the policy of the Federal Reserve Board in meeting the situation, and the wise precautionary measures advised by them have been followed.

Foreseeing the trend which has led to the marked change in conditions in both commodity and security markets, the affairs of the company have been directed accordingly, and its position fully protected. Your company has no large commitments in any particular commodity or country, its loans are well distributed and protected, and, considering the vast volume of business it has transacted, the risks incurred have been relatively small.

We are glad to be able to state that, in spite of the difficulties of the period, we have not only completed a most successful year, but occupy to-day an important position in both domestic and international finance which promises increased growth and usefulness in the future.

It is the feeling of your officers that this period marks the turn of the tide in declining prices and liquidation and, although there are many readjustments yet to be made in the months and years to come, that there is every reasonable assurance of a return to normal business conditions, stabilized prices, easier money and larger business opportunities. Fortunately for this country, its underlying conditions are for the most part sound. Our large gold reserve, our sound financial situation, our tremendous crops, our improved transportation and industrial conditions, our foreign markets and our great natural resources all underlie the business situation and give promises of future prosperity and progress.

A later statement, prepared for the press, shows that during the year 1920 the company's profits were \$12,355,950 50. This amount, added to a credit balance of \$6,239,889 57 on Jan. 1 1920, and to miscellaneous credits of \$155,624 66 during the year, brings the total credits in the undivided profits account up to \$18,751,464 73. The deductions from this amount were \$5,000,000, to cover the 20% dividend paid during the year, and \$1,676,392 36, which was appropriated for distribution to officers and employees under the company's additional compensation plan. With these deductions, totaling \$6,676,392 36, the company's final credit balance in undivided profits account on Dec. 31 1920 is \$12,075,072 37. The statement also shows an increase of some \$22,000,000 in deposits since Nov. 15, the date of the last previous statement. Total resources now stand at \$923,663,338 12.

The Banking Department of the State of New York has authorized the Guaranty Trust Company to open a new branch office in the Alexandra House, Kingsway, London. This will be the Guaranty's third branch office in London, the others being at 32 Lombard Street, E. C., and 50 Pall Mall. The new office will be located near the Strand, in the vicinity of many leading hotels, and also near the offices of the leading American concerns established in London. It will relieve, to a great extent, the congestion of the company's Lombard Street office, and will otherwise increase the service to American customers there. The opening will probably take place in March.

George G. Milne Jr., formerly Vice-President of the Savings Investment & Trust Co. of East Orange, N. J., has been appointed Third Vice-President of the Garfield National Bank of this city.

In the annual statement of the New York Title & Mortgage Co., issued to the stockholders at the annual meeting on the 11th inst., President Harry A. Kahler said:

"The drastic liquidation and shrinkage of capital values in the securities markets have emphasized the soundness of guaranteed mortgages, and are drawing many investors back into the mortgage market. Guaranteed mortgages and certificates make a growing appeal to those investors whose first consideration is the preservation of principal intact. At the close of the year, while fee title transactions were less active, the volume of mortgage business is increasing.

The statement of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. shows net earnings for 1920 of \$477,496 on a capital of \$3,000,000.

The clearings for Bethlehem Pa., for the year 1920—\$109,985,297—which were given on the first page of last week's issue of the "Chronicle" covered in fact only six months as the figures were first reported in July. Incidentally, the total for Huntington, W. Va., was for nine months and that for Santa Barbara, Cal., covered seven months. We make this explanation so as to avoid the possibility of readers construing the results as those for the full year.

Wm. A. Read & Co. have announced that, beginning Jan. 14 their business will be continued under the name of Dillon, Read & Co., by all of the present partners, together with the following, who have this day been admitted to partnership: W. M. L. Fiske, former resident partner in Chicago, who retired in Jan. 1920 on account of ill health; E. J. Bermingham, associated with the firm for twelve years and now manager of their Chicago office, and William A. Read, Jr., eldest son of the late senior partner William A. Read. Those who had previously composed the firm before the present changes, and who continue as partners are Clarence Dillon, Roland L. Taylor, Joseph H. Seaman, John W. Horner, Jr., James Dean, R. W. Martin and William A. Phillips.

At the annual meeting of the Chemical National Bank of this city, Albion K. Chapman formerly cashier, and Wilbur F. Crook, formerly Assistant Cashier were appointed Vice-Presidents and Samuel Shaw, Jr., was made Cashier. The office of Assistant Vice-President was created and the following five Assistant Cashiers were promoted to that office: James L. Parson, James McAllister, Samuel T. Jones, Robert D. Scott and N. Baxter Jackson. A testimonial was presented to Frederick W. Stevens in honor of his 50 years of continuous service as a director of the Chemical National Bank. Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical National Bank was elected a director of the Westchester Fire Insurance Company.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, on Jan. 12, A. S. Frissell, Chairman of the Board, Theodore Hetzler, President and B. H. Fancher, Vice-President were re-elected. The following new appointments were made: William G. Gaston, formerly Cashier was appointed Vice-President; William C. Murphy, formerly Assistant Cashier was appointed Vice-President and Trust Officer and Ernest Foley, formerly Assistant Cashier was appointed Cashier.

The Board of Directors of the Fifth National Bank of this city was reduced from 20 to 14. The following are the directors elected for 1921: William S. Beckley, Ralph Bloom, John Byrns, Max Englander, William Fischman, Irwin R. Heilbronner, Benjamin W. Hollander, Charles Kaye, Richard B. Kelly, Stephen Kelly, Frank C. Poucher, William H. Seach, Dr. J. B. Squier, and Edward E. Watts.

The officers are: Chairman of the Board, Chas. Kaye; President, Edward E. Watts; Vice-Pres., Stephen Kelly and Frederick C. Rossmann; Cashier, Linus P. Hosmer; Assistant Cashiers, Geo. J. S. Taylor, Claude D. Ritch, and Wm. L. Helm.

Charles E. Whyard, formerly Asst. Cashier of Greenwich Bank was appointed Vice-President at this week's annual meeting and Alfred E. Peterson formerly Assistant Cashier, was appointed cashier. Directors and other officers were re-elected.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 11 of the stockholders of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation recently organized by The Equitable Trust Company of New York and several important Pacific Coast banks, the following directors were appointed:

Alvin W. Krech, President The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; Heman Dowd, Vice-President The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; George L. Le Blanc, Vice-President The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; John S. Drum, President Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco and President of the American Bankers' Association; John D. McKee, Chairman Board of Directors Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco; Emery Olmstead, President Northwestern National Bank, Portland, Ore.; Enrico N. Stein, Vice-President Abe Stein & Co., Inc.; Winthrop W. Aldrich of Messrs. Murray, Prentice & Aldrich; Howard E. Cole, Secretary Standard Oil Co. of New York; A. J. Waters, President Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.; Richard R. Hunter, Vice-President The Equitable Trust Co. of New York.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Trust Company of New York, this week, James C. Donnel, President of the Ohio Oil Company was elected a trustee. All former trustees were reelected.

Lewis Leland Pierce, Second Vice-President of the New York County National Bank, 79 8th Ave. this city, died suddenly while at his desk in the bank on Monday last. His death is said to have resulted from heart trouble brought on by acute indisposition. He entered the employ of the bank as a messenger, in 1866, gradually working his way up until his election as Second Vice-President in Feb. 1917. Four years ago the completion of fifty years service with the bank, Mr. Pierce was tendered a dinner by the officers and employees. Mr. Pierce was 68 years of age.

The Directors of the New York Title and Mortgage Company at their annual meeting on Jan. 12 made the following changes in the officers of the Company: Gerhard Kuehne, formerly Secretary, was made Vice-President and Secretary; Ernest J. Habighorst and Hubert F. Breitwieser were each advanced from the position of Assistant Secretary to Vice-President. Mr. Habighorst will be in charge of the Jamaica Office of the New York Title and Mortgage Company.

Gerhard Kuehne, formerly Secretary of the New York Title and Mortgage Company and American Trust Company, has been appointed Vice-President of both Companies. Orie C. Kelly, Assistant Secretary of the American Trust Company, of New York, in charge of the New Business Department, was made Secretary of the Company at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday.

The Harriman National Bank at its annual meeting of stockholders on Jan. 11 passed a resolution to increase the number of its directors and the following new directors were elected: Howard C. Brokaw, President Brokaw Bros., clothiers; E. Roland Harriman, New York; William A. Greer, Greer, Crane & Webb, New York; Marshall Sheppey, President The Berdan Co., wholesale grocers, Toledo, Ohio; Anson W. Burchard, Vice-President General Electric Company; William C. Demorest, President Realty Trust Co.; Frederick Phillips, Vice-President. The following directors, making a total of twenty-five, were re-elected:

Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman Southern Pacific Co.; Joseph W. Harriman, Harriman & Co.; Harrison K. Bird, trustee Manhattan Savings Institution; Bryan L. Kennelly, real estate; Charles E. Tegethoff, Estate of E. H. Harriman; Ansel H. Ball, President Best & Co., Inc., dry goods; Parvety W. Herrick, New York; Michael Dreicer, President Dreicer & Co. Inc., precious stones; John A. Noble, Vice-President; Thomas B. Clarke, Jr., Vice-President; Henry B. Wesselman, Wesselman & Kraus, lawyers; H. B. Rosen, New York Life Insurance Co.; John McE. Bowman, President Bowman Hotels; William Bayne Jr., Wm. Bayne & Co., coffee; Charles Thorley, New York; Alvah Miller, H. G. Craig & Co., wholesale paper; Capt. W. M. Talbot, New York; John R. Ogden, F. B. Keech & Co., New York.

The increase in the number of officers and directors of the uptown banks is significant of the rapid increase in the volume of their business as well as of the diversity of the large and important interests which they serve and which contribute to the characterization of the Fifth Avenue District as "the new financial and commercial centre of New York."

In addition to the changes among local banking institutions noted elsewhere in these columns to-day, the following changes occurred among the directorates:

The Bank of America.—Directors were re-elected with the exception of W. H. Perkins, who declined re-election at the annual meeting of the Bank of America of this city early this week.

The Hanover National Bank.—The board was increased from 14 to 15 members by the election of J. William Clark, thread manufacturer.

Irving National Bank.—James Clarke retired as director and Hubert T. parson, President of the F. W. Woolworth Co., was elected to the Board of the Irving National Bank of this city.

The Mechanics & Metals National Bank.—Julius H. Barnes and Theodore Pratt were added to the board of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of this city. Mr. Pratt succeeds his father, Charles H. Pratt, who resigned.

State Bank.—Arnold Kohn and Walter T. Kohn have retired from the board of the State Bank of this city. Charles A. Smith, a Vice-President of the bank, and Robert S. Dennison, President of R. S. Dennison & Co., have been elected to take their places.

At the annual meeting of the Mechanics Bank of Brooklyn two new Directors were elected to its Board, namely, George W. Gair, President of the Robert Gair Co., and William S. Shipley, Vice-President of the Shipley Construction and Supply Company. The new members replace Joseph Walker, Jr. and George C. Van Tuyl, Jr., the latter formerly president of the Metropolitan Trust Company, who were not candidates for re-election. The annual meeting of the Directors will be held on Jan. 17 1921, at which meeting John W. Fraser, it is understood, will succeed Joseph Walker, Jr., on the Executive Committee of Mechanics Bank.

At the annual meeting of the Homestead Bank of Brooklyn, Emerson D. R. Creveling, and Leo O. Smith, of the Columbia Machine & Malleable Iron Works, were elected to the board. John A. Vandever and Bernard Schubert retired because of ill-health.

The first annual meeting of the West End Bank of Brooklyn, held on Jan. 11, was largely attended by the stockholders, and the reports which they received, considering that the bank had only been open for business since Nov. 8 1920, are reported to have been highly satisfactory. All of the original incorporating directors were re-elected, and the additions to the board were Frank Hammond, Vice-President and Cashier of the Greenwich Bank of the City of New York; Isaac Meister, President of the Meister Builders, Inc., and Isaac Greenwald, of Greenwald-Friedman Co. The original incorporating directors who were re-elected are Solomon Fromm, President; Selden I. Rainforth and James P. Kelly, Vice-Presidents; Jesse H. Wasserman, Israel Frankenstein and Samuel W. Fromm. The annual meeting of the board

of directors for the election of officers will take place on Jan. 18.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., held on Jan. 7, John W. Bargfrede, formerly head of the Credit Department, was appointed an Assistant Cashier. The other officers are as follows: Joseph Huber, President; John W. Weber and William S. Irish, Vice-Presidents; Ansel P. Verity, Cashier; Frederick W. Krueger, Russell C. Irish, and Austin Tobey, Jr., Assistant Cashiers and William J. Ahern, Trust Officer.

At the annual meeting of the First National Bank of Hoboken, N. J., this week, a new member was elected to the Board of directors, namely, Dr. Alexander C. Humphreys, President of Stevens Institute of Technology. Dr. Humphreys is considered an authority on gas engineering having been connected in official and consulting capacities with many of the large and important gas and electric organizations of this country.

At the annual meeting of the North Ward National Bank of Newark, held on the 11th inst., Charles W. Kinsey, President of the Fairlie & Wilson Coal Co., was elected a director to take the place of Frederick D. Hyde, who resigned several months ago. No other changes were made.

The Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo, N. Y., has just announced that Richard S. Graham has become associated with its Investment Department. Mr. Graham is well known in Buffalo, as a result of his connection with the Buffalo Office of The National City Company for the past few years. Coming originally from Rochester, Mr. Graham, spent several years in the New York and Chicago Offices of the Rock Island Lines. In 1909 he came to Buffalo as District Passenger Agent, leaving this position to go into the investment business. This announcement marks another step in the growth of the Fidelity's Investment Department. This department was created several months ago with Throop M. Wilder as its Manager—its creation being due to the desire to serve in an efficient way the bank's depositors and friends who were constantly seeking investment advice. Since its inception this department has grown very fast, and its service to investors has been enlarged to include a general investment business.

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of The Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo held on the 11th inst., the following officers were re-elected:

Franklin D. Locke, Chairman of the Board; Clifford Hubbell, President; Harry T. Ramsdell, Vice-President; Thomas B. Lockwood, Vice-President; Lewis G. Harriman, Vice-President; Merle H. Denison, Secretary; Lloyd P. Williams, Treasurer; Walter L. Curtiss, Assistant Secretary; George B. MacPhail, Assistant Secretary; Frederic J. Federlein, Assistant Treasurer. Samuel G. Easterbrook, heretofore Assistant Secretary, was elected Trust Officer.

The following new officers were elected:

Throop M. Wilder, Manager Investment Department; Harley F. Drollinger, Manager, New Business Department; A. Erwin Rankin, Manager Publicity Department; Thomas Cantwell, Assistant Trust Officer; Albert E. J. Krauss, Auditor.

William S. Gavitt, President of the Gavitt National Bank of Lyons, N. Y., died on the 11th inst. following a long illness as a result of a paralytic stroke he endured on Oct. 19 1919. Mr. Gavitt was born on Feb. 20 1857 and was named after William H. Seward, a close friend of his father. Mr. Gavitt received his early education in the Lyons Union School and in 1875 entered Phillips-Andover from whence he graduated in 1877. After a short time spent in N. Y., he entered the banking house of his father, S. B. Gavitt, banker. Here he remained until the business was merged into the Gavitt National Bank of which he became Vice President on its organization. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Gavitt became President of The Gavitt National Bank and continued in the Presidency until his death. Mr. Gavitt enjoyed a large acquaintance among the bankers throughout the State. He took a particular interest in legislation, both State and National as applied to the country banks and did much work in this direction. In 1918 he was a candidate for membership on The Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He was connected in an official capacity or otherwise with the following societies: The Lyons Cold Storage Co., The Lyons B. P. O. of Elks, The American Fisheries Society, The Triton Fish and Game Club of Quebec, The N. Y. State Fish, Game and Forest League, The American Bison Society, The American Game Pro-

tective and Propagation Assn., The National Association of Audubon Societies and other organizations.

Frank G. Howland, President of the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Barre, Vt. on Dec. 28, pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of \$15,480 of the funds of the institution and was sentenced to from four to seven years in State prison with hard labor. The bank was closed on Nov. 22 by the State Bank Commissioner, as was reported in our issue of Nov. 27, page 2101.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Colonial National Bank of Hartford will be held on Feb. 11 to consider and vote upon the proposition recommended by its directors that the bank be placed in voluntary liquidation; to elect a liquidating agent or agents, to authorize such liquidating agent or agents to contract with the Phoenix National Bank of Hartford for the sale of all the assets, good will and name of this bank to the Phoenix National Bank.

According to the Hartford "Courant," at a special meeting of the directors of the Phoenix National Bank on Jan. 7, it was voted to offer the Colonial National, the liquidating value of its assets, with \$5 a share for good will. The Colonial's shareholders, the "Courant" states, will probably get between \$130 and \$150 a share for their stock, which cost them \$120 a share. The Colonial National has a capital of \$500,000; the capital of the Phoenix is \$1,000,000.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company of Providence on Jan. 11, Charles P. Cottrell, George Pierce Metcalf and Gilbert Maurice, Congdon were elected Directors of the company.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Boylston National Bank of Boston on Jan. 11. Chas. W. Bailey, President; Almon W. Blake, Vice-President; John E. Prouty, Cashier; Herbert B. Bailey, Assistant Cashier; Ralph I. Benton, Assistant Cashier and Trust Officer; Laurence M. Eldredge, Manager of Savings Department; Howard W. Henderson, Manager of Foreign Department and Claude E. Perkins, Manager of Safe Deposit Vaults. Mr. Blake, the Vice-President and Lester Watson, of Hayden, Stone & Co., were added to the directorate. During the year Francis P. O'Connor and George H. Waterman were elected directors.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Liberty Trust Company of Boston, on Jan. 6, Allen H. Sturges, Treasurer, was also elected First Vice-President in place of the late Melvin O. Adams. Edward E. Babb, a director, was also elected a Vice-President.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Massachusetts Trust Co. of Boston on Jan. 11, Walter E. Schuster of the Schuster & Hayward Woolen Mills was added to the directorate. All the other directors as well as the officials of the company were re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants National Bank of Boston on Jan. 11 three new directors were added to the Board, namely William S. Forbes of the Forbes Lithograph Company, Russell B. Lowe of the Parkhill Manufacturing Company, Fitchburg, and Samuel D. Parker of the Ipswich Mills. No other changes in the Board of Directors or in the official staff of the institution were made.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial National Bank of Boston, held on Jan. 11, two new directors were added to the Board, namely, Robert P. Clapp and Thomas W. Saunders, the Cashier of the institution.

Lorne M. Graves was added to the directorate of the National Union Bank, of Boston, at the annual meeting held on Jan. 11.

The National Bank of North Philadelphia, of Philadelphia, Pa., formed with a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$100,000, opened its doors for business on Monday last, Jan. 10, in the new building just erected on Broad Street at Germantown and Erie avenues. The issuance of a charter for the new bank was announced in the weekly bulletin of the Comptroller of the Currency, issued on Jan. 8. The officers of the new bank are: Charles E. Beury, President; Alfred Wolstenholme, Harry H. Heist and A. Theodore

Abbott, Vice-Presidents; John G. Muir, Vice-President and Cashier; and Charles H. Cramer, Assistant Cashier. The stock of the bank is in shares of \$100 each. It was disposed of at \$125 per share.

William H. Clark, President of the Quaker City National Bank of Philadelphia, died on the 8th inst. after an illness of several months. Mr. Clark had been connected with the bank since 1889 and had been President since 1909. He was also President of the Atlantic City & Chelsea Improvement Co., and a director of other institutions and business organizations, including the Southern Transportation Co., Spring Lake Beach Improvement Co., Jessup & Moore Paper Co., Republic Trust Co., Henrico Lumber Co., Independent Fire Insurance Co., and Chandler & Co., and People's National Insurance Co., St. Lawrence Securities Corp., Quaker City Cab Co. and Securities Corporation General.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Franklin National Bank of Philadelphia, Mr. George H. Frazier was elected as an additional member of the board. Mr. Frazier was formerly a valued member of the bank's board for a number of years until the operation of the Clayton Act required his resignation inasmuch as he was a member of the private banking house of Brown Brothers & Co., from which partnership he resigned, effective Jan. 1 1921.

Two new directors were this week added to the Board of the Market Street National Bank of Philadelphia, namely Richard D. Leonard and Fred F. Spellissy. Mr. Spellissy is Cashier of the bank. Mr. Leonard is head of the Sales Department of the Atlantic Refining Company.

William P. Morris and John P. Hollingsworth were added to the Board of Directors of the Centennial National Bank of Philadelphia at the annual meeting this week, increasing the membership of the Board to nine.

W. Clifford Wood, Cashier of the Third National Bank of Philadelphia, was elected to the directorate of that institution at Tuesday's annual meeting.

George W. Rudolph and David L. Silverman were elected directors of the Sixth National Bank of Philadelphia of Philadelphia, this week.

H. Stewart Moorhead was this week elected to the Board of the National Bank of Commerce in Philadelphia to succeed the late Lewis W. Wister.

James A. Clarke was this week named to replace the late W. R. Hertz on the Board of the Southwark National Bank of Philadelphia.

J. W. Willecox, Vice-President of the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, was this week elected a director of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities of Philadelphia.

H. F. Baker, Vice-President of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. was this week elected a director of the Central National Bank of Philadelphia.

William Bush, for the past three years, Treasurer of the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, Wilmington, Del., was sentenced to eight years imprisonment on Dec. 21. He was also disbarred from practicing law in the State of Delaware. Mr. Bush was arrested on Dec. 17 charged with the embezzlement of \$200,000 of the securities of the institutions. George L. Medill, Banking Commissioner of Delaware, has issued a statement, it is said, in which he said that the theft in no way affected the soundness of the Wilmington Savings Fund Society.

The stockholders of the Park Bank of Baltimore, at a meeting held during 1920, authorized an increase of the Capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and the new issue was sold at \$15 per share. The increase was completed Dec. 15 1920.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 4 1921, of the stockholders of the Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Baltimore, Henry Walters, J. H. Nelligan and Elisha H. Perkins were re-elected directors and Andrew P. Spamer was elected as a member of the board to take the place caused by the death of Douglas H. Thomas.

D. Leo Maulsby, Vice-President of John E. Hurst and Company, Incorporated, was elected a director of the Baltimore Trust Company of Baltimore, Md. on the 10th instant, and Edgar G. Miller, Jr., formerly President of The Title, Guarantee & Trust Company, was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

The Continental and Commercial Banks, Chicago, have recently published a booklet on savings entitled, "Thrift After Mother Goose." This work is considered "something entirely new in savings psychology." The book, 9 by 12 inches, is a collection of twelve Mother Goose rhymes and drawings printed in four colors with the original verses changed only so as to apply to the whole general idea of thrift. Thus, the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe says of her children, "But hunger and want are things I don't crave, so I'll rear all these children and teach them to save" and Jill says to Jack, "I'll allow, I've money in the savings bank, I'll never fall down now." In three days, the Continental and Commercial Banks gave out, we are informed, over 17,000 copies of this book to some 15,000 people who called in person at the institution. It is stated that the requests have been so heavy that the supply of copies has been exhausted.

The stock of the First National Bank is held by 391 women, 558 men, 16 firms and 147 trusteeships and estates. The stock of the First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago is owned by the stockholders of the First National Bank and every director is a director of that bank. On Jan. 3 1921 the First National Bank of Chicago reported total assets of \$275,216,424, while on the same date the assets of the First Trust & Savings Bank were \$105,639,663.

Only twenty-four private banks in Illinois were still without charters at the close of business Jan. 3, the State Auditor announces. All the other private banks had obtained State or national charters. The total number of State banks, with the 574 private institutions added, is now 1,371.

The stockholders of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, at their annual meeting re-elected the directors.

The directors of the Fort Dearborn Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders. Officers were re-elected and J. J. Cavanagh was added to the official staff as an Assistant Cashier.

During the two weeks before Christmas, the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago had on exhibition in the lobby its unique advertising display shown at the recent American Bankers' Convention in Washington, D. C. Under the caption "Pioneers in Bank Advertising," the development of the bank's publicity was told in a series of advertisements dating back as far as 1895. These announcements recalled to many patrons, who began business with the "Republic" over a quarter of a century ago, the early advertising of the bank in newspapers, National magazines, on cards in Illinois Central suburban trains, and in the mail. The display consisted of five large panels and attracted much attention both among customers and employees.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Chicago and First Trust and Savings Bank the members of the Board of Directors were re-elected without change. At the meeting of the directors, R. Frank Newhall was elected Vice-President and Cashier of the First National Bank, having previously occupied the latter position. O. C. Brodhay, formerly assistant cashier, was made Assistant Vice-President and assigned to Division B in the bank's official organization. A. B. Johnston was appointed Assistant Cashier and Walter Lichtenstein was appointed Executive Secretary. Dr. Lichtenstein was also appointed to the same position on the official staff of the First Trust and Savings Bank.

At the annual meeting of the Directors of the Noel State Bank of Chicago on Jan. 12, all the former officers were reelected and one new Assistant Cashier, Lyman T. Burgess was elected. Nicholas J. Reul was re-appointed Manager of the Mortgage and Bond Department. At the annual meeting of the stockholders held Jan. 10 all the directors were re-elected. Net profits for the year were \$59,558, being 11.91% of the capital of \$500,000. Deposits increased over \$1,300,000 or 32% during 1920.

A son succeeded his father on the boards of two banks—the Northwestern Trust and Savings bank, Chicago, and the Second Northwestern State Bank, Chicago, when A. J. Kowalski resigned in favor of A. J. Kowalski, Jr. At the former bank F. G. Heuchling replaced John a Prebis as Vice-President and Frank Iwicki was made an Assistant Cashier.

The recent death of Frank A. Hecht brought his son, Frank A. Hecht, Jr., on to the Board of the Market Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago.

John T. Emery and Russel Hawkins were added to the Board of Directors of the North Avenue State Bank, Chicago.

The Directors of the Citizens State Bank, Chicago, elected two new Assistant Cashiers, Leo H. Gomdolf and Hugo Bernahl.

Stockholders of the Sheridan Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, added Henry G. Saal to the Directorate.

Lee A. King was made Cashier and a Director of the University State Bank, Chicago.

Curt Teich was made a Director of the Capital State Savings Bank, Chicago, to succeed Henry G. Saal. E. M. Anderson was appointed Second Assistant Cashier.

Directors of the Lawndale National Bank, Chicago, chose a new Vice-President, Joseph J. Salat.

Peter Reinberg was succeeded by Edward Hagelin on the Board of the Lincoln Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago.

Stockholders of the Austin National Bank, Chicago, added to their Board of Directors William F. Hayes and George A. Hughes.

At the meeting of the Kaspar State Bank, Chicago, Adolph Karpen, replaced V. F. Mashek as a Director and William C. Schreiber was added to the Board. The Directors appointed Anton Jecmen and Stanley Chleboun Assistant Cashiers.

Eugene E. Ford, who has been acting as Cashier of the Kenwood Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, during the past year, was elected a Vice-President as well as Cashier.

Southwest State Bank, Chicago, reelected all officials and Directors, Cashier R. W. Hawkins being made Vice-President in addition to his other office.

Irving Park National Bank, Chicago, elected John J. Walsh of the Bond Department to fill the position of third Vice-President, which was created at the meeting. The other officers and directors were reelected.

Kimbell Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, added Charles Jaehow and William O. Olsen to the Directorate. All of the old officers and directors were reelected.

George P. Hoover, who has been with the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, for more than a quarter of a century, resigned as Vice-President but remains as a director, and was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee. Donald C. Miller, Assistant Manager of the municipal department, was made Manager of that department.

James B. Lenz was elected a director of the Security Bank, Chicago, and also the Second Security Bank, Chicago. A. E. Suter, formerly Cashier, was elected Vice-President of the Security Bank, and N. B. Collins Cashier.

Henry Kloese, formerly Assistant Cashier, was elected Cashier of the Halsted State Bank, Chicago, succeeding Roy P. Roberts. Fred Baer and Harvey T. Huggins were made Assistant Cashiers. John E. Traeger was elected a director to succeed Mr. Roberts.

Stockholders of the Drovers' Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, added Fred N. Mercer and Murray M. Otsott, Cashier, to the board of directors.

At the West Side National Bank, Chicago, M. T. Silver and James Ford were elected directors to succeed George J. Pilkington and Charles F. Goodwillie. Frank J. McCabe was appointed Secretary.

J. L. Thompson succeeded Louis Pasal on the board of the Mutual National Bank, Chicago.

The Jefferson Park National Bank, Chicago, elected Fred A. Esdohr President in place of George M. Hayes.

The directors of the Lawndale State Bank, Chicago, appointed Anton Prominski an Assistant Cashier.

As a result of the ill-health of President Simon Heck of the United States Bank of Chicago, the directors accepted his resignation and elected Cashier Carl Lundberg as President and Frank A. Putnam as Cashier. Mr. Putnam assumed Mr. Heck's place on the board of directors.

Michael K. Sheridan was replaced by E. H. Egan as director of the Stockman's Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

The First National Bank of Englewood, Chicago, chose S. H. Noble as director and A. H. LaMessurier as Assistant Cashier.

Charles P. MacNellis succeeded Joseph F. Forbircb on the board of the Southwest Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

The stockholders of the Ogden Avenue State Bank, Chicago, added Frank X. Ridzewski and Fred C. Dierking to the board of that bank.

Stockholders of the South Side State Bank, Chicago, of which I. N. Powell is president, at their annual meeting voted to increase the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$300,000, the new stock to be sold to share-holders pro rata at par. The old stock has recently been quoted around 200. It was voted also to change the name of the bank to the South Side Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago.

The Corn Exchange National Bank, Chicago, re-elected all directors and officers and added Hugh J. Sinclair, assistant cashier.

Three new directors of the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, were elected. They are Philip K. Wrigley, Vice-President of the William Wrigley Jr. Company; Henry L. Stout, Vice-President of the Missouri Southern Railway, and Joseph T. Ryerson, Jr., Vice-President of Joseph T. Ryerson & Sons. The present directors and the officers were re-elected.

Oscar H. Swan, who has been cashier of the National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, was elected Vice-President and cashier, and William C. Freeman was promoted from Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice-President. The directors and other officers were re-elected.

Charles S. Dewey was chosen Vice-President of the Northern Trust Company, Chicago. Lamson H. Date, an Assistant Cashier and C. M. Nelson, Assistant Treasurer. The other officers and the directors were re-elected.

R. T. Forbes and F. A. Poor were added to the Board and Directors of the Fort Dearborn National Bank, Chicago. The former directors and the officers were re-elected.

Edward J. Brundage, Attorney General, was added to the Board of the Cosmopolitan State Bank, Chicago. The old Directors and the officers were re-elected.

W. B. Strong, Cashier of the Lake-State Bank, Chicago, announced his resignation. The vacancy will not be filled until next month. C. W. Worthington was elected Assistant Cashier. The other officers and the Directors were re-elected.

L. J. Rosenwald resigned as Director of the Greenbaum Sons Bank & Trust Company, Chicago, because of his removal to Philadelphia and M. S. Rosenwald was elected as his successor. The other directors and the officers were re-elected.

Joseph F. Ward, Chairman of the Board of the City National of Evanston, Ill., resigned that place and as a director. The places were not filled. The other directors and the officers were re-elected.

J. P. Matthew was elected Assistant Cashier of the Fullerton State Bank, Chicago. The other officers and the directors were re-elected.

Marcus Neirman was added to the Board of the Lincoln State Bank, Chicago. The other directors and the officers were re-elected.

A statement made by President William N. Jarnagin to the stockholders of the Central Manufacturing District Bank, Chicago, shows that the earnings for 1920 were \$186,862, equal to 38% on the average capital stock, against \$118,534, or 30.6% in 1919. After all charges and dividends there was an increase in the book value of the stock of \$11.65 a share for the year, bringing the figures up to \$102.66. Deposits increased during the year \$597,532 to a total of \$6,004,519. Directors and officers were re-elected.

Banks in Chicago, in which the directors and officers were re-elected include the State Bank of Chicago, Mechanics and Traders, Logan Square Trust and Savings, South Shore State, Twenty-sixth Street State, Rogers Park National and West Side Trust and Savings.

A new financial institution namely the Security Bank of Milwaukee, opened its doors for business on Dec. 11 at Twelfth and Galena Sts. The new bank has a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$20,000. The stock is in shares of \$100 each, and was disposed of at \$120 per share.

In a summary of the years operations of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, presented to the stockholders on Dec. 28. John G. Lonsdale, President alludes to the fact that reference was made in his 1919 letter of a probability of a drop in the high price level then prevailing, and to the care accordingly with which the assets of the bank were being guarded. Continuing Mr. Lonsdale says in part:

Hence, although the decline was precipitous when it did come, during the latter part of 1920, we were prepared for it; and while our policy with customers has been one of liberal co-operation, we have nevertheless, acting in their interest as well as in the interest of sound banking, effected a steady reduction in the volume of our loans. Since Nov. 15, the date of the last called statement of national banks, our loans have been reduced by six million dollars and our borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank by nine millions.

Our net profits during 1920, after deducting taxes, have been approximately \$1,600,000. Of this amount \$600,000 was paid in dividends; \$30,000 was applied to the building fund; and the remainder was added to the surplus and undivided profits fund, which now stands at about five and one-half millions.

In view of the satisfactory earnings of the bank, the directors at their meeting on Dec. 21 considered the question of raising the dividend rate. It was the general opinion that some increase in returns to stockholders should be voted, but in view of the period of readjustment through which business is passing, it was deemed wise that this increase should be a moderate one. A rate of 7% was therefore agreed upon, effective immediately. In connection with the matter of returns to stockholders, it is not inappropriate, I think, to direct your attention to the fact that, since August 1915; the market value of our ten million dollars of stock has increased more than four million dollars. During the same period there has been a net addition to our undivided profits account of three and one-quarter million dollars, exclusive of \$250,000 which has been charged out of this account and expended for the improvement of our buildings.

The litigation to which we were forced to resort in the effort to realize upon some of the old assets of the bank has been vigorously prosecuted. In January 1920 one judgment for more than \$700,000 was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Missouri, and we have thus far successfully defeated all other legal attempts to escape liability for the amount. On this judgment, in fact, there has already been paid to us \$467,000, which was applied against the value of this claim as it appeared on our books. The sum of \$300,000 remains uncollected, but we are protected as to this by a surety company bond. The question as to the ownership of certain securities originally pledged in the transactions from which the suit arose is yet to be determined by the Courts.

The foregoing report is one that, as your President, I am indeed proud to submit. No institution, I think, ever had a more loyal and efficient corps of workers, both official and clerical, than has the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis at the present period of its history. For our force of 375, I beg the liberty of boasting that any person who walks into this bank, whether he goes to Window 1 or to Window 42, whether he speaks to a senior officer or to an office boy, will receive a most courteous hearing, and service to meet his individual requirements. Our directors are careful in the discharge of their supervisory duties and most assiduous in cultivating new business for the bank. The "Commerco Spirit" is a leading reason for my confidence in the further material progress of our bank.

—At the annual meeting of the board of directors of W. B. Worthen Company, bankers, of Little Rock, Ark., on Jan. 11, John F. Boyle was elected Vice-President and James B. Pettyjohn was elected Assistant Cashier of the company.

We print elsewhere in our columns to-day the 54th annual report of the Canadian Bank of Commerce (head office Toronto) covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1920, which was submitted to the shareholders at their annual meeting in Toronto on Tuesday of this week. We referred to this report in these columns in our issue of Jan. 1. The largest earnings in the history of the institutions are shown, namely, \$3,306,244—as the result of the business of the banks for the second year in the Dominion's reconstruction period following the great war.

We publish elsewhere in our issue to-day the 56th annual report of the Union Bank of Canada (head office Winnipeg) for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30 1920. This report is very satisfactory, showing as it does net profits, after the deduction of expenses of management, interest due depositors, reservation for interest and exchange, &c., &c., of \$1,603,842. The balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding twelve months was \$198,222, which when added to the net profits, the report shows, made the sum of \$1,802,065 available for distribution. This was appropriated as follows: \$958,233 to pay four quarterly dividends at the rate of 10% per annum, together with a bonus of 2% (\$160,000); \$400,000 credited to rest fund; \$150,000 written off bank premises; \$50,000 contributed to officers' pension fund; \$15,000 donated to sick benefit fund and \$79,536 to cover war tax on bank note circulation, leaving a balance in the sum of \$149,296 to be carried forward to next year's profit and loss account. Total assets are given in the report as \$169,205,445, while total deposits stand at \$135,324,516, John Galt is President of the Union Bank of Canada and H. B. Shaw, General Manager. The New York office of the bank is at 49 Wall Street.

The first annual report of the British Overseas Bank, Limited (head office London), covering the period ending Oct. 31 1920, was presented to the shareholders on Dec. 17 and makes a very satisfactory showing. Net profits, after allowing for rebate of interest and providing for doubtful accounts amounted to £199,744. This sum the Governing Council of the bank recommended be distributed as follows: £39,016 to write off preliminary expenses; £69,242 to pay a dividend on the "A" Ordinary shares of capital stock at the rate of 6% per annum (less income tax) upon the amounts for the time being paid up upon the shares for the period ending the 31st of October, 1920 and £10,000 to establish a reserve fund against investments in Foreign Countries leaving a balance in the sum of £81,487 (subject to income and corporation profits taxes) to be carried forward to the next year. The assets of the bank as of Oct. 31 1920 were £5,222,792. The authorized capital of the bank is £5,000,000 of which £2,000,000 is fully paid up. The report tells us that a freehold site has been acquired in Grace Church Street, London, E. C., and the work of erecting a new building thereon will be commenced in the near future; that during the year a superannuation and provident fund, upon a contributory basis, was established for the staff; that in conjunction with Polish interests the bank has organized and had in operation for nine months the Anglo-Polish Bank, Ltd. of Warsaw and that a close association for reciprocal working in Belgium and Great Britain has been formed with the Banque de Bruxelles, Brussels, and its affiliated banks. The Right Hon Vicount Churchill, G.C.V.O. is Governor of the British Overseas Bank Limited and Angus McPhail and F. H. Hope Simpson, managers.

The annual report of the National Bank of Scotland, Ltd. (head office Edinburgh), for the fiscal year ended Nov. 1 1920 and which was presented to the proprietors of the institution at their annual general meeting on Dec. 23, has just come to hand. Net profits for the twelve months, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, the report shows, amounted to £295,310 and which when added to £67,093, the balance to profit and loss brought forward from the preceding year (after applying £100,000 to credit of the paid-up Capital stock of the bank) made the sum of £362,403 available for distribution. Out of this sum it was resolved, the report says, to appropriate the following amounts: £123,200 to pay a dividend at the rate of 16% per annum (exclusive of income tax £52,800); £10,000 to the heritable property account; \$15,000 to the officers' pension fund and £150,000 to the investment reserve fund, leaving a balance in the sum of £64,203 to be carried forward to next year's profit and loss account. Total resources are shown in the

report as £44,042,667. The subscribed capital of the National Bank of Scotland Limited is £5,000,000 of which £1,100,000 is called up, £900,000 uncalled and £3,000,000 reserve liability. During the year John Stirling Cockburn, the General Manager of the bank and for forty-five years in its service, retired on account of failing health and William Carnegie, the Manager of the Glasgow Branch of the bank, was appointed in his stead, taking up his new duties on March 31. Mr. Cockburn, the report further states, has been nominated to fill a vacancy as an Extraordinary Director caused by the death of the Hon. James W. Moncreiff, W. S.

The comptroller of the Currency in his weekly bulletin of Jan. 8 reports the placing of the Baldwin National Bank of Kahului, Territory of Hawaii, in voluntary liquidation, effective Jan. 3. The bank has a capital of \$50,000. The association, it is stated, proposes reorganizing under the laws of the Territory of Hawaii.

**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. 16 1920:

**GOLD.**

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £125,022,575 an increase of £948,290 as compared with last week.

A fair amount of gold was on offer this week and was all taken for the U. S. A.

**SILVER.**

Prices have been somewhat erratic during the week owing to irregular movements connected with China exchanges. The Continent has sold freely, India considerably whilst China and America have operated both ways on different days. The undertone continues poor.

On Dec. 10 the New York correspondent of Reuter cabled that "many silver mines in Canada, the United States of America, and Mexico, had suspended production owing to the fall in the price of the metal." This message would have been more useful if it had indicated what proportion of the U. S. A. production was derived from "silver" mines. The general impression has always been that in the States silver is usually merely a by-product, and that a falling off in the demand for the base metal has more influence upon the silver output than a fall in the price of the precious metal. In any case, the U. S. A. production would not affect the immediate price of silver so long as the Pittman Act were in full operation. The fact that New York considered falling production worth emphasis when a bad break in the price had taken place, rather suggests some uneasiness existed as to whether the Act in question would remain in force. Indeed, it is rumored from America that its abrogation will be in the program of the new Congress. Great things were expected of the original measure in the United States. Its sponsor—Senator Pittman—has been described in certain quarters as knowing more about the American silver position than any one else. He was reported to have stated in July 1919 that the world's demand for silver was double the production, and expressed the view that for the next 20 years prices would range between \$1 and \$1.29 per fine ounce. The quotation in New York for foreign silver dipped this week below \$0.60.

At the present time the silver market is in a perilous condition—the sport of eddying currents. The reason is that for the moment there is no solid basis for a market. Trade demand the world over is restricted by poor business and by scarcity of money. European coinage is in abeyance, with the sole exception perhaps of the United Kingdom, now engaged in replacing the old coins by others of a lower quality. Silver just now is really nothing more than a counter for Eastern exchange, which both in China and in India, is in the throes of uncertainty, with an inclination downward.

We drew attention in our last week's letter to the possibilities of silver mining in the Yukon. The "Times" correspondent reports from Toronto discoveries of exceptional richness. One sample of the ore ran 14,000 ounces of silver to the ton, while 5,000 ounces of the ton and five foot veins are common. The average of the ore is over 200 ounces to the ton. The vast almost unexplored area of northern Canada holds without doubt many important silver deposits which may even outweigh the remarkable Cobalt minefield, the output of which is now distinctly on the decrease.

This news does not foreshadow much fall in the Canadian output, rather the other way. Whilst Mexican miners can be paid in coin minted from silver, we can hardly look for cost of production to have much effect upon the output of that country.

**INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.**

(In lacs of rupees)—	Nov. 22.	Nov. 30	Dec. 7.
Notes in circulation	15,920	16,021	16,024
Silver coin and bullion in India	5,899	5,993	6,004
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Gold coin and bullion in India	2,379	2,386	2,378
Gold coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Securities (Indian Government)	6807	6,807	6,807
Securities (British Government)	835	835	835

No rupees were coined during the week ending 7th. inst.

The stock in Shanghai on the 11th. inst. consisted of about 35,500,000 ounces in sycee, 26,500,000 dollars, and 1,700 bars of silver, as compared with about 35,750,000 ounces in sycee, 26,500,000 dollars, and 500 bars of silver on the 6th. inst.

The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 4s. 2d. the tael.

Quotations	Bar Silver p. oz. std.		Bar Gold p. oz. fine.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
Dec. 10	38½d.	39d.	118s. 10d
Dec. 11	40½d.	40½d.	—
Dec. 13	40½d.	41d.	118s. 9d.
Dec. 14	40½d.	40¾d.	118s. 7d.
Dec. 15	42½d.	42¾d.	117s. 10d.
Dec. 16	41½d.	41¾d.	117s. 6d.
Average	40.895d.	41d.	118s. 3.6d.

The silver quotations for today for cash and forward delivery are respectively 2½d. and 1¾d. above those fixed a week ago.

**ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.**

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

London, Week ending Jan. 14.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Silver, per oz.	40½	40½	39½	40	39½	40
Gold, per fine ounce	113s. 3d.	112s. 6d.	108s. 10d.	108s. 11d.	110s. 6d.	109s. 8d.
Consols, 2½ per cents	47	47	47	47½	47½	47½
British, 5 per cents	83	83½	83½	83½	83½	83½
British, 4½ per cents	76½	77	77	77	77½	77½
French Renten (in Paris) fr.	58.65	58.10	58	57.90	57.85	57.92
French War Loan (in Paris)	fr. 85.20	85.20	85.20	85.20	85.20	85.20

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

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Domestic	Foreign
Domestic	99½	99½
Foreign	65½	65½

**TREASURY CASH AND CURRENCY LIABILITIES.**

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Dec. 31 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the U. S. Treasury for Dec. 31.

**CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.**

GOLD.		SILVER DOLLARS.	
Assets.	\$	Liabilities.	\$
Gold coin	237,030,306 52	Gold certs. outstanding	533,134,133 00
Gold bullion	1,983,845,975 39	Gold settlement fund, Fed. Reserve Board	1,254,387,063 59
		Gold reserve	152,979,025 63
		Avail. gold in gen'l fund	280,376,059 69
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,220,876,281 91</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,220,876,281 91</b>

Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,605,352 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

**SILVER DOLLARS.**

Assets.	\$	Liabilities.	\$
Silver dollars	171,418,048 00	Silver certs. outstanding	151,983,912 00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out.	1,605,352 00
		Available silver dollars in general fund	17,828,784 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,418,048 00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>171,418,048 00</b>

**GENERAL FUND.**

Assets.	\$	Liabilities.	\$
Avail. gold (see above)	280,376,059 69	Treasurer's checks outstanding	572,333 24
Available silver dollars (see above)	17,828,784 00	Depos. of Govt. officers: Post Office Dept.	12,731,751 95
United States notes	5,359,144 00	Board of trustees, Postal Savings System (5% reserve)	7,525,210 84
Federal Reserve notes	11,722,287 50	Other deposits	892,855 55
Fed. Res'v bank notes	5,566,830 05	Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks	1,361,331 22
National bank notes	15,518,079 80	Postmasters, clerks of courts, &c.	63,940,225 96
Certif'd checks on banks	84,678 88	Deposits for: Redemption of Federal Reserve notes (5% fund gold)	272,601,277 04
Subsidiary silver coin	4,946,046 39	Redemption of Federal Reserve bank notes (5% fund)	11,863,946 55
Minor coin	841,267 98	Redemption of national bank notes (5% fund gold)	17,792,595 45
Silver bullion	37,974,547 18	Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 30 1908	98,810 00
Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)	24,518,602 91	Exchanges of currency, coin, &c.	16,156,743 17
Deposits in Federal Land banks	800,000 00		405,537,080 97
Deposits in Federal Reserve banks	143,148,348 62	<b>Net balance</b>	<b>504,951,394 20</b>
Deposits in special depositaries account of sales of certificates of indebtedness	291,016,000 00		
Deposits in foreign depositaries: To credit Treas., U. S.	4,250,064 02		
To credit of other Govt. officers	39,029,103 21		
Deposits to nat. banks: To credit Treas., U. S.	10,544,898 29		
To credit of other Government officers	14,615,031 23		
Deposits in Philippine Treasury: To credit of Treasurer, U. S., and other Government officers	2,348,651 42		
<b>Total</b>	<b>910,488,475 17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>910,488,475 17</b>

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$978,136,835 48. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$35,736,629 05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890, and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding National bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to day was \$29,487,686 50.

\$2,432,424 in Federal Reserve notes, \$4,535,564 in Federal Reserve bank notes, and \$14,866,363 in National bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

**TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.**—The following compilation made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of October, November, December and January 1920:

Holdings in Sub-Treasuries.	Oct. 1 1920.	Nov. 1 1920.	Dec. 1 1920.	Jan. 1 1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net gold coin and bullion	410,961,469	435,891,220	430,386,732	433,355,085
Net silver coin and bullion	39,163,110	46,219,329	51,541,323	55,803,331
Net United States notes	9,292,769	8,181,712	6,962,414	5,359,144
Net national bank notes	16,042,540	15,323,030	13,130,555	15,518,080
Net Fed. Reserve notes	20,618,823	23,750,109	18,203,857	11,722,288
Net Fed. Res. bank notes	2,384,940	3,680,824	4,094,172	5,566,830
Net subsidiary silver	4,105,920	3,141,698	3,691,931	4,946,046
Minor coin, &c.	14,619,044	10,856,142	14,034,901	25,444,550
<b>Total cash in Sub-Treasuries</b>	<b>517,188,615</b>	<b>547,044,064</b>	<b>542,045,885</b>	<b>*557,715,354</b>
Less gold reserve fund	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026	152,979,026
<b>Cash balance in Sub-Treasuries</b>	<b>364,209,589</b>	<b>394,065,038</b>	<b>389,066,859</b>	<b>404,736,328</b>
Dep. in spec. depositaries: Acct. certs. of indebt.	308,856,000	90,493,000	50,751,000	291,016,000
Dep. in Fed. Land banks	5,950,000	5,950,000	800,000	800,000
Dep. in Fed. Res. banks	82,169,919	58,536,317	60,028,053	143,148,349
Dep. in national banks: To credit Treas. U. S.	12,835,618	14,092,560	11,005,577	10,544,899
To credit disb. officers	13,114,515	12,636,455	12,444,469	14,615,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,950,133</b>	<b>26,729,015</b>	<b>23,450,046</b>	<b>25,159,980</b>
Cash in Philippine Islands	538,569	2,522,449	2,781,239	2,348,651
Deposits in Foreign Depts.	8,066,668	8,423,654	48,788,187	43,279,167
<b>Net cash in banks, Sub-Treasuries</b>	<b>795,740,878</b>	<b>586,719,473</b>	<b>575,665,384</b>	<b>910,488,475</b>
Deduct current liabilities	360,779,828	383,067,446	410,038,287	405,537,081
<b>Available cash balance</b>	<b>434,961,050</b>	<b>203,652,027</b>	<b>165,627,097</b>	<b>504,951,394</b>

\* Includes Jan. 1 \$37,974,547.18 silver bullion and \$25,444,549.77 minor coins &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR NOVEMBER.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued the statement of the country's foreign trade for November and from it and previous statements we have prepared the following:

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(In the following tables three ciphers are in all cases omitted.)

Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for November:

	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
1920	675,000	321,000	354,000	19,870	56,885	37,015	3,143	5,025	1,882
1919	740,014	424,810	315,204	51,858	2,397	49,461	19,052	7,019	12,033
1918	322,237	251,008	271,229	3,048	1,920	1,128	7,150	5,490	1,660
1917	487,328	220,535	266,793	7,223	2,906	4,317	4,789	9,086	4,297
1916	516,167	176,968	339,199	26,335	46,973	20,638	7,816	2,583	5,263
1915	327,670	155,497	172,173	3,661	60,981	57,320	5,971	3,376	2,595

a Excess of Imports.

Totals for eleven months ended Nov. 30:

	Merchandise.			Gold.			Silver.		
	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.	Ex-ports.	Im-ports.	Excess of Exports.
1920	7,507,322	5,013,117	2,494,205	305,133	372,404	67,271	107,535	83,431	24,101
1919	7,390,010	3,523,655	3,715,355	321,928	63,620	258,308	208,426	79,725	128,701
1918	5,583,201	2,820,326	2,762,875	39,490	60,277	20,787	204,540	67,045	137,495
1917	5,633,378	2,724,556	2,908,822	367,346	535,389	168,043	74,005	47,180	26,819
1916	4,959,407	2,186,801	2,772,606	127,819	527,369	399,550	61,587	28,711	32,678
1915	3,195,364	1,606,764	1,588,600	19,537	406,542	387,005	46,768	31,881	14,887

f Excess of Imports.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.

The United States Steel Corp. on Monday Jan. 10 issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of Dec. 31 1920, to the amount of 8,148,122 tons. This compares with 9,021,481 tons on hand Nov. 30 last, a decline of 873,359 tons. Contrasted with orders on hand as of Dec. 31 1919, the current figures show a shrinkage of 117,244 tons. In the following we give comparisons with previous months:

	Tons.		Tons.		Tons.
Dec. 31 1920	8,148,122	June 30 1917	11,383,287	Nov. 30 1913	4,306,347
Nov. 30 1920	9,021,481	May 31 1917	11,886,591	Mar. 31 1917	11,711,644
Oct. 31 1920	9,830,852	April 30 1917	12,183,083	Oct. 31 1913	4,513,767
Sept. 30 1920	10,374,804	Feb. 28 1917	11,576,697	Sept. 30 1913	5,003,785
Aug. 31 1920	10,805,038	Jan. 31 1917	11,474,054	Aug. 31 1913	5,223,468
July 31 1920	11,118,468	Dec. 31 1916	11,547,286	July 31 1913	5,399,356
June 30 1920	10,978,817	Nov. 30 1916	11,058,542	June 30 1913	5,807,317
May 31 1920	10,940,466	Oct. 31 1916	10,015,260	May 31 1913	6,324,322
April 30 1920	10,359,747	Sept. 30 1916	9,522,584	April 30 1913	6,978,762
Mar. 31 1920	9,892,075	Aug. 31 1916	9,660,357	Mar. 31 1913	7,468,956
Feb. 28 1920	9,502,081	July 31 1916	9,593,592	Feb. 28 1913	7,656,714
Jan. 31 1920	9,285,441	June 30 1916	9,640,458	Jan. 31 1913	7,827,368
Dec. 31 1919	8,265,366	May 31 1916	9,937,798	Dec. 31 1912	7,932,164
Nov. 30 1919	7,128,330	April 30 1916	9,829,551	Nov. 30 1912	7,852,883
Oct. 31 1919	6,472,668	Mar. 31 1916	9,331,001	Oct. 31 1912	7,594,381
Sept. 30 1919	6,284,638	Feb. 29 1916	8,568,966	Sept. 30 1912	6,551,507
Aug. 31 1919	6,109,103	Jan. 31 1916	7,922,767	Aug. 31 1912	6,163,375
July 31 1919	5,578,661	Dec. 31 1915	7,806,220	July 31 1912	5,957,073
June 30 1919	4,892,855	Nov. 30 1915	7,189,489	June 30 1912	5,807,349
May 31 1919	4,282,310	Oct. 31 1915	6,165,452	May 31 1912	5,750,986
Apr. 30 1919	4,800,685	Sept. 30 1915	5,317,618	April 30 1912	5,664,885
Mar. 31 1919	5,430,572	Aug. 31 1915	4,908,455	Mar. 31 1912	5,304,841
Feb. 28 1919	6,010,787	July 31 1915	4,928,540	Feb. 29 1912	5,454,201
Jan. 31 1919	6,684,268	June 30 1915	4,678,196	Jan. 31 1912	5,379,721
Dec. 31 1918	7,379,152	May 31 1915	4,264,598	Dec. 31 1911	5,084,765
Nov. 30 1918	8,124,663	April 30 1915	4,162,244	Nov. 30 1911	4,141,958
Oct. 31 1918	8,353,298	Mar. 31 1915	4,255,749	Oct. 31 1911	3,694,327
Sept. 30 1918	8,297,905	Feb. 28 1915	4,345,371	Sept. 30 1911	3,611,315
Aug. 31 1918	8,759,042	Jan. 31 1915	4,248,571	Aug. 31 1911	3,695,985
July 31 1918	8,883,801	Dec. 31 1914	3,336,643	July 31 1911	3,584,088
June 30 1918	8,918,866	Nov. 30 1914	3,324,592	June 30 1911	3,361,087
May 31 1918	8,337,623	Oct. 31 1914	3,461,097	May 31 1911	3,113,154
Apr. 30 1918	8,741,882	Sept. 30 1914	3,787,667	April 30 1911	3,218,700
Mar. 31 1918	9,056,404	Aug. 31 1914	4,213,331	Mar. 31 1911	3,447,301
Feb. 28 1918	9,288,453	July 31 1914	4,158,589	Feb. 28 1911	3,400,543
Jan. 31 1918	9,477,853	June 30 1914	4,032,857	Jan. 31 1911	3,110,919
Dec. 31 1917	9,381,718	May 31 1914	3,998,160	Dec. 31 1910	2,674,750
Nov. 30 1917	8,897,106	April 30 1914	4,277,068	Nov. 30 1910	2,760,413
Oct. 31 1917	9,009,675	Mar. 31 1914	4,653,825	Oct. 31 1910	2,871,949
Sept. 30 1917	9,833,477	Feb. 28 1914	5,026,440	Sept. 30 1910	3,148,106
Aug. 31 1917	10,407,049	Jan. 31 1914	4,613,680	Aug. 31 1910	3,537,128
July 31 1917	10,844,164	Dec. 31 1913	4,282,108	July 31 1910	3,970,931

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 278.—The statements below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago	136,000	172,000	2,061,000	972,000	187,000	124,000
Minneapolis	---	1,357,000	373,000	323,000	116,000	70,000
Duluth	---	469,000	---	60,000	35,000	450,000
Milwaukee	12,000	19,000	736,000	259,000	115,000	10,000
Toledo	---	26,000	94,000	69,000	---	---
Detroit	---	40,000	38,000	73,000	---	---
St. Louis	58,000	855,000	336,000	248,000	21,000	3,000
Peoria	30,000	36,000	294,000	96,000	10,000	6,000
Kansas City	---	1,332,000	208,000	42,000	---	---
Omaha	---	283,000	187,000	126,000	---	---
Indianapolis	---	7,000	350,000	196,000	---	---
Total week '20	236,000	4,646,000	4,677,000	2,464,000	434,000	663,000
Same week '20	489,000	5,102,000	4,262,000	4,290,000	657,000	849,000
Same week '19	237,000	6,226,000	6,003,000	3,916,000	1,083,000	645,000
Since Aug 1						
1921	16,176,000	195,347,000	78,860,000	103,296,000	23,869,000	7,862,000
1919-20	10,981,000	277,267,000	83,217,000	112,619,000	18,075,000	17,725,000
1918-19	8,248,000	328,910,000	105,103,000	171,230,000	38,251,000	22,891,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Jan. 8 1921 follow:

Receipts at	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	122,000	1,343,000	34,000	170,000	10,000	438,000
Portland, Me.	---	187,000	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia	43,000	944,000	19,000	67,000	---	5,000
Baltimore	19,000	893,000	130,000	81,000	41,000	255,000
New Orleans & Galveston	60,000	950,000	210,000	27,000	---	---
Montreal	11,000	1,210,000	---	---	45,000	6,000
Boston	13,000	125,000	1,000	32,000	---	15,000
Total week '21	268,000	5,757,000	394,000	422,000	57,000	713,000
Since Jan 1 '21	517,000	10,621,000	763,000	73,000	73,000	1,151,000
Week 1920	442,000	4,147,000	277,000	880,000	592,000	672,000
Since Jan 1 '20	806,000	5,375,000	670,000	1,553,000	802,000	1,202,000

a Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Jan. 8 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	867,302	29,801	87,759	89,829	415,481	122,685	---
Portland, Me.	709,000	---	31,000	19,000	17,000	208,000	---
Boston	122,000	---	2,000	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia	1,299,000	26,000	2,000	---	---	---	---
Baltimore	491,000	389,000	10,000	50,000	69,000	50,000	---
New Orleans	1,539,000	33,000	31,000	---	---	163,000	---
Galveston	2,065,000	---	---	---	---	---	---
St. John, N. B.	184,000	---	13,000	---	---	50,000	---
Total week	7,279,302	477,801	179,757	158,829	501,484	593,685	---
Week 1920	6,289,480	58,453	542,334	491,651	345,631	696,919	12,211

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1920 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Jan. 8 1921.	Since July 1 1920.	Week Jan. 8 1921.	Since July 1 1920.	Week Jan. 8 1921.	Since July 1 1920.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	87,529	1,994,279	594,000	65,366,417	100,303	2,030,066
Continent	68,469	3,657,591	6,182,302	142,427,377	376,498	3,053,439
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	755,152	---	2,836,701	1,000	54,843
West Indies	8,000	544,318	---	5,000	---	712,256
Brit. No. Am. Cols.	---	2,000	---	---	---	29,769
Other Countries	14,759	986,901	503,000	3,782,355	---	13,509
Total	179,757	7,940,244	7,279,302	214,417,853	477,801	5,893,822
Total 19						

**BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.**—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

1919-20.	Bonds and Legal Tenders on Deposit for—		Circulation Afloat Under—		
	Bonds.	Legal Tenders.	Bonds.	Legal Tenders.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dec. 31 1920	715,325,440	27,376,452	695,900,770	27,376,452	723,277,222
Nov. 30 1920	714,888,640	27,410,317	706,600,480	27,410,317	734,010,797
Oct. 30 1920	712,066,500	27,817,444	704,732,185	27,817,444	732,549,629
Sept. 30 1920	711,839,000	27,015,647	699,461,435	27,015,647	726,477,082
Aug. 31 1920	711,000,900	27,403,924	698,592,128	27,403,924	725,996,052
July 31 1920	709,436,400	28,363,714	698,099,990	28,363,714	726,463,704
June 30 1920	707,963,400	29,710,095	689,327,635	29,710,095	719,037,730
May 31 1920	706,307,750	31,039,887	686,225,000	31,039,887	717,264,887
Apr. 30 1920	704,884,000	31,288,577	692,104,195	31,288,577	723,392,772
Mar. 31 1920	703,000,000	32,439,832	691,498,920	32,439,832	723,938,752
Feb. 28 1920	701,469,450	32,892,677	689,748,578	32,892,677	722,641,255
Jan. 31 1920	699,936,250	33,241,792	699,866,398	33,241,792	733,108,190
Dec. 31 1919	699,357,550	32,649,434	691,689,258	32,649,434	724,338,692

\$242,164,400 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Dec. 31 (\$2,332,000 secured by lawful money and \$239,832,400 by U. S. bonds), against \$269,122,800 in 1919.

The following shows the amount of each class of U. S. bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on Dec. 31:

Bonds on Deposit Dec. 31 1920.	U. S. Bonds Held Dec. 31 to Secure—		
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	Total Held.
28, U. S. Consols of 1930	11,468,400	571,044,200	582,512,600
48, U. S. Loan of 1925	2,593,000	71,148,500	73,741,500
28, U. S. Panama of 1936	383,500	47,845,680	48,229,180
28, U. S. Panama of 1938	285,300	25,287,060	25,572,360
28, U. S. One-Year Certifs. of Indebt.	259,375,000	—	259,375,000
Totals	274,105,200	715,325,440	989,430,640

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 and their increase or decrease during the month of December:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—	
Amount afloat Dec. 1 1920	\$734,010,797
Net amount retired during December	10,733,575
Amount of bank notes afloat Jan. 1 1921	\$723,277,222
Legal-Tender Notes—	
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Dec. 1 1920	\$27,410,317
Net amount of bank notes retired in December	33,865
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Jan. 1 1921	\$27,376,452

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

**CHARTERS ISSUED.**

Conversions of State Banks and Trust Companies:	Capital.
The First National Bank of Woodburn, Ore	\$25,000
Conversion of The Security State Bank of Woodburn, President, Fred Dose; Cashier, F. G. Havemann.	
The City National Bank of Bessemer, Ala	100,000
Conversion of The United States Savings Bank of Bessemer, President, W. W. Hollingsworth; Cashier, G. B. Hollingsworth	
Original Organizations:	
The First National Bank of Saegertown, Pa. (Succeeds Saegertown Bank)	25,000
President, W. O. Hecker; Cashier, O. M. Thompson.	
The Palisades Park National Bank, Palisades Park, N. J.	50,000
President, Geo. P. Pitkin; Cashier, Irwin G. Ross.	
The National Bank of North Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	500,000
President, Charles E. Beury; Cashier, John G. Muir.	
The First National Bank of Farnhamville, Iowa	40,000
President, Chas. Beacham; Cashier, M. B. Flesher.	
The Centralia National Bank, Centralia, Ill.	100,000
President, J. F. Mackey; Cashier, D. W. Whittenberg.	
The First National Bank of Vinton, Va.	50,000
President, Geo. M. Muse; Cashier, F. L. Mitchell.	
The Citizens National Bank of Lancaster, N. Y.	100,000
President, Joseph F. Schaefer; Cashier, Harry J. Woodward.	
The Idabel National Bank, Idabel, Okla.	50,000
President, R. D. Williams; Cashier, Bernie Herstein.	
The First National Bank of North, North, So. Caro.	50,000
President, E. C. Johnson; Cashier, Benj. M. Badger, Jr.	
Total	\$1,090,000

**APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER.**

Conversions of State Banks and Trust Companies:	
The First National Bank of Palco, Kans.	\$75,000
Conversion of The Palco State Bank, Palco, Kans. Correspondent, C. L. Miller, Palco, Kans.	
Original Organizations:	
The First National Bank of Mt. Olivet, Ky.	\$35,000
Correspondent, Geo. C. Bradford, Mt. Olivet, Ky.	
The First National Bank of Roosevelt, N. Y.	25,000
Correspondent, Peter Stephen Beck, 6 Main St., Roosevelt, N. Y.	
The City National Bank of Mexia, Texas.	100,000
Correspondent, W. G. Forrest, Mexia, Texas.	
The La Junta National Bank, La Junta, Colo.	50,000
Correspondent, Guy M. Weybright, La Junta, Colo.	
The Commercial National Bank of Beckley, W. Va.	50,000
Correspondent, R. G. Ross, Beckley, W. Va.	
The First National Bank of Miami, Texas.	25,000
Correspondent, N. S. Loeke, Miami, Texas.	
The Day and Night National Bank of Pikeville, Ky.	250,000
Correspondent, T. J. Williamson, Pikeville, Ky.	
The First National Bank of Palatine, Ill.	25,000
Correspondent, Ralph L. Peck, Palatine, Ill.	
The Eastern National Bank of Boston, Mass.	200,000
Correspondent, Judd Dewey, 110 State St., Boston, Mass.	
The Morris National Bank, Morris, Okla.	25,000
Correspondent, J. E. Mullins, Morris, Okla.	
The Douglas National Bank of Chicago, Ill.	200,000
Correspondent, P. W. Chavers, 534 E. 43rd St., Chicago, Ill.	
Total	\$1,060,000

**CHANGE OF TITLE.**

The State National Bank of Miles City, Mont., to "Commercial National Bank of Miles City."  
 The National Bank of Commerce of Dodge City, Kans., to "First National Bank in Dodge City."  
 The First National Bank of Kulm, No. Dak., to "La Moure County First National Bank of Kulm."  
 The Louisville National Banking Company, Louisville, Ky., to "The Louisville National Bank."  
 The Peoples National Bank of Orangeburg, So. Caro., to "The Orangeburg National Bank."

**VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.**

The Baldwin National Bank of Kahului, Territory of Hawaii --- \$50,000  
 To take effect Jan. 3 1921. Liq. Agt., D. C. Lindsay, Palaui, T. H. This association proposes reorganizing under laws of Territory of Hawaii.  
 The Union Commerce National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, --- \$1,000,000  
 To take effect Dec. 30 1920. Liq. Agt., Walter C. Saunders, Cleveland. Assets taken over by Citizens Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, which changes its title to "The Union Trust Company."  
 The Canal-Commercial National Bank of New Orleans, La. --- 500,000  
 To take effect Dec. 31 1920. Liq. Agt., William Messersmith, New Orleans. Assets transferred to Canal-Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans, which assumes all liabilities of national bank.  
 The National Bank of Commerce of Toledo, Ohio, --- \$1,000,000  
 To take effect Dec 31 1920 Liq. Com., George W. Walbridge, William H. Haskell and E. Claud Edwards Absorbed by The Guardian Trust and Savings Bank of Toledo, Ohio, which changes its name to "The Commerce Guardian Trust and Savings Bank"

**CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED.**

	Am't Increase	Cap when Increased.
The North Ward National Bank of Newark, N. J.	\$200,000	\$400,000
The First National Bank of Cuba, N. Y.	25,000	100,000
The First National Bank of Wapakoneta, Ohio	100,000	200,000
The Farmers National Bank of Ephrata, Pa.	25,000	125,000
The Citizens National Bank of Appleton, Wis.	100,000	250,000
The First National Bank of Petersburg, Ind.	25,000	50,000
The Farmers National Bank of Plain City, Ohio	25,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Osceola, Osceola Mills, Pa.	50,000	100,000
The First National Bank of Jasonville, Ind.	25,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Huntington Beach, Cal.	25,000	75,000
The Collingswood National Bank, Collingswood, N. J.	10,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Newcastle, Texas.	25,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Summit, N. J.	50,000	100,000
The First National Bank of Burlington, Iowa	100,000	400,000
The Alamo National Bank of San Antonio, Texas	500,000	1,000,000
The First National Bank of Pampa, Texas	25,000	50,000
The West Branch National Bank of Williamsport, Pa.	100,000	500,000
The First National Bank of Dover, Del.	150,000	250,000
Commercial National Bank of Miles City, Mont.	150,000	250,000
The National Bank of Commerce of Dodge City, Kans.	50,000	100,000
The Monroe National Bank, Monroe, Ohio	25,000	50,000
The National Bank of Hudson, Ohio	15,000	40,000
The Lawndale National Bank of Chicago, Ill.	200,000	250,000
The First National Bank of Lawler, Iowa	20,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Kulm, No. Dak.	10,000	40,000
The Milford National Bank, Milford, Ohio	40,000	100,000
The First National Bank of Galax, Va.	25,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Dinuba, Calif.	150,000	200,000
The Louisville National Banking Co Company, Louisville, Ky.	250,000	500,000
The Citizens National Bank of Bellevue, Pa.	50,000	100,000
The Liberty National Bank of Tulsa, Okla.	50,000	250,000
The National City Bank of Rome, Ga.	100,000	200,000
The Truman National Bank, Truman, Minn.	25,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Henderson, No. Caro.	100,000	200,000
The Peoples National Bank of Orangeburg, So. Caro.	100,000	200,000
The First National Bank of Fairfield, Calif.	25,000	50,000
The First National Bank of Florence, Kans.	25,000	50,000
Total	\$2,970,000	

**Canadian Bank Clearings.**—The clearings for the week ending Jan. 6 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1920, show a decrease in the aggregate of 13.3%.

Clearings at—	Week ending January 6.				
	1921.	1920.	Inc. or Dec.	1919.	1918.
<b>Canada—</b>	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Montreal	133,097,889	168,240,896	-20.9	115,378,538	81,126,316
Toronto	100,209,008	114,948,191	-12.9	82,392,266	64,395,261
Winnipeg	63,557,417	57,924,387	+9.7	51,094,198	46,670,378
Vancouver	13,998,522	16,632,863	-15.9	11,679,787	9,521,322
Ottawa	11,291,909	13,484,676	-16.3	8,018,954	6,008,899
Quebec	5,686,252	6,735,830	-32.4	5,111,247	4,159,220
Halifax	4,551,178	7,012,988	-35.1	5,545,982	3,918,930
Hamilton	7,254,570	8,032,426	-9.7	6,080,215	5,325,504
St. John	3,478,420	3,996,327	-13.0	2,846,402	2,517,818
Calgary	9,383,343	10,230,689	-8.3	6,228,688	7,981,649
London	5,346,877	4,839,871	+10.5	3,921,117	3,203,418
Victoria	3,119,206	3,199,206	-2.5	2,240,940	1,857,507
Edmonton	5,571,449	8,098,997	-31.2	4,507,182	4,619,571
Regina	5,266,026	6,189,986	-14.9	4,200,458	4,317,261
Brandon	843,153	996,366	-15.4	784,504	600,000
Lethbridge	882,539	1,065,809	-17.2	815,847	812,548
Saskatoon	2,310,631	2,722,941	-15.1	2,181,539	2,018,841
Brantford	1,526,604	1,560,573	-2.2	1,153,212	922,675
Moose Jaw	1,774,326	2,261,300	-21.1	1,870,926	1,456,046
Fort William	1,340,257	1,164,357	+15.1	943,424	789,975
New Westminster	645,219	684,007	-5.7	564,941	390,930
Medicine Hat	541,437	672,348	-19.5	534,460	534,658
Peterborough	961,709	1,318,371	-27.1	837,041	746,586
Sherbrooke	1,167,124	1,560,995	-25.2	1,212,584	722,032
Kitchener	994,845	1,250,000	-20.4	848,994	621,417
Windsor	2,995,812	2,557,712	+17.1	1,444,850	—
Prince Albert	679,929	575,448	+18.1	349,803	—
Moncton	857,596	Not included	In total	—	—
Total Canada	388,475,651	447,957,560	-13.3	322,788,099	255,268,762

**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:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
50	K. C. Mex. & Orient Ry.		25	Guaranty Trust Co.	325
	common, v. t. c.		10	Chase National Bank	335
50	Union Construction, etfs. dep	\$10	20	Terminal Warehouse Co.	100
10	Arlington Theatre, Ltd. (Ca-)	lot	1,342	Globe Rubber Tire Mfg.	2
	nadian)		100	Amer. & British Mfg. Corp.,	
500	Fly-Witch Copper, \$5 each.			common	.70
10	River View Realty			Bonds.	Per cent.
4	First National Bank	.910	\$92,000	Alton-Granite & St. Louis	
4	Garfield National Bank	.224		Trac. 1st cons., 1944. Feb. 1920	
4	Fifth Avenue Bank	.900		coupons on	23
16	National Park Bank	.408	\$1,000	Trenton Lakewood & Sea	
47	Bank of N. Y., N. B. A.	464-465		Coast Ry. 5s, 1940	\$45
1	U. S. Trust Co.	.825		75,000 marks German Govt.	
15	Commercial Trust Co.	.149		5s.	\$12 per 1,000 marks

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.	Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per sh.
1	Merrimac Nat. Bank, Haverhill	160	1	New Boston Music Hall	15
12 1/2	Jamestown Nat. Bank, Cal.	10	10	Bausch Machine Tool	100
3	Pepperell Mfg.	202	115	rights Lowell Elec. Light	54-58
10	Draper Corporation	129 1/2	100	rights Quincy Mkt. C. S. & W.	7 1/2
8	Namkeag Steam Cotton	195	10	rights Farr Alpaca	3 1/2
6	American Glue, common	130			

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

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Bonds. Includes items like 2 First National Bank, 5 National Union Bank, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., and Bonds. Includes items like \$568,000 The Ohio Elec. Ry. 2d & gen. 5s, \$576,000 Collateral note of the Ohio Elec. Ry., etc.

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. First we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Main table of dividends announced this week. Columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, etc.

Table of dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. Columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes items like Miscellaneous (Concluded), Tinklen-Detroit Axle com, etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Table of dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. Columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Trust Companies, Miscellaneous, etc.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Banks Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Banks Closed. Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Continued)</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded)</b>			
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	New York Transit (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Bush Terminal, common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Niagara Falls Power, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (payable in com. stock)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Nipissing Mines (quar.)	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 1 to Dec. 17
Preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Extra	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 1 to Dec. 17
Canada Cement, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Nordo (Chas. F.) Oil & Gas (quar.)	3	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Canadian Explosives, Ltd., com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Normal Oil (quar.)	4 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Northern States Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canadian Fairbanks-Morse, pref.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Nova Scotia Steel & Coal, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Cartier, Incorporated, prof. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 31	Jan. 16 to Jan. 31	Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Central Coal & Coke, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Ohio Brass, common (quar.)	6	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (extra)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Ohio Fuel Supply (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (extra)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Extra (in Victory 4 1/2% bonds)	60c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Central Ill. Public Service, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Oklahoma Natural Gas (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Ontario Steel Products, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 '21
Cities Service—				Common (quar.)	2	May 10	Holders of rec. Apr. 30 '21
Common and preferred (monthly)	1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 31 '21
Common (payable in common stock)	71 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 30 '21
Cities Service, Bankers shs. (mthly.)	34c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 30 '21
Cluett, Peabody & Co., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Oriental Navigation, 1st & 2d pf. (qu.)	2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Columbia Gas & Elec. (extra)	1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Otis Elevator, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Commonwealth Edison (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common (extra)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Commonwealth Gas & El. Cos. pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Congoleum Co., common	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Pacific Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Pacific Telep. & Tele., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15
Consolidated Textile Corp. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Penmans, Ltd., common (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Corn Products Refining, com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Common (extra)	1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a	Philadelphia Insulated Wire (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Cosden & Co., com. (no par stk.) (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Phillips-Jones Corp. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Common (\$5 par value stock) (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Plek (Albert) & Co., common (quar.)	40c	Feb. 1	Jan. 25 to Jan. 31
Cramp (Wm.) & Sons S. & E. Bldg. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 16	Pittsburgh Coal, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Crucible Steel, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Cuba Company, preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Prairie Oil & Gas (quar.)	3	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Cuyp Sugar, common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Extra	3	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred	3 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	3	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Delaware Lack. & Western Coal (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Procter & Gamble, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Detroit Edison (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Producers & Refiners, common (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 7	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Dictograph Products Corp., pref. (qu.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	*17 1/2c	Feb. 7	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Dome Mines Ltd. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Public Serv. Corp. of No. Ill., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Dominion Coal, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17
Dominion Lincens, preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Public Service Corp. of Quebec (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Dominion Power & Transmission, pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 15	Punta Alegre Sugar (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Dominion Steel Corp., Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16 to Feb. 1	Pyrene Manufacturing, common (quar.)	*2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Dominion Textile, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
du Pont de Nem. & Co., deb. stk. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
du Pont (E. I.) de Nem. Powd., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Rand Mines, Ltd.	*85	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Republic Iron & Steel, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Duquesne Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a	Ritz-Carlton Hotel, preferred	3 1/2	Mar. 1	
Eagle Picher Lead, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 6 to Jan. 14	Rockaway Rolling Mills (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Edison Elec. Ill. of Boston (quar.)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Royal Dutch Co. (interim)	*15	Jan. 17	
Electrical Utilities Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8	Russell Motor Car, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Elgin National Watch (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24	Salt Creek Producers' Assoc. (No. 1)	*2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17	Extra	*1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Fajardo Sugar (quar.)	*2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Sapulpa Refining (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 22 to Feb. 1
Famous Players-Lasky Corp., pf. (qu.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Securities Company	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Federal Sugar Ref., common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22a	Shaffer Oil & Ref., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22a	Shaw (W. W.) Corp. (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Firestone Tire & Rubb., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Shell Transport & Trading	72.2c	Jan. 27	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Fisher Body Corp., com. (quar.)	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Smith (Howard) Paper Mills, Ltd.—			
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Common (quar.)	2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Flek Rubber, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
General Electric (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Dec. 9 to Dec. 19	Southern California Edison, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Extra (payable in stock)	62	Jan. 15	Dec. 9 to Dec. 19	Southern Canada Power, Ltd., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
General Motors Corp., common (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Spanish River Pulp & Paper Mills—			
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Common (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Six per cent debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Seven per cent debenture stock (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Standard Motor Construction (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Globe-Wernicke Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Steel Co. of Canada, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., common (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Great State Petroleum of Texas	3	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Steel Products Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15c
Harbison-Walker Refrac., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Stetson (John B.) Co., common	15	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Harris Bros. & Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 12 to Jan. 30	Preferred	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Hillcrest Collieries, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Stutz Motor Car (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Common (bonus)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Sullivan Machinery (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Superior Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Hillman Coal & Coke 5% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Jan. 16 to Jan. 25	First and second pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Jan. 16 to Jan. 25	Swift International	\$1.20	Feb. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Hodgeman Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Symington (T. H.) Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Holly Sugar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Texas Company stock dividend	*10	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Howe Sound Co. (quar.)	5c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Textile Banking, Inc. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Hupp Motor Car Corp., com. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Times Square Auto Supply (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 27	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Illinois Brick (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Transue & Williams Steel Forg. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Imperial Oil Corp., com. (monthly)	*1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Truseon Steel, common (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Tuckett Tobacco, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Independent Warehouses, Inc.	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Indiana & Illinois Coal Corp., pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a	Union Natural Gas (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Indiana Pipe Linc.	\$2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 24	United Alloy Steel (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a
Ingersoll-Rand Co., common (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	United Clear Stores, common	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Internat. Agric. Chem., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	United Drug, 1st pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
International Harvester, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a	Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Common (payable in com. stock)	72	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a	United Fruit (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Internat. Mercantile Marine, pref.	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Extra (payable in stock)	100	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
International Nickel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	United Gas Improvement, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
International Paper, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28a
Kaministiquia Power, Ltd. (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	United Paper Board, preferred	1 1/2	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a
Kansas & Gulf Co. (quar.)	3	Jan. 15	Jan. 1 to Jan. 16	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 12
Kaysar (Julius) & Co.,				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	July 15	Holders of rec. July 12
First and second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a	United Profit Sharing	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Kelly-Springfield Tire, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Extra	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23a
Common (payable in com. stock)	73	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	United Verde Extension Mining (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	U. S. Distributing Corp.	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3a
Kerr Lake Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	U. S. Glass (quar.)	1	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Kress (S. H.) & Co., common (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	U. S. Industrial Alcohol, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Lima Locomotive Works, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15c	U. S. Oil Corporation, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Loew's Incorporated (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	U. S. Rubber, common (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Louisville Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	First preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
MacAndrews & Forbes, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	U. S. Smelt., Ref. & Min., com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a
Manufacturers' Light & Heat (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Vanadium Corp. of Amer. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Maple Leaf Milling, Ltd., com. (quar.)	3	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Ventura Consolidated Oil Fields (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 18	Holders of				

**Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly.—Brought forward from page 239.**

Week ending Jan. 14 1921.	Stocks.		Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Mun & Foreign Bonds.	U. S. Bonds.
	Shares.	Par Value.			
Saturday	492,700	\$39,819,000	\$2,195,000	\$691,000	\$4,267,000
Monday	1,153,900	97,950,000	4,596,000	1,032,000	8,013,000
Tuesday	1,094,800	94,605,000	4,906,000	670,000	7,001,000
Wednesday	826,100	70,865,000	4,846,000	1,026,000	7,471,000
Thursday	832,600	68,821,000	4,717,000	695,000	10,031,000
Friday	533,819	45,384,900	4,366,000	1,065,500	7,339,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,943,919</b>	<b>\$417,444,900</b>	<b>\$25,626,000</b>	<b>\$5,179,500</b>	<b>\$44,152,000</b>

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week ending Jan. 14.		Jan. 1 to Jan. 14	
	1921.	1920.	1921.	1920.
Stocks No. shares	4,943,919	5,791,615	9,245,279	12,736,498
Par value	\$417,444,900	\$505,325,800	\$759,624,650	\$1,139,499,100
Bank shares, par				
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$44,152,000	\$71,110,500	\$97,576,450	\$148,281,000
State, mun., &c., bonds	5,179,500	6,693,500	9,055,500	13,335,000
R.R. and misc. bonds	25,626,000	11,214,500	46,511,000	31,766,500
<b>Total bonds</b>	<b>\$74,957,500</b>	<b>\$89,018,500</b>	<b>\$153,142,950</b>	<b>\$193,382,500</b>

**DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.**

Week ending Jan. 14 1921.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	16,818	\$32,250	2,104	\$111,200	364	\$26,000
Monday	17,632	64,400	4,641	191,600	1,485	30,600
Tuesday	22,162	76,450	6,308	133,200	1,008	41,000
Wednesday	26,727	44,650	4,179	58,600	839	55,000
Thursday	17,552	28,700	6,412	57,830	1,957	43,000
Friday	13,559	32,000	3,408	7,000	4,334	9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,450</b>	<b>\$278,450</b>	<b>27,052</b>	<b>\$559,430</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>\$204,600</b>

**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.)

CLEARING NON-MEMBERS	Net		Loans, Dis- counts, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Deposit- ories.	Net Demand De- posits.	Net Time De- posits.	Nat'l Bank Circu- lation.
	Capital.	Profits.						
Week ending Jan. 8 1921.	Nat. bks. Nov. 15	State bks. Nov. 15	Invest- ments, &c.					
	Tr. cos. Nov. 15	Tr. cos. Nov. 15						
Members of Fed'l Res. Bank	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Battery Park Nat.	1,500	1,700	12,207	245	1,811	10,362	26	195
Mutual Bank	200	738	11,027	383	1,643	11,553	237	-----
W. R. Grace & Co.	500	1,162	4,111	28	476	2,479	458	-----
Yorkville Bank	200	863	14,770	738	1,460	8,219	7,682	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>42,115</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>5,390</b>	<b>32,613</b>	<b>8,403</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>State Banks</b>								
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank								
Bank of Wash Hts	100	450	3,395	546	214	3,481	53	-----
Colonial Bank	600	1,568	15,288	2,261	1,621	16,820	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>18,683</b>	<b>2,807</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>20,301</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>Trust Companies</b>								
Not Members of the Federal Reserve Bank								
Hamilton Tr, Bkln	500	1,012	9,000	694	383	7,660	662	-----
Mechanics Tr, Bay	200	516	8,652	547	381	3,809	5,530	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>17,652</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>11,469</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>Grand aggregate</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>8,012</b>	<b>78,450</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>7,989</b>	<b>64,383</b>	<b>14,648</b>	<b>195</b>
Comparison previous week	-----	-----	16,405	489	1,207	14,183	121	389
Gr'd aggr, Dec. 31	4,800	10,119	94,855	5,931	9,196	678,566	14,769	584
Gr'd aggr, Dec. 24	4,800	10,119	94,576	5,866	9,163	678,615	14,675	589
Gr'd aggr, Dec. 18	4,800	10,119	95,945	5,700	9,163	679,263	14,587	592

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$164,000.  
 Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$1,950,000.  
 Excess reserve, increase \$416,540.

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending Jan. 8 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve system are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve system the reserve required is 15% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Week ending Jan. 8 1920.			Dec. 31 1920.	Dec. 24 1920.
	Members of F.R. System	Trust Companies	Total.		
Capital	\$33,225.0	\$4,500.0	\$37,725.0	\$37,725.0	\$37,725.0
Surplus and profits	90,781.0	12,997.0	103,778.0	103,543.0	103,543.0
Loans, disc'ts & investm'ts	683,112.0	33,841.0	716,953.0	719,702.0	723,341.0
Exchanges for Clear. House	29,694.0	443.0	30,137.0	39,207.0	34,188.0
Due from banks	107,788.0	14.0	107,802.0	111,274.0	103,254.0
Bank deposits	131,161.0	280.0	131,441.0	127,758.0	126,177.0
Individual deposits	505,799.0	19,015.0	524,814.0	527,698.0	519,224.0
Time deposits	8,987.0	310.0	9,297.0	9,231.0	9,266.0
Total deposits	645,947.0	19,605.0	665,552.0	664,687.0	654,667.0
U. S. deposits (not incl.)	-----	-----	8,735.0	13,518.0	18,014.0
Res'v with legal deposit'rs	-----	3,051.0	3,051.0	2,622.0	2,153.0
Reserve with F. R. Bank	53,007.0	-----	53,007.0	51,346.0	51,953.0
Cash in vault*	14,068.0	908.0	14,976.0	15,823.0	16,236.0
Total reserve and cash held	67,075.0	3,959.0	71,034.0	69,791.0	70,342.0
Reserve required	50,216.0	2,840.0	53,056.0	51,694.0	51,988.0
Excess rec. & cash in vault	16,859.0	1,119.0	17,978.0	18,097.0	18,354.0

\* Cash in vaults not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve 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.**

	Jan 8 1921.	Changes from previous week.	Dec. 31 1920.	Dec. 24 1920.
Circulation	\$ 2,451,000	Inc. 7,000	\$ 2,444,000	\$ 2,452,000
Loans, disc'ts & investments	592,060,000	Dec. 1,893,000	593,953,000	594,041,000
Individual deposits, incl. U. S.	415,316,000	Dec. 9,213,000	424,559,000	415,069,000
Due to banks	114,920,000	Inc. 16,313,000	98,577,000	93,816,000
Time deposits	24,077,000	Inc. 1,667,000	22,410,000	21,132,000
United States deposits	7,452,000	Dec. 7,005,000	14,457,000	19,259,000
Exchanges for Clearing House	19,649,000	Dec. 7,111,000	26,760,000	20,395,000
Due from other banks	64,145,000	Inc. 2,745,000	61,400,000	59,897,000
Cash in bank & in F. R. Bank	51,931,000	Inc. 822,000	51,109,000	50,295,000
Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank	6,561,000	Dec. 378,000	6,939,000	6,742,000

**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 Jan. 8. 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.)

CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS. (,000 omitted.)	Capital.	Net Profits.	Loans, Discount, Invest- ments, &c.	Cash in Vault.	Reserve with Legal Deposit- ories.	Net Demand Deposits.	Time De- posits.	Nat'l Bank Circu- lation.
Members of Fed. Res. Bank	\$	\$	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Bk of N Y, NBA	2,000	7,211	45,884	838	4,591	22,219	2,677	777
Manhattan Co.	5,000	16,672	129,712	3,517	18,769	110,798	12,066	-----
Mech & Metals.	10,000	16,887	210,237	9,268	19,792	152,889	2,910	1,000
Bank of America	5,500	6,118	59,522	2,218	7,443	65,016	1,187	-----
National City	40,000	66,103	576,755	8,940	58,393	556,809	50,580	1,420
Chemical Nat'l.	4,500	14,940	130,994	1,861	14,276	107,807	1,824	350
Atlantic Nat'l.	1,000	1,129	18,724	493	2,064	15,322	538	242
Nat Butch & Dr	300	161	4,534	137	708	4,571	72	290
Amer Exch Nat	5,000	7,148	125,918	1,851	12,335	93,774	4,119	4,857
Nat Bk of Comm	25,000	33,182	380,308	3,255	36,182	270,212	2,467	-----
Pacific Bank	1,000	1,710	21,123	1,877	3,340	23,593	228	-----
Chath & Phenl.	7,000	8,039	120,839	5,289	14,504	105,632	14,149	4,476
Hanover Nat'l.	3,000	20,410	122,627	4,228	16,120	116,582	-----	100
Metropolitan	2,000	3,379	37,121	2,299	6,946	42,447	4	-----
Corn Exchange	6,000	9,471	154,085	7,664	23,447	153,945	12,871	-----
Imp & Trad Nat	1,500	8,835	42,295	833	3,827	28,963	27	51
National Park	7,500	23,176	198,193	1,527	19,492	149,404	1,889	5,367
East River Nat.	1,000	846	11,622	433	1,744	11,877	958	50
Second Nat'l	1,000	4,597	22,790	938	2,728	18,981	90	626
First National	10,000	37,742	330,728	1,205	24,912	190,697	4,437	7,285
Irving National.	12,500	10,744	193,051	7,877	24,912	189,197	1,718	2,453
N Y County Nat	1,000	470	13,669	1,155	1,818	13,762	880	196
Continental Bk.	1,000	798	7,215	136	947	6,025	100	-----
Chase National.	15,000	24,731	371,782	7,005	38,245	287,073	9,641	1,082
Fifth Avenue	500	2,319	20,092	1,100	3,097	20,648	-----	-----
Commere'l Exch	200	1,054	8,411	539	1,418	8,593	-----	-----
Commonwealth.	400	804	8,755	573	1,383	9,521	-----	-----
Garfield Nat'l.	1,000	1,647	15,940	688	2,551	16,071	31	390
Fifth National.	1,000	782	12,085	343	1,767	13,176	538	245
Seaboard Nat'l.	1,000	4,688	48,763	1,282	7,679	48,711	883	68
Liberty Nat'l.	5,000	7,656	96,422	690	9,118	68,899	2,215	2,600
Coal & Iron Nat	1,500	1,600	18,042	782	1,937	13,164	284	406
Union Exch Nat	1,000	1,583	19,304	439	2,810	20,477	323	391
Brooklyn Tr Co	1,500	2,741	37,502	824	3,955	28,539	5,089	-----
Bankers Tr Co	20,000	19,612	285,545	1,137	29,563			

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

	Averages.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	7,153,000	4,385,000	11,638,000	10,292,940	1,345,060
Trust companies	2,100,000	1,551,000	6,651,000	6,683,100	32,100
Total Jan. 8	9,253,000	538,181,000	547,434,000	544,431,690	22,999,310
Total Dec. 31	9,388,000	536,497,000	545,885,000	526,798,570	19,086,430
Total Dec. 24	9,493,000	534,916,000	544,409,000	527,681,580	16,727,420
Total Dec. 18	9,411,000	536,083,000	545,497,000	538,102,230	27,394,770

	Actual Figures.				
	Cash Reserve in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories	Total Reserve.	Reserve Required.	Surplus Reserve.
Members Federal Reserve banks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State banks*	7,157,000	4,760,000	11,917,000	10,328,760	1,588,240
Trust companies	2,230,000	1,782,000	7,012,000	6,776,400	235,600
Total Jan. 8	9,387,000	538,640,000	548,027,000	538,895,470	9,131,530
Total Dec. 31	9,225,000	534,116,000	543,341,000	532,297,120	11,043,880
Total Dec. 24	9,545,000	531,270,000	540,815,000	530,255,470	30,559,530
Total Dec. 18	9,641,000	531,550,000	541,191,000	532,968,800	8,221,200

\* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.  
 a This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve banks includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 8, \$6,601,170; Dec. 31, \$6,375,390; Dec. 24, \$5,950,860; Dec. 18, \$6,070,380.  
 b This is the reserve required on net demand deposits in the case of State banks and trust companies, but in the case of members of the Federal Reserve Bank includes also amount of reserve required on net time deposits, which was as follows: Jan. 8, \$6,705,480; Dec. 31, \$6,494,400; Dec. 24, \$5,992,950; Dec. 18, \$5,975,940.

**State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.**—The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House, as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(Figures Furnished by State Banking Department.)

	Jan. 8.	Differences from previous week.
Loans and Investments	\$597,883,800	Dec. \$819,200
Gold	7,599,300	Dec. 404,400
Currency and bank notes	19,990,200	Inc. 972,600
Deposits with Federal Reserve Bank of New York	53,469,500	Inc. 866,500
Total deposits	648,302,800	Inc. 8,213,300
Deposits, eliminating amounts due from reserve depositories, and from other banks and trust companies in N. Y. City, exchanges and U. S. deposits	594,778,800	Inc. 3,516,900
Reserve on deposits	122,754,400	Inc. 8,034,900
Percentage of reserve, 22.7%.		

  

RESERVE.		Trust Companies		
State Banks	Trust Companies	State Banks	Trust Companies	
Cash in vaults	\$28,085,200	18.30%	\$52,973,800	13.71%
Deposits in banks & trust companies	10,984,200	7.15%	30,711,200	7.96%
Total	\$39,069,400	25.45%	\$83,685,000	21.67%

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on Jan. 8 were \$53,469,500.  
 k The Equitable Trust Co. is no longer included in these totals, it having become a member of the Clearing House and being now included in the statement of the Clearing House member banks. The change began with the return for Sept. 25.

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

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

Week ended—	Loans and Investments.	Demand Deposits.	*Total Cash in Vault.	Reserve in Depositories.
Nov. 6	\$ 5,938,526,500	\$ 4,681,334,600	\$ 127,970,600	\$ 637,344,000
Nov. 13	5,882,990,000	4,631,533,300	124,345,700	625,891,600
Nov. 20	5,871,526,800	4,622,925,700	132,040,300	630,320,000
Nov. 27	5,828,684,300	4,612,716,600	134,093,100	623,231,100
Dec. 4	5,813,900,300	4,601,927,100	134,874,400	621,490,100
Dec. 11	5,787,304,000	4,566,593,800	134,495,100	619,346,200
Dec. 18	5,837,829,100	4,649,862,500	132,930,800	644,313,600
Dec. 24	5,883,633,800	4,574,903,600	133,469,900	620,146,400
Dec. 31	5,860,670,000	4,565,652,900	135,620,300	624,195,200
Jan. 8	5,860,012,800	4,703,111,800	133,045,500	653,345,900

\* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes.

**Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.**—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Jan. 7 1921, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 7 1921	Dec. 30 1920	Jan. 9 1920
<b>Resources—</b>	\$	\$	\$
Gold and gold certificates	133,703,720	135,046,586	140,823,000
Gold settlement fund—F. R. Board	27,622,719	30,435,474	11,154,000
Gold with foreign agencies	1,211,100	1,211,100	45,260,000
Total gold held by bank	162,627,539	172,692,460	197,237,000
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	238,868,031	254,575,331	300,520,000
Gold redemption fund	39,000,000	39,000,000	25,000,000
Total gold reserves	440,495,570	466,267,791	522,757,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	147,164,135	143,975,293	46,260,000
Total reserves	587,659,705	610,243,084	569,017,000
<b>Bills discounted:</b>			
Secured by Government war oblig'ns:			
For members	433,962,135	445,926,080	494,173,000
All Other:			
For members	433,962,135	445,926,080	494,173,000
For members	439,305,202	458,312,775	267,130,000
Bills bought in open market	102,903,290	109,902,271	194,796,000
Total bills on hand	976,170,628	1,014,141,128	956,099,000
U. S. Government bonds	1,256,800	1,468,305	1,457,000
U. S. Victory notes	50,000	50,000	50,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	59,671,000	59,692,000	67,489,000
Total earning assets	1,037,098,428	1,075,351,433	1,025,095,000
Bank premises	4,092,497	4,377,413	3,094,000
5% redemption fund against F. R. Bank notes	2,774,010	2,766,360	2,885,000
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits	141,187,560	139,020,452	222,803,000
All other resources	1,722,919	1,581,584	1,175,000
Total resources	1,774,535,121	1,833,340,308	1,824,069,000
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Capital paid in	26,375,800	26,375,650	22,393,000
Surplus	56,414,456	51,307,534	45,082,000
Government deposits	10,217,332	2,259,870	6,282,000
Due to members—reserve account	695,942,402	693,473,591	702,354,000
Deferred availability items	90,857,378	94,273,059	167,247,000
Other deposits, incl. foreign govt. credits	11,763,357	11,283,322	43,336,000
Total gross deposits	808,780,470	801,289,844	919,219,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	839,625,435	864,516,230	776,592,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation—net liability	36,831,200	38,741,200	52,353,000
All other liabilities	6,507,759	51,109,849	8,430,000
Total liabilities	1,774,535,121	1,833,340,308	1,824,069,000
Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	39.0%	40.0%	38.6%
Ratio of gold reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after deducting 35% against deposit liabilities			41.9%
Ratio of reserves to net deposits after deducting 40% gold reserves against F. R. notes in circulation	37.7%	39.9%	
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	6,081,662	6,076,326	

**The Federal Reserve Banks.**—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Jan. 8. The figures for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for seven preceding weeks, together with those of corresponding weeks of last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The comment of the Federal Reserve Board this time consists entirely of a review of the operations of the Reserve banks. In commenting upon the return for the latest week the Federal Reserve Board says:

Continued liquidation of discounted and purchased paper, accompanied by a substantial return movement of Federal Reserve currency and a further gain of gold and other reserve cash, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on Jan. 7 1921. The banks' reserve ratio shows a rise for the week from 45.4 to 46.4%.

Reserve bank holdings of paper secured by Government obligations show a reduction for the week of 36.5 millions, other discounted bills on hand declined by 75.3 millions, while holdings of bills purchased in open market fell off 20.9 millions, and those of Treasury certificates show a nominal increase. Total earnings assets, in consequence, show a decrease for the week of about 133 millions and stand at 3,130 millions.

Of the total holdings of 1,104.5 millions of paper secured by United States Government obligations, 647.8 millions, or 58.7%, were secured by Liberty and other United States bonds; 311.2 millions, or 28.2% by Victory notes, and 145.5 millions, or 13.1% by Treasury certificates, compared with 56.8, 26.7 and 16.5% of a corresponding total of about 1,141 millions shown the week before. Discounted bills held by the Boston, Philadelphia and Cleveland banks are shown inclusive of 96.5 millions of bills discounted for five Reserve banks in the South and Middle West, compared with 115.3 millions reported on the previous Friday, while the total of purchased bills held by the San Francisco Bank includes 4.3 millions of bank acceptances

acquired from the New York Reserve Bank, compared with 6.9 millions the week before.

As against a decrease of 2.1 millions in Government deposits there are shown increases of 46.4 millions in Reserve deposits and of about 3 millions in other deposits (composed largely of cashiers' checks and non-members' clearing accounts). On the other hand the "float" carried by the Reserve banks and treated as a deduction from immediately available deposits shows an increase of about 17 millions. As a consequence, calculated net deposits show an increase of 30.3 millions.

Federal Reserve note circulation shows a reduction of 74.7 millions, all the Reserve banks, except San Francisco, reporting smaller circulation figures than the week before. There is also shown a decline of 3.4 millions in the circulation of Federal Reserve Bank notes. Since Dec. 23 of the past year a reduction in the circulation of Federal Reserve notes and bank notes of over 140 millions took place, compared with a reduction of over 145 millions during the corresponding period a year ago. As against the large decrease in circulation, gains of 20.9 millions in gold and of 6.8 millions in other reserve cash, mainly silver, are noted.

After closing their books on Dec. 31 and paying the accrued 6% dividend, the banks paid to the Government a total of \$60,725,000 of franchise taxes, and increased their surplus accounts by \$37,291,000, the present surplus, \$202,036,000, constituting 101.2% of the banks' total subscribed capital.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 8 1921.

	Jan. 8 1921.	Dec. 30 1920.	Dec. 23 1920.	Dec. 17 1920.	Dec. 10 1920.	Dec. 3 1920.	Nov. 26 1920.	Nov. 19 1920.	Jan. 9 1920.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gold and gold certificates	250,135,000	263,952,000	273,749,000	*200,494,000	194,969,000	201,131,000	182,647,000	170,266,000	220,301,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board	405,644,000	356,244,000	363,723,000	353,866,000	410,917,000	388,743,000	411,197,000	400,678,000	380,263,000
Gold with foreign agencies	3,300,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	67,745,000	67,745,000	67,864,000	70,210,000	74,303,000	123,322,000
Total gold held by banks	659,079,000	623,496,000	640,772,000	*622,105,000	673,531,000	657,738,000	664,054,000	645,247,000	723,886,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,264,762,000	1,276,214,000	1,253,492,000	1,269,725,000	1,210,563,000	1,194,204,000	1,197,681,000	1,205,746,000	1,209,508,000
Gold redemption fund	156,441,000	159,623,000	161,538,000	151,535,000	151,177,000	170,733,000	162,181,000	157,117,000	107,977,000
Total gold reserve	2,080,282,000	2,059,333,000	2,055,802,000	*2,042,368,000	2,035,271,000	2,022,675,000	2,023,916,000	2,008,110,000	2,041,371,000

	Jan. 8 1921.	Dec. 30 1920.	Dec. 23 1920.	Dec. 17 1920.	Dec. 10 1920.	Dec. 3 1920.	Nov. 26 1920.	Nov. 19 1920.	Jan. 9 1920.
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	\$ 196,566,000	\$ 189,830,000	\$ 180,952,000	\$ 180,100,000	\$ 177,136,000	\$ 175,520,000	\$ 171,304,000	\$ 172,118,000	\$ 60,728,000
Total reserves	2,276,848,000	2,249,163,000	2,236,754,000	2,222,468,000	2,212,407,000	2,198,195,000	2,195,280,000	2,180,221,000	2,102,099,000
Bills discounted.									
Secured by Govt. war obligations	1,101,536,000	1,141,036,000	1,177,263,000	1,158,974,000	1,169,244,000	1,160,655,000	1,192,200,000	1,158,907,000	1,352,085,000
All other	1,502,813,000	1,578,098,000	1,554,428,000	1,477,775,000	1,547,595,000	1,616,116,000	1,543,230,000	1,514,467,000	727,670,000
Bills bought in open market	234,759,000	255,702,000	241,167,000	231,609,000	244,690,000	243,055,000	247,703,000	275,227,000	574,722,000
Total bills on hand	2,842,108,000	2,974,836,000	2,972,858,000	2,831,258,000	2,961,529,000	3,019,856,000	2,983,133,000	2,948,001,000	2,654,477,000
U. S. Government bonds	26,102,000	26,859,000	26,859,000	26,859,000	26,857,000	26,857,000	26,859,000	26,871,000	26,836,000
U. S. Victory notes	18,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	264,000
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	261,785,000	261,263,000	281,253,000	365,555,000	328,294,000	287,010,000	293,676,000	331,154,000	302,400,000
Total earning assets	3,130,014,000	3,263,027,000	3,281,039,000	3,223,841,000	3,316,749,000	3,334,722,000	3,303,747,000	3,306,695,000	2,983,983,000
Bank premises	17,359,000	18,450,000	18,168,000	17,952,000	17,658,000	17,456,000	17,343,000	17,047,000	10,410,000
Uncollected items and other deductions from gross deposits	741,111,000	717,227,000	761,005,000	*902,042,000	666,505,000	734,523,000	709,401,000	804,424,000	1,019,140,000
5% redemp. fund agst. F. R. bank notes	12,389,000	12,752,000	12,652,000	12,530,000	11,387,000	12,197,000	11,541,000	12,376,000	13,254,000
All other resources	4,998,000	8,898,000	8,417,000	8,430,000	8,332,000	7,716,000	7,278,000	6,020,000	5,241,000
Total resources	6,185,719,000	6,269,517,000	6,318,035,000	6,387,263,000	6,233,038,000	6,303,879,000	6,244,580,000	6,326,800,000	6,134,127,000
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>									
Capital paid in	99,808,000	99,770,000	99,458,000	99,275,000	99,174,000	99,140,000	99,020,000	98,929,000	87,451,000
Surplus	202,056,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	164,745,000	120,120,000
Government deposits	25,592,000	27,639,000	26,049,000	53,173,000	28,394,000	60,688,000	15,909,000	12,259,000	27,798,000
Due to members, reserve account	1,795,343,000	1,748,979,000	1,721,391,000	1,738,826,000	1,758,967,000	1,763,822,000	1,711,764,000	1,781,806,000	1,850,219,000
Deferred availability items	532,556,000	522,638,000	539,261,000	614,166,000	516,934,000	551,529,000	582,442,000	616,871,000	760,590,000
Other deposits, incl. for'n gov't credits	25,158,000	22,161,000	23,652,000	38,471,000	24,511,000	25,742,000	22,927,000	26,228,000	96,425,000
Total gross deposits	2,378,649,000	2,321,417,000	2,310,353,000	2,444,636,000	2,328,806,000	2,401,781,000	2,333,042,000	2,437,164,000	2,735,032,000
F. R. notes in actual circulation	3,270,023,000	3,344,686,000	3,404,931,000	3,344,332,000	3,311,842,000	3,312,039,000	3,325,629,000	3,307,435,000	2,914,368,000
F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab.	213,552,000	216,960,000	218,832,000	217,434,000	214,523,000	214,930,000	214,610,000	213,881,000	259,099,000
All other liabilities	21,651,000	121,939,000	119,716,000	116,841,000	113,938,000	111,235,000	107,534,000	104,046,000	18,057,000
Total liabilities	6,185,719,000	6,269,517,000	6,318,035,000	6,387,263,000	6,233,038,000	6,303,879,000	6,244,580,000	6,326,800,000	6,134,127,000
Ratio of gold reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	42.4%	44.9%	45.4%	46.1%	44.1%	43.1%	43.9%	43.8%	-----
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	46.4%	45.4%	45.1%	*45.5%	44.5%	44.1%	44.4%	44.1%	45.4%
Ratio of gold reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35% against net deposit liabilities	52.1%	50.5%	49.8%	50.5%	49.2%	48.8%	48.9%	48.6%	51.5%
<b>Distribution by Maturities—</b>									
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1-15 days bills bought in open market	79,109,000	87,030,000	80,304,000	70,370,000	82,072,000	78,942,000	78,663,000	97,488,000	103,555,000
1-15 days bills discounted	1,532,488,000	1,632,885,000	1,608,042,000	1,540,172,000	1,644,746,000	1,694,523,000	1,650,831,000	1,567,959,000	1,433,979,000
1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	6,219,000	10,924,000	30,910,000	117,908,000	60,382,000	41,417,000	35,027,000	80,061,000	39,889,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	54,075,000	64,745,000	63,995,000	61,770,000	60,706,000	57,390,000	62,111,000	62,281,000	103,643,000
16-30 days bills discounted	238,822,000	250,406,000	320,421,000	291,146,000	264,308,000	262,847,000	296,096,000	306,981,000	150,000,000
16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	4,000,000	3,446,000	3,120,000	3,133,000	10,216,000	8,859,000	22,045,000	12,922,000	3,151,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	76,509,000	76,805,000	75,119,000	85,226,000	86,765,000	89,841,000	90,601,000	96,948,000	237,367,000
31-60 days bills discounted	449,929,000	430,676,000	405,606,000	461,966,000	483,727,000	498,665,000	501,627,000	515,532,000	312,265,000
31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	7,013,000	4,499,000	41,950,000	4,500,000	14,398,000	7,166,000	12,385,000	12,411,000	7,797,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	25,066,000	27,122,000	21,749,000	17,243,000	15,147,000	16,882,000	16,328,000	18,510,000	130,157,000
61-90 days bills discounted	320,198,000	311,619,000	328,397,000	278,583,000	268,111,000	269,328,000	235,181,000	234,289,000	160,942,000
61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness	30,177,000	9,492,000	8,953,000	8,886,000	11,499,000	4,999,000	3,920,000	4,921,000	8,326,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	65,912,000	63,548,000	69,225,000	60,882,000	55,947,000	51,438,000	51,695,000	48,613,000	22,554,000
Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness	214,376,000	232,902,000	196,320,000	231,128,000	231,799,000	224,569,000	220,299,000	220,849,000	243,243,000
<b>Federal Reserve Notes—</b>									
Outstanding	3,678,024,000	3,738,880,000	3,755,246,000	3,682,755,000	3,677,562,000	3,664,949,000	3,653,281,000	3,657,488,000	3,244,314,000
Held by banks	408,001,000	394,194,000	350,315,000	338,423,000	365,720,000	352,910,000	327,652,000	350,053,000	329,946,000
In actual circulation	3,270,023,000	3,344,686,000	3,404,931,000	3,344,332,000	3,311,842,000	3,312,039,000	3,325,629,000	3,307,435,000	2,914,368,000
<b>Fed. Res. Notes (Agents Accounts)—</b>									
Received from the Comptroller	-----	8,360,200,000	8,295,941,000	8,220,880,000	8,160,540,000	8,107,880,000	8,086,100,000	8,033,180,000	6,152,366,000
Returned to the Comptroller	-----	3,952,941,000	3,950,790,000	3,927,571,000	3,876,734,000	3,845,942,000	3,814,190,000	3,782,363,000	2,549,149,000
Amount chargeable to Fed. Res. agent in hands of Federal Reserve Agent	4,364,698,000	4,377,250,000	4,345,151,000	4,293,309,000	4,283,806,000	4,261,938,000	4,271,910,000	4,250,817,000	3,603,151,000
Issued to Federal Reserve banks	686,674,060	638,379,000	589,905,000	610,554,000	606,244,000	596,989,000	618,629,000	593,329,000	358,837,000
Total	3,678,024,000	3,738,880,000	3,755,246,000	3,682,755,000	3,677,562,000	3,664,949,000	3,653,281,000	3,657,488,000	3,244,314,000
<b>How Secured—</b>									
By gold and gold certificates	266,926,000	264,926,000	266,426,000	266,426,000	267,426,000	267,726,000	276,256,000	276,756,000	248,148,000
By eligible paper	2,413,262,000	2,462,666,000	2,501,754,000	2,413,030,000	2,466,999,000	2,470,745,000	2,455,600,000	2,451,742,000	2,034,806,000
Gold redemption fund	106,477,000	118,596,000	109,356,000	118,075,000	116,821,000	123,884,000	109,357,000	119,024,000	165,786,000
With Federal Reserve Board	891,359,000	892,692,000	877,710,000	885,224,000	826,316,000	802,594,000	812,068,000	809,366,000	855,574,000
Total	3,678,024,000	3,738,880,000	3,755,246,000	3,682,755,000	3,677,562,000	3,664,949,000	3,653,281,000	3,657,488,000	3,244,314,000
Eligible paper delivered to F. R. Agent	2,773,450,000	2,893,005,000	2,892,008,000	2,746,666,000	2,898,604,000	2,929,842,000	2,889,663,000	2,859,901,000	2,590,549,000

\* Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 8 1921

Two cities (00) omitted. Federal Reserve Bank of—	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<b>RESOURCES.</b>													
Gold and gold certificates	\$ 11,992.0	\$ 133,794.0	\$ 6,063.0	\$ 10,918.0	\$ 5,789.0	\$ 8,823.0	\$ 28,780.0	\$ 5,179.0	\$ 9,152.0	\$ 4,045.0	\$ 7,526.0	\$ 18,074.0	\$ 250,135.0
Gold Settlement Fund, F. R. B'd	50,519.0	27,622.0	58,450.0	78,390.0	24,270.0	5,441.0	53,928.0	24,512.0	9,321.0	25,911.0	2,710.0	44,570.0	405,644.0
Gold with foreign agencies	241.0	1,211.0	264.0	270.0	162.0	119.0	393.0	155.0	89.0	158.0	86.0	152.0	3,300.0
Total gold held by banks	62,752.0	162,627.0	64,777.0	89,578.0	30,221.0	14,383.0	83,101.0	29,846.0	18,562.0	30,114.0	10,322.0	62,796.0	659,079.0
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	131,531.0	238,868.0	136,214.0	177,348.0	51,600.0	62,132.0	205,864.0	53,841.0	25,115.0	40,189.0	25,714.0	116,346.0	1,264,762.0
Gold redemption fund	21,635.0	39,000.0	10,128.0	14,972.0	8,222.0	8,211.0	24,689.0	5,629.0	3,865.0	5,438.0	4,954.0	9,698.0	156,441.0
Total gold reserves	215,918.0	440,495.0	211,119.0	281,898.0	90,043.0	84,726.0	313,654.0	89,316.0	47,542.0	75,741.0	40,990.0	188,840.0	2,080,282.0
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.	13,129.0	147,164.0	1,089.0	2,552.0	271.0	2,974.0	14,856.0	5,971.0	282.0	2,352.0	4,679.0	1,247.0	196,566.0
Total reserves	229,047.0	587,659.0	212,208.0	284,450.0	90								

Two ciphers (00) omitted.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
<b>LIABILITIES (Concluded)—</b>													
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, per cent.....	59.6	39.0	58.2	59.4	46.2	41.4	43.6	48.2	39.2	41.6	40.2	49.1	46.4
<b>Memoranda—</b> Contingent liability Discounted paper rediscounted with other F. R. banks.....					5,000.0	29,083.0			12,251.0	22,982.0	27,189.0		96,508.0
Bankers' acceptances sold to other F. R. banks without endors' or Contingent liab. on bills purch. for foreign correspondents.....		4,273.0											4,273.0
(*) Includes bills discounted for other F. R. banks, viz.....	1,168.0	6,082.0	1,280.0	1,312.0	784.0	576.0	1,904.0	752.0	432.0	765.0	416.0	736.0	16,210.0
(†) Includes bankers' acceptances without their endorsement.....	11,873.0		12,100.0	72,535.0									96,508.0
												4,273.0	4,273.0

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 8 1920.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Boston.	New York	Phila.	Clecc.	Richm'd	Atlanta	Chicago.	St. L.	Mtneap.	K. City.	Dallas.	San Fr.	Total.
<b>Resources—</b> (In Thousands of Dollars).													
Federal Reserve notes on hand.....	125,680	162,000	33,030	44,580	26,529	77,110	123,120	24,780	10,165	4,420	13,640	31,320	686,674
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	294,838	1,028,819	281,271	362,605	162,625	180,101	616,980	153,395	80,321	116,946	84,473	315,650	3,678,024
Collateral security for Federal Reserve notes outstanding:													
Gold and gold certificates.....	5,600	209,608		22,775		3,500		6,060	13,052		6,331		266,926
Gold redemption fund.....	15,931	9,260	14,825	19,573	3,600	3,632	10,720	2,829	863	2,829	5,148	17,346	106,477
Gold settlement fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	110,000	20,000	121,389	135,000	48,000	55,000	195,144	45,031	11,200	37,360	14,225	99,000	891,359
Eligible paper: (Amount required.....)	163,307	789,951	145,057	185,257	111,025	117,969	411,116	99,554	55,206	76,757	58,759	199,304	2,413,262
(Excess amount held.....)	10,573	159,749	4,727	36,071	4,641	14,053	50,586	6,790	21,084	38,352	12,093	1,469	360,188
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>725,929</b>	<b>2,379,387</b>	<b>600,299</b>	<b>806,161</b>	<b>356,420</b>	<b>451,365</b>	<b>1,417,666</b>	<b>338,360</b>	<b>191,891</b>	<b>276,664</b>	<b>194,679</b>	<b>664,089</b>	<b>8,402,910</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>													
Net amount of Federal Reserve notes received from Comptroller of the Currency.....	420,518	1,190,819	314,301	467,485	189,154	257,211	750,100	178,175	90,486	121,366	98,112	346,970	4,364,698
Collateral received from (Gold.....)	131,531	238,868	130,214	177,348	51,600	62,132	205,864	53,841	25,115	40,186	25,714	116,246	1,264,762
Federal Reserve bank: (Eligible paper.....)	173,880	949,700	149,784	221,328	115,666	132,022	461,702	106,344	76,290	115,109	70,852	290,773	2,773,450
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>725,929</b>	<b>2,379,387</b>	<b>600,299</b>	<b>806,161</b>	<b>356,420</b>	<b>451,365</b>	<b>1,417,666</b>	<b>338,360</b>	<b>191,891</b>	<b>276,664</b>	<b>194,679</b>	<b>664,089</b>	<b>8,402,910</b>
Federal Reserve notes outstanding.....	294,838	1,028,819	281,271	362,605	162,625	180,101	616,980	153,395	80,321	116,946	84,473	315,650	3,678,024
Federal Reserve notes held by banks.....	13,466	189,194	8,266	21,939	8,467	7,083	81,905	21,698	2,037	7,226	6,193	40,527	408,001
<b>Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.....</b>	<b>281,372</b>	<b>839,625</b>	<b>273,005</b>	<b>340,666</b>	<b>154,158</b>	<b>177,018</b>	<b>535,075</b>	<b>131,697</b>	<b>78,284</b>	<b>109,720</b>	<b>78,280</b>	<b>275,123</b>	<b>3,270,023</b>

STATEMENT SHOWING PRINCIPAL RESOURCE AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AND BRANCH CITIES AND ALL OTHER REPORTING BANKS AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31 1920.

Return flow of currency, end-of-year dividend payments by the banks, and building up of balances to meet interest and dividend checks issued by industrial and commercial corporations—account for the principal changes in the condition on Dec. 31 of 820 member banks in leading cities. The number of reporting banks shows a slight decrease due to bank consolidations in Cleveland and New Orleans. Large amounts of currency, after serving the needs of the holiday trade, were returned to the banks during the week and, after being credited to customers' deposit accounts, were used by members to reduce their indebtedness to the Federal Reserve banks.

Combined holdings of Liberty bonds and Victory notes show a further increase of 15.6 millions, apparently in connection with sales by holders to establish losses for income tax purposes, the increase in the banks' holdings of these securities since Dec. 3 being in excess of 40 millions. On the other hand holdings of Treasury certificates due to additional distribution among ultimate investors show a further liquidation of 39 millions, the end-of-year holdings being 586 millions below the total reported at the beginning of the year. Loans secured by Government war obligations show an increase for the week of 10 millions, loans supported by corporate securities went up 47 millions and other loans and investments (composed largely of commercial loans and discounts)—13 millions. For the member banks in New York City an increase of 13 millions in Liberty bonds and Victory notes and a reduction of 13 millions in Treasury certificates are shown; loans at these banks supported by Government securities increased during the week by 19 millions, loans secured by corporate securities—by 46 millions, while other loans and investments declined by about 8 millions.

Total loans and investments, in consequence of the above changes, show an increase for the week of 44 millions for all reporting institutions and of 57 millions for the member banks in New York City. The ratio of United States war obligations and paper secured by such obligations to total loans

and investments of all reporting banks, largely because of the great reduction in holdings of certificates and of war loan paper, shows a reduction for the year from 18.1 to 12.1%, the corresponding reduction for the New York City banks being from 20.4 to 15.4%.

Accommodation of reporting member banks at the Federal Reserve banks shows a reduction for the week from 2,176 to 2,103 millions, or from 13 to 12.6% of the banks' total loans and investments. The increasing extent to which the loan burden of the member banks has been shifted during the year to the Federal Reserve banks is evidenced by the fact that since the beginning of the year, when aggregate borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks of 798 reporting banks were 1,870 millions, these borrowings have increased by 232 millions, while the December 31 aggregate of loans and investments is slightly less than the corresponding total at the beginning of the year. For the New York City banks decreases for the week in accommodation at the local Reserve Bank from 811 to 766 millions and in the ratio of accommodation from 14.6 to 13.6% are noted, the corresponding ratio on Jan. 2 1920, being 11.1%.

As against a reduction of 82 millions in Government deposits, increases of 284 millions in net demand deposits and of 53 millions in time deposits of the reporting banks are shown. For the New York City banks a decrease of 40 millions in Government deposits is reported, accompanied by increases of 153 millions in net demand deposits and of 16 millions in time deposits. In keeping with the considerable increase in demand and time deposits the banks report an increase of 23 millions in their reserve balances at the Federal Reserve banks. Cash in vault shows a decrease of 2 millions only, the bulk of the returned currency in all likelihood having been used to reduce the banks' indebtedness to the Federal Reserve banks. The New York City banks report an increase of 9 millions in reserve balances as against a reduction of 7 millions in cash.

1. Data for all reporting member banks in each Federal Reserve District at close of business December 31 1920. Three ciphers (000) omitted.

Federal Reserve District.	Boston.	New York	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richm'd.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	Total.
Number of reporting banks.....	48	114	59	91	80	45	107	35	38	83	51	69	820
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	12,712	46,791	11,347	40,779	29,006	14,230	21,523	15,922	7,596	14,696	19,581	32,648	266,831
Other U. S. bonds, incl. Liberty bonds.....	20,722	260,673	33,560	60,825	34,866	28,359	63,075	14,554	9,989	25,006	21,547	69,677	642,853
U. S. Victory notes.....	5,864	97,612	12,170	19,511	7,543	4,398	32,426	2,873	1,042	5,462	2,755	17,423	209,079
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	18,115	146,686	15,099	16,502	7,313	3,140	34,447	4,150	1,677	6,498	2,254	15,718	271,599
<b>Total U. S. securities.....</b>	<b>57,413</b>	<b>551,762</b>	<b>72,176</b>	<b>137,617</b>	<b>78,728</b>	<b>50,127</b>	<b>151,471</b>	<b>37,499</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>51,662</b>	<b>46,137</b>	<b>135,466</b>	<b>1,390,362</b>
Loans and investments, including bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. war obligations.....	50,148	438,909	77,216	71,879	28,403	29,555	96,947	26,840	15,285	28,609	10,268	34,663	908,722
Loans sec. by stocks and bonds.....	204,128	1,377,299	202,862	338,878	112,619	59,381	448,157	126,445	36,801	80,008	38,512	148,733	3,173,823
All other loans and investments.....	804,765	3,972,065	561,531	999,466	394,310	413,510	1,737,227	385,748	278,535	487,164	249,032	983,993	11,267,346
<b>Total loans and investments, including rediscounts with F. R. banks.....</b>	<b>1,116,454</b>	<b>6,340,035</b>	<b>913,785</b>	<b>1,547,840</b>	<b>614,060</b>	<b>552,573</b>	<b>2,433,802</b>	<b>576,532</b>	<b>350,925</b>	<b>647,443</b>	<b>343,949</b>	<b>1,302,855</b>	<b>16,740,253</b>
Reserve balances with F. R. Bank.....	77,180	648,835	69,918	99,420	34,544	28,678	184,126	42,235	20,689	45,570	24,455	81,167	1,356,877
Cash in vault.....	23,975	115,352	19,549	35,525	17,373	14,675	61,518	8,207	8,299	14,001	10,791	24,740	354,005
Net demand deposits.....	782,719	4,995,337	661,765	891,407	331,750	246,999	1,305,435	310,887	185,745	393,621	215,259	616,424	10,937,348
Time deposits.....	160,446	441,378	37,029	403,930	108,192	147,260	641,063	130,927	70,880	100,462	58,229	541,969	2,841,765
Government deposits.....	21,317	130,621	20,659	36,020	5,960	2,159	21,381	5,947	3,445	4,148	1,363	9,244	262,264
Bills payable with F. R. Bank:													
Secured by U. S. war obligations.....	30,431	301,235	45,380	33,134	29,111	28,787	70,355	20,840	7,759	21,087	11,829	23,775	628,723
All other.....				36		72	4,110		1,063	670		100	6,051
<b>Bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:</b>													
Secured by U. S. war obligations.....	19,465	124,324	37,813	10,991	3,517	9,183	21,033	5,736	1,969	6,582	1,678	6,466	248,75
All other.....	85,695	403,223	38,750	56,348	42,844	65,651	260,908	51,067	45,271	66,421	21,124	79,406	1,219,00

2. Data of reporting member banks in Federal Reserve Bank and branch cities and all other reporting banks.

Three ciphers (000) omitted.	New York City.		City of Chicago.		All F. R. Bank Cities.		F. R. Branch Cities.		All Other Report. Bks.		Total.		
	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31 '20	Dec. 24 '20	Jan. 2 '20.
Number of reporting banks.....	72	72	51	51	285	287	207	209	328	328	820	824	798
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	\$33,099	\$38,099	\$1,430	\$1,438	\$94,661	\$96,372	\$71,996	\$72,395	\$100,174	\$100,365	\$266,831	\$269,132	\$268,789
Other U. S. bonds, incl. Lib. bonds.....	225,813	219,700	19,815	20,214	358,061	349,478	160,265	161,369	124,527	123,495	642,853	634,342	636,454
U. S. Victory notes.....	83,347	81,305	13,280	12,999	125,709	119,353	49,276	48,430	34,094	34,310	209,079	202,093	238,385
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	135,649	148,900	9,974	11,095	182,801	211,190	52,716	59,824	36,082	39,807	271,599	310,821	857,355
<b>Total U. S. securities.....</b>	<b>487,908</b>	<b>488,001</b>	<b>44,538</b>	<b>45,746</b>	<b>761,232</b>	<b>776,393</b>	<b>334,253</b>	<b>342,018</b>	<b>294,877</b>	<b>297,977</b>	<b>1,390,362</b>	<b>1,416,388</b>	<b>2,000,983</b>
Loans and investments, incl. bills rediscounted with F. R. Bank:													
Loans sec. by U. S. war obligations.....	412,504	393,187	67,313	61,814	684,178	671,115	129,767	132,699	94,777	94,572	908,772	898,386	1,294,409
Loans sec. by stocks and bonds.....	1,222,880	1,177,291	337,054	338,987	2,273,163	2,222,150	488,259	491,220	412,401	413,202	3,173,823	3,126,572	3,390,646
All other loans and investments.....	3,491,481	3,499,478	1,040,792	1,043,887	7,187,924	7,182,890	2,234,790	2,229,386	1,844,632	1,842,196	11,267,346	11,254,472	10,009,180
<b>Total loans and investments, incl. rediscounts with F. R. Bank.....</b>	<b>5,614,773</b>	<b>5,557,960</b>	<b>1,489,697</b>	<b>1,490,434</b>	<b>10,906,497</b>	<b>10,852,548</b>	<b>3,187,069</b>	<b>3,195,323</b>	<b>2,646,687</b>	<b>2,647,947</b>	<b>16,740,253</b>	<b>16,695,818</b>	<b>16,695,218</b>
Reserve balance with F. R. Bank.....	601,725	596,035	134,965	125,750	996,778	980,962	202,114	204,950	157,985	147,896	1,35		

## Banking and Financial.

### THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

At the Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting, held in Toronto on 11th January, the Largest Earnings in the History of the Bank Were Reported as the Result of the Bank's Business for the Second Year in Canada's Reconstruction Period.

The President, Sir Edmund Walker, took the chair and, after the usual organization proceedings, the following Profit and Loss Statement for the year ending 30th November last was submitted:

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year.....	\$1,427,735 40
Net profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts .....	3,306,243 97
	<u>\$4,733,979 37</u>

This has been appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 132, 133, 134 and 135, at twelve per cent per annum.....	\$1,800,000 00
Bonus of one per cent, payable 1st December .....	150,000 00
Dominion and Provincial Government taxes and tax on bank-note circulation.....	350,000 00
Written off Bank Premises.....	500,000 00
Transferred to Pension Fund.....	150,000 00
Balance carried forward.....	1,783,979 37
	<u>\$4,733,979 37</u>

After the report had been read the President requested the General Manager to address the shareholders.

We have now entered upon a period such as has been looked for ever since the war ended—one of lessened activity in business and falling prices—and the statement which we present to you to-day is, except in a comparatively few particulars, curiously devoid of important changes from that of a year ago.

#### GREATER PROFITS.

The net profits of the year amounted to \$3,306,243.97, an increase of \$231,351.25, although the resources of the Bank have shown little growth. The addition to our profits has been the result, partly of the activity of general business during most of the year and the consequent brisk demand for money which has kept all available funds fully employed, and partly of the fact that we have been fortunate in escaping serious losses. The conditions which have prevailed in the markets for all staple commodities since the war ended—the extraordinary demand for goods and the high prices—have caused a strong demand for money. Now that the markets are becoming more normal and prices are falling, that demand is sure to lessen. We may therefore expect easier money conditions and a lower level of profits until business becomes more active.

In addition to the regular dividend of 12% per annum, we paid last December a bonus of 1%, making a total distribution to our shareholders of 13% for the year. We have appropriated \$350,000 towards the heavy taxes we are now called on to pay to the Governments of the Dominion and of various Provinces of Canada. We increased our appropriation for bank premises from \$250,000 last year to \$500,000 this year. The high cost of all building operations in this country, and our expenditures on premises for the foreign branches recently opened, make this a prudent step. We have transferred \$150,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, an increase of \$30,000 for the year, partly to provide for the growth of the staff, and partly because the actuarial examination, which took place during the year, made it clear that this was necessary.

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

After making these appropriations we have been able to carry forward \$1,783,979.37, or \$356,243.97 more than last year. In view of the unsettled conditions at present prevailing in the business world, and the fall in prices which on more than one occasion has threatened to undermine the

security for certain classes of loans, we think it well to carry a large unappropriated balance in Profit and Loss Account as a safeguard against unexpected contingencies. Up to the present we have been extremely fortunate, in that our interest has been negligible in those branches of business most directly affected by the heavy declines which have taken place.

#### DEPOSITS INCREASE.

The increase in our note circulation is \$669,255, an indication of a large volume of current business, but a very small proportion of the total, which now stands at \$30,716,914. As business slackens and prices fall we may naturally look for some reduction in this item. Our deposits stand, as a whole, at almost the same level as a year ago, the increase being only a little more than a quarter of a million dollars, but deposits bearing interest, the most stable part of deposit business, have increased by the large sum of \$43,148,818. This is a gratifying and remarkable showing, particularly when considered in the light of the total subscriptions of customers of this Bank to the various Dominion Government War Loans, as reported by our branches, namely:

1915.....	1st War Loan.....	\$8,142,000
1916.....	2nd " " .....	18,001,400
1917.....	3rd " " .....	22,059,500
1917.....	1st Victory Loan.....	78,551,670
1918.....	2nd " " .....	104,474,950
1919.....	3rd " " .....	90,076,535
		<u>\$321,306,055</u>

Notwithstanding the tremendous drain upon the deposits of this Bank which these huge subscriptions involved, we feel proud of the aid afforded by our customers to the Government in its war financing. Courage and foresight were needed by our branch managers when they saw their cherished and hard-earned deposits, gathered over a long series of years, melt away almost overnight, but the fact that the deposits of the Canadian public in this and all other banks are now double what they were at the outbreak of the war justifies the support given to the Government in its loan campaigns, even from a narrow and selfish point of view, to say nothing of that of the national welfare.

#### DECREASED GOVERNMENT BALANCES.

On the other hand, our deposits not bearing interest have decreased by \$42,875,453, an amount almost equal to the increase in our interest-bearing deposits. This is more than accounted for by the decrease in Dominion Government balances, which a year ago included a large part of the proceeds of the last Victory Loan. It must also be remembered that both the demand for money, and the restraint on the further inflation of credit which we have endeavored to exercise, tend to decrease the balances carried by business houses and large commercial companies in their current accounts. Another cause which has militated against an increase in deposits has been the slow marketing of last year's grain. This tends also to keep up loans, for if the farmer does not pay his indebtedness, the retailer is unable to pay the wholesaler, and the wholesaler must lean on the manufacturer. All along the line they will borrow from their bankers to the fullest extent possible.

#### GRAIN AND A FALLING MARKET.

It is regrettable that the farmer, in this and other countries, should be counselled to hold his grain on a market which has fallen very rapidly since the time of harvest and has every appearance of continuing to do so in sympathy with the general trend of business. It is obviously a highly risky and unprofitable proceeding, and likely to end in in-

creasing class bitterness. Unaware of the real causes that govern the decline in prices, the farmer will be apt, naturally enough, to feel that all classes are working against him. The truth appears to be that, after so many years of rising prices, it has come to be accepted as an axiom that prices must continue to rise, and consequently in the very year in which all signs point in a downward direction, the unfortunate farmer feels constrained to hold his grain, unconscious of the meaning of the signs around him. There is nothing in the other items of our liabilities which calls for comment, save that we may say, in passing, that the reduction in acceptances under letters of credit no doubt reflects to some extent the difficulties which at the moment confront the foreign trade of this country. To this subject we shall refer again when dealing with the foreign exchanges.

#### LINES OF DEFENSE.

During the year our holdings of specie have increased \$566,854 and Dominion notes on hand, \$3,952,361. There is no change in the amount deposited in the Central Gold Reserves under the heading either of gold coin or of legal tender notes. Total cash on hand has increased \$4,519,215 and stands at 15.14% of our liabilities to the public, with so-called quick assets at 44.50% of these liabilities. There has been a reduction in our investments and an increase in our loans. The reduction in the former consists of \$33,763,822 in Dominion and Provincial Government securities and of \$9,109,916 in British, foreign and colonial public securities and Canadian municipal securities. In both cases the reductions are due to the payment of war obligations by the Dominion and Imperial Governments. There has been an increase in call and short loans, both in Canada and elsewhere, the increase in the former case being merely a nominal one. In a time of uncertainty and instability such as the present, it is well to strengthen all our lines of defense, and in the case of loans in New York, the principal call money market of this continent, this has occasioned less sacrifice of profit than is usual, as rates throughout the year have ruled at a high level for that market.

#### A COMMANDING POSITION.

This Bank still holds a commanding position in the development of Canadian trade and commerce, its current mercantile loans in Canada amounting to the large sum of \$231,114,772, or \$17,925,602 more than a year ago. Similar loans elsewhere have also increased by \$1,924,956. The other items of assets show little change, except Bank Premises Account, which has increased \$758,086 during the year, our principal outlays in this connection being on premises for our foreign branches. Owing to the favorable position of the foreign exchanges we have been able to secure premises in Rio de Janeiro, Jamaica, Trinidad and Barbados at a very reasonable cost, and our office in Rio de Janeiro will be situated in the heart of the financial and business district of that important city. There has been an increase in our total assets of \$1,116,418, a comparatively trifling amount.

#### FOREIGN BRANCHES.

In addressing you a year ago we pointed out that up till then we had been occupied with the promising openings for new branches in Canada, but that we hoped soon to give some attention to foreign fields. The policy we have followed in this respect has been one of caution, slow but sure, and we think that our judgment has been vindicated by the course of events, especially the unsettled financial conditions now prevailing in Cuba and South America. Our branch at Havana was the first to be opened, and we are well satisfied with the progress so far made and with our prospects for the future. Kingston, Jamaica, came next in point of time, and there, too, our business shows excellent prospects. Our office was not opened at Bridgetown, Barbados, until after the close of the Bank's year, while in Rio de Janeiro and Port of Spain, Trinidad, although our managers and their staff are now on the spot, we have not yet opened for business. We believe, however, that our outlook in all these places is bright.

#### NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

Probably at no time in the history of this country have questions connected with the foreign exchanges occupied so prominent a place in the public mind as during the past year. The closeness of our relations with the great English-

speaking nation to the south of us has made the prevailing high premium on New York exchange a matter of moment to a very large number of Canadians. It has come before them not only as vitally affecting importers or exporters dealing with the United States, but also, among other things, as having a direct bearing on many investments which they hold or desire to buy or sell, and even as calling for serious consideration in connection with the cost of a holiday or other visit to that country. The very technicality of the subject, the mystery by which in the popular mind the working of the exchanges is surrounded, only serves to deepen the interest felt in it. In an endeavor to throw some light upon it, especially as connected with the prevailing high premium of New York funds, we issued during the year a series of advertisements dealing in as simple a manner as possible with some of the underlying elementary principles. These attracted widespread attention and were subsequently reprinted in the form of a small brochure for general distribution. The subject has, of course, many bearings and can be discussed from many points of view. During the closing part of the year, as you are doubtless aware, the rate of exchange on New York rose very high, reaching 19¼% on December 21, the highest point on record.

#### NOT CANADA ALONE.

It may, perhaps, be some consolation to reflect that Canada is not alone among the countries of the world in having to seek the solution of an exchange problem vitally affecting her trade. There are other parts of the British Empire with problems of a similar nature, but even more serious. Quite recently Australian banks have declined to remit in London funds for bills sent to Australia for collection or to negotiate commercial bills on Australia in London. The reason is a shortage of London funds, said to have arisen as a result of the suspension of the system of Government purchase and sale of the Australian wool clip. The old machinery for handling the wool has not yet been restored, and in the meantime some difficulty has occurred in financing Australian imports. It is hoped that the situation will be relieved before long when exports of Australian wheat, wool and meats go forward. The situation in India, New Zealand and South Africa is of a somewhat similar character, but not so pronounced.

#### FOREIGN TRADE AND FINANCE.

It is unfortunate that these exchange difficulties should arise just at the time when strong efforts were being made to extend the foreign trade of Canada. Undoubtedly the situation as regards foreign trade is a most difficult one at the present time, not only because of exchange questions but also because of the instability of the financial situation in many foreign countries. The collapse of sugar prices in Cuba and elsewhere is one instance of this, and in a period of falling prices all over the world it is admittedly a most difficult matter to extend foreign trade. Nor is the problem rendered any more easy of solution by the high level in Canada of all costs of production, including wages. As pointed out recently by a high authority in England, "only the country in which prices are comparatively low can have an export balance in its favor." It is to be feared, therefore, that until some readjustment of the situation takes place, there can be little probability of any material extension of our trade abroad.

#### HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

The year we have just passed through has been one of surprises. At its commencement the tide of rising prices seemed unchecked, and the idea that a rapid fall was imminent was considered altogether preposterous. Yet this is exactly what has happened. Once again the seller is having to seek the buyer, instead of being besought by him. Probably one of the principal obstacles at the moment to the re-establishment of business on a more normal basis is the instability which prices have manifested during recent months. This condition, however, cannot be of long duration, and we may hope that before the winter has run its course it may be a thing of the past. Meanwhile we repeat once again what we have so often urged, that the whole world must aim to work hard and avoid extravagance if the damage caused to both property and credit by the late war is to be repaired.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 14 1921.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—A decidedly more flexible money market—a substantial recovery in sterling bills of exchange—renewal of activity in textile and other important industries—and other evidences that affairs generally are making progress towards normality have had a salutary effect in the security markets this week.

These markets were active during the early part of the week, nearly 1,200,000 shares of stocks having changed ownership on Monday, a feature which gradually subsided as the week advanced. Railway shares lost a little of their recent advance but recovered today, while the movement of several important industrial issues has been decidedly irregular, with the general tendency of this group also to a lower level of prices. There are, however, some notable exceptions to this rule. For example Cruc. Steel has covered a range of 22 points and closes with a net gain of 5 1/4. Mexican Pet, has covered 16 points and is over 5 points higher. On the other hand Amer. Locomotive, Amer. Gulf & W. I., United Fruit and Vanadium Corp. have declined a point or more.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for year 1920 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Air Reduction, Am Bank Note, etc.

For transactions on New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, see page 233.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The general bond market has, as noted above, been active and prices have had an upward tendency. Of a list of 25 important railway issues 21 have advanced, 2 are unchanged and 10 are from 1 to 2 or more points higher than last week. Among the latter are Atchisons, Ches. & Ohio., Burlington, St. Paul, New York Central, Reading, and "Frisco" bonds.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to the various Liberty Loan issues. While some of these have continued the recovery in prices noted last week, others have been irregular and are practically unchanged.

Table titled 'Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices' with columns for dates (Jan. 8-14) and various bond issues like First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table listing registered bond transactions with columns for bond type and price.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange has ruled strong and active, with rates touching the highest levels since July of last year. The continental exchanges followed suit, but to a more moderate extent and some of the gains were lost before the close.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3 67 1/2 @ 3 69 1/2 for sixty days, 3 72 @ 3 74 1/2 for cheques and 3 72 1/2 @ 3 75 for cables. Commercial on banks sight 3 71 1/2 @ 3 73 1/2, sixty days 3 70 1/2 @ 3 72 1/2, ninety days 3 64 1/2 @ 3 66 1/2 and documents for payment (sixty days) 3 67 @ 3 69 1/2. Cotton for payment 3 71 1/2 @ 3 73 1/2 and grain for payment 3 71 1/2 @ 3 73 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were (in cents per franc) 6.04 1/2 @ 5.99 1/2 for long and 6.10 1/2 @ 6.05 1/2 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 32.38 for long and 32.74 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 61.35 francs; week's range, 61.07 francs high and 61.52 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$145 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

Outside Market.—Trading on the "curb" this week followed an irregular course with no special changes occurring. Business was only moderate. Motor stocks were the most important in industrials. Durant Motors sold for the first time down from 14 1/2 to 13 1/2. Maxwell-Chalmers "A" moved up from 60 to 62 and back finally to 60. The "B" etfs. lost two points to 15, advanced to 19 and reacted to 17. Mercer Motors eased off from 5 1/2 to 5, then advanced to 6. Meteor Motors was comparatively active and sold between 21 3/4 and 22 1/2 and at 22 finally. Peerless Truck Motor rose from 24 to 28. Allied Packers gained two points to 10 with the final transaction at 9 3/4. Carbon Steel Com. weakened at first from 30 to 28 then rose to 35. Wm. Farrell & Son Com. improved from 17 to 20 with a final reaction to 19. Oil shares were without feature. Carib Syndicate fell from 10 to 8 1/2 and ends the week at 8 1/2. Guffey-Gillespie Oil Com. declined from 26 1/2 to 28 1/2 then rose to 27 reacting finally to 26 1/2. Internat. Petroleum sold down from 17 3/4 to 16 1/2 and at 17 finally. Maracaibo Oil from 13 1/2 improved to 16, reacted to 14 and ends the week at 15. Mexican Eagle Oil after early gain of a point to 26 dropped to 23 and closed to-day at 24 3/4. Ryan Consolidated advanced from 11 1/4 to 14 1/2 and ends the week at 13 3/4.

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 PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 8 to Friday Jan. 14), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), PER SHARE Range for year 1920, 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.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range for year 1920 (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1919 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Am Ship & Comm Corp, Am Smelt Secur pref ser A, etc.

\* 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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 8 to Friday Jan. 11), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par), PER SHARE Range for year 1920 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for 1919 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Loft Incorporated, Mackay Companies, etc., with their respective prices and sales data.

\*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ Ex-div. ¯ Reduced to basis of \$25 par. ■ 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; May 20, 60 & Jan. 3



BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 14										BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Jan. 14									
Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 14		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Year 1920		Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 14		Week's Range or Last Sale		Bonds Sold	Range Year 1920					
	Bid	Ask	Low	High		Low	High		Bid	Ask	Low	High		Low	High				
Del Lack & Western—																			
Morris & Essex 1st gu 3 1/2s 2000	J	68	69 7/8	69	70 1/2	32	63	72 1/2	M	69 1/2	76	76	1	60	73 1/2				
N Y Lack & W 1st 6s.....1921	J	D		93	Dec'20		93	100 1/8	M	83	Sale	79 3/4	83	26	69	83			
Construction 5s.....1923	F	A	93 1/8	92 1/2	May'20		92 1/2	97 3/4	A	O	92 1/8	Nov'20			89 1/2	95			
Term & Improv 4s.....1921	M	N	91 1/8	91	Nov'20		90	94	A	O	113	Mar'12							
Warren 1st ref gu g 3 1/2s.....2000	F	A		102 1/8	Feb'08				A	O	97 1/2	98	98	14	92	103			
Delaware & Hudson—																			
1st lien equip g 4 1/2s.....1922	J	J	96 1/4	96	Dec'20		94 3/4	96 7/8	J	J	93 1/2	94 1/2	92 3/4	91 1/4	98 1/8				
1st & ref 4s.....1943	M	N	79 3/4	Sale	78	80	86	67	86 1/2	J	J	105	Oct'13						
30-year conv 5s.....1935	A	O	83	Sale	82 1/2	83	15	73	87 1/2	J	J	77							
10-year secured 7s.....1930	J	D	101	Sale	103 1/2	104	13	99 7/8	105 1/4	M	S	87 1/4	73	Jan'20		73			
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/2s.....1916	A	O	71	Sale	71	71	2	65	72 1/2	M	S	89	91	90	Oct'20		84 3/8		
Renss & Saratoga 1st 7s.....1921	M	N	99 1/4	101	100	Dec'20		100	100 1/4	Q	J	73 1/2	79	May'20		77	79		
Den & R Gr—1st cons g 4s.....1936	J	J	65 1/4	Sale	64	65 7/8	114	58 3/4	68	J	D	74	75	74	75	3	64 1/2	72 1/2	
Consol gold 4 1/2s.....1938	J	J	68 3/4	70 1/2	68 1/4	72	9	62 1/2	72 7/8	M	S	91 1/4	91 1/4	Dec'20		91	92 1/2		
Improvement gold 5s.....1928	J	D	69	70	68 1/2	70	5	63	74 1/2	J	D	99 1/4	99 1/4	Oct'08					
1st & refunding 5s.....1955	F	A	46	Sale	45 1/2	46 3/4	44	38	56	M	S	66	65	Jan'21		61 1/4	73 1/8		
Trust Co certs of deposit—										J	D	66	65	Dec'20		65	74		
Rlo Gr June 1st gu 5s.....1939	J	D	70	79	61 1/4	Apr'11		70 1/8	75	M	N	68 1/2	60	61 1/2	Jan'21		59 1/8	68 3/8	
Rlo Gr Sou 1st gold 4s.....1940	J	J			29 7/8	Dec'20		15	29 7/8	M	S	88 1/2	85	Jan'11		87	89		
Guaranteed.....1940	J	J	64 7/8	Sale	61 3/4	66	37	58	68 1/2	A	O	86	86	Dec'19					
Rlo Gr West 1st gold 4s.....1939	J	J	54	Sale	50	54	12	47 7/8	56	M	S	85	85	June'19					
Mtue & coll trust 4s A.....1949	A	O			63	Nov'20		63	63	Q	J	63 3/8	64 1/2	63 1/2	64	4	62 1/2	75	
Det & Mack—1st lien g 4s.....1955	J	D			63	Nov'20		63	63	M	S	99 1/4	99 1/4	Dec'20					
Gold 4s.....1999	J	D			63	Nov'20		63	63	J	D	99 1/4	99 1/4	Dec'20					
Det Riv Tun Ter Tun 4 1/2s.....1961	M	N	75 1/2	77 3/4	76	Dec'20		69	80	J	D	74	75	74	75	3	64 1/2	72 1/2	
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s.....1941	J	J	92 1/4	93 1/2	Dec'20		92 7/8	93 1/2		M	S	92 1/2	91	91	3	87 1/2	100		
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s.....1937	A	O	87 1/4	85 3/8	Dec'20		85 3/8	91		J	D	83 1/2	Sale	81 1/2	83 1/2	25	72	84 1/2	
Registered.....1937	A	O			105 1/2	Mar'08				J	J	81 1/2	81 1/2	Sept'17					
Dul Sou Shore & Atl g 5s.....1937	J	J			76 7/8	Dec'20		76 7/8	79	M	N	91	Sale	92	Jan'21		81	91	
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s.....1941	M	N	86 1/2	92	Oct'20		84	92		M	N	103 1/8	103 1/4	102 1/2	103 1/4	23	99	105	
Erle 1st cons g 1st 7s.....1920	M	S	*97 1/4	99	Dec'20		93 1/2	99 1/8		M	N	87	88	87	57	1	85	90	
N Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s.....1947	M	N			80	Jan'20		80	80	J	J	99 3/4	99 3/8	Dec'20		89 7/8	103		
3rd ext gold 4 1/2s.....1923	M	S			91 1/2	Sept'20		91 1/2	92	J	J	92 1/2	100	Feb'20		100	100		
4th ext gold 5s.....1920	A	O			93	June'20		93	96	F	A	*71	71 1/4	Dec'20		75 3/8	75 3/8		
5th ext gold 4s.....1928	J	D			94 3/4	Nov'15				M	S	99 5/8	99 7/8	99 5/8	99 7/8	1	96 3/8	100 1/2	
N Y L E & W 1st g fd 7s.....1920	M	S			98 1/2	Aug'19				M	S	52	53	52	53	3	45 1/2	54	
Erle 1st cons g 4s prior.....1996	J	J	55 1/2	56	54 3/4	55 3/8	46	47	60	M	N	72 1/8	73 1/2	71 1/2	73 1/2	61	60 1/2	76	
Registered.....1996	J	J			58 1/2	Oct'20		58 1/2	58 1/2	J	D	80 1/2	80 1/2	75 1/2	Nov'19				
1st consol gen lien g 4s.....1996	J	J	44 1/2	Sale	43 1/4	45	148	33	50	M	S	98 1/8	104	Aug'20		101 1/8	104		
Registered.....1996	J	J			73	June'16				J	J	72	72	Dec'20		63 1/8	76		
Penn coll trust gold 4s.....1951	F	A	71 3/4	73	72 7/8	72 7/8	1	67 1/2	79 3/4	A	O	85	86	84	Dec'20		79 3/4	88 1/2	
60-year conv 4s Ser A.....1953	A	O	39 1/4	Sale	39	39 3/4	58	39 1/8	47	J	D	81	80 1/4	Jan'21		72	82		
do Series B.....1953	A	O	39 1/2	Sale	39	39 7/8	20	30	46 1/2	J	J	70 3/8	70 1/2	69 3/4	Jan'21		58	69 1/8	
Gen conv 4s Series D.....1953	A	O	45 1/2	Sale	44 1/2	45 7/8	40	34	53 3/4	Q	J			95	Feb'05				
Chlc & Erie 1st gold 5s.....1932	M	N	80 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	81	11	66 1/2	85	F	A	93	95	90	90	1	88	91	
Cleve & Mahon Vall g 5s.....1938	J	J	73		106 3/8	Jan'17				J	J	75 1/2		97 7/8	May'16				
Erle & Jersey 1st s f 6s.....1955	J	J	82	86	81	Dec'20		78 7/8	90	F	A	99	100	97	Dec'20		97	98	
Genesee River 1st s f 6s.....1957	J	J	80 1/8	82 1/2	Dec'20		79	86		F	A	91	92	90 1/2	Nov'20		93 1/2	96	
Long Dock consol g 6s.....1935	A	O	95 1/8		103 1/2	Sept'19				M	S	78 1/2	79	85 1/8	Dec'20		76 1/2	85 1/8	
Coal & RR 1st cur g 6s.....1922	M	N			103	Jan'18				M	N	66 1/4	Sale	66	68	17	61	70	
Dock & Impt 1st ext 5s.....1943	J	J	76		91	Feb'20		91	91	M	N			77	Mar'10				
N Y & Green L gu g 5s.....1946	M	N			77	Jan'18				M	S			75	Nov'10				
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 5s.....1937	J	J	60	62	59	60	19	40	62	M	S			99	July'20		85	95	
2d gold 4 1/2s.....1937	F	A	*40		100 1/4	Dec'06		36	55	J	D	90 1/2	99	95	Mar'20		95	95	
General gold 5s.....1940	F	A	50	52	51	Dec'20		74	78	J	D	91	91	91	Sept'20		91	97 1/8	
Terminal 1st gold 5s.....1943	M	N	72	83	74	Dec'20				M	N	69 1/4	68	69 1/4	9	65 3/8	75 1/4		
Mid of N J 1st ext 5s.....1940	A	O			72	Nov'19		48	60	M	S	42	44	43	44	8	34 3/8	49 1/4	
Wilk & East 1st gu g 5s.....1942	J	D			56	Dec'20				Q	J	45	48	48	48	1	42	56	
Ev & Ind 1st cons gu g 6s.....1926	J	J			23 1/2	Jan'17		81 1/4	92	J	F	41	Sale	40	42	9	40	50 1/8	
Evans & T H 1st cons 6s.....1921	J	J	90	94	89	Dec'20				J	D	71	72	70	70	1	68 1/4	75	
1st general gold 5s.....1942	A	O			67	Sept'20		67	67	J	D	42	43	43	44	8	35 1/2	48 3/4	
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s.....1923	A	O			108	Nov'11				M	S	80 1/8	82 1/2	80 1/8	80 1/8	5	70 1/2	82 1/2	
Sull Co Branch 1st g 5s.....1930	A	O			95	June'12				J	J	93	93	90	Jan'21		88	91	
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/2s.....1959	J	D	76	80	75	Jan'21		73 1/2	80	M	N	*80	85	85	Dec'20		82 1/2	85	
Fort St U D Co 1st g 4 1/2s.....1941	J	J			92	Aug'10				M	N	89	89	88 7/8	89	9	85	92 1/2	
Ft Worth & Rlo Gr 1st g 4s.....1928	J	J	58 1/4		65 1/2	Dec'20		51 1/8	65 1/2	J	J			95	Dec'16				
Galv Hous & Hend 1st 5s.....1933	A	O			76	Dec'19		99 1/2	101 1/8	J	D	60 3/8	Sale	59 1/4	60 3/4	177	52 1/8	63 3/8	
Grand Trunk of Can deb 7s 1940	A	O	101 3/4	Sale	101 1/4	102 3/8	158	99 1/2	101 1/8	J	D	39	Sale	36 1/2	39 1/2	51	23 1/8	46 1/2	
Great Nor C B & Q coll 4s.....1921	J	J	97 1/2	Sale	96 1/2	97 5/8	372	92 1/2	96 7/8	F	A	36	42	33	Dec'20		27 1/2	46 1/2	
Registered.....1921	Q	J			96	Jan'21		80	96 1/4					25	Jan'21		17	35 1/4	
1st & ref 4 1/2s Series A.....1961	J	J	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/4	82 1/2	59	70	85 1/2	M	N	49	51	51 1/4	51 1/4	10	30 1/4	60 1/2	
Registered.....1961	J	J			96	June'16		80 1/2	88 1/2	M	S								

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Jan. 14. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Year 1920.

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Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'. Columns include 'Price Friday', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Bonds Sold', 'Range Year 1920', and 'Interest Period'. Sub-sections include 'Gas and Electric Light', 'Coal, Iron & Steel', and 'Telegraph & Telephone'.

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SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 8 to Friday Jan. 14) and stock prices. Includes sub-columns for bid and asked prices.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks and their sales for the week, including categories like Railroads and Miscellaneous.

Range for year 1920

Table showing the range of stock prices for the year 1920, with columns for Lowest and Highest prices.

Range for Previous Year 1919

Table showing the range of stock prices for the previous year (1919), with columns for Lowest and Highest prices.

\* Bid and asked prices. † Ex-stock dividend. ‡ Ex-dividend and rights. § Assessment paid. ¶ Ex-rights. \*\* Ex-dividend. \*\*\* Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib Loan 3 1/2s, 1st Lib L'n 4 1/2s, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Wind Glass Mach 100, Arkansas Nat Gas com, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corporation, Atlantic Petroleum, Baltimore Brick, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas, Amer Railways, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High). Includes entries like American Radiator, Amer Shipbuilding, Beaver Board, Booth Fisheries, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High), and various bond titles like Armour & Co deb 7a-1930, Chicago City Ry 5a-1927, etc.

(\* No par value.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Jan. 8 to Jan. 14, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon.

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

On the New York Stock Exchange, for instance, only members of the Exchange can engage in business, and they are permitted to deal only in securities regularly listed—that is, securities where the companies responsible for them have complied with certain stringent requirements before being admitted to dealings. Every precaution, too, is taken to insure that quotations coming over the "tape," or reported in the official list at the end of the day, are authentic.

On the "Curb," on the other hand, there are no restrictions whatever. Any security may be dealt in and any one can meet there and make prices and have them included in the lists of those who make it a business to furnish daily records of the transactions. The possibility that fictitious transactions may creep in, or even that dealings in spurious securities may be included, should, hence, always be kept in mind, particularly as regards mining shares. In the circumstances, it is out of the question for any one to vouch for the absolute trustworthiness of this record of "Curb" transactions, and we give it for what it may be worth.

Table with columns: Week ending Jan. 14, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High), and various stock titles under 'Industrial & Miscell.' and 'Stocks'.

Table with columns: Rights, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High), and various oil stock titles like Transcontinental Oil, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, etc.

Table with columns: Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High), and various oil stock titles under 'Other Oil Stocks'.

Table with columns: Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1920 (Low, High), and various mining stock titles under 'Mining Stocks'.

Mining (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week Shares.	Range for Year 1920.	
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.
White Caps Mining	10c	8c	9c	30,000	3c	Dec
Wilbert Mining	10c	2 1/2c	3c	17,100	1/2c	Dec
Yukon Gold Co. r.	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	100	3/4	Dec
<b>Bonds—</b>						
Allied Pack conv deb 6s r 39	57 1/2	56	59	170,000	49 1/2	Dec
Aluminum Mfrs 7s r 1925	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	35,000	95	Nov
Amer Light & Trac 7s r 1925	87	87	90	12,000	85	Dec
Amer Tel & Tel 6s r 1924	96 3/8	96	96 3/4	420,000	92 1/2	Aug
6% notes r 1924	95	93 3/4	95	105,000	90 3/4	Dec
Anaconda Cop Min 7s r 29	91	91 1/8	91 1/4	179,200	87 1/2	Dec
6% notes Ser A 1929	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	2,000	80	Dec
Anglo-Amer Oil 7 1/2 s r 29	100 3/4	100	100 3/8	81,000	98	Aug
Armour & Co 7% notes r 30	98	97 1/4	98	280,000	93 1/2	Dec
Bergen (City of) Norw 8s 45	97 1/2	94	98	50,000	92	Dec
Bethlehem Steel Eq. 7s r 1935	96 1/2	94 1/4	96 1/2	230,000	92 1/2	Dec
Brazillan L & Tr 6s	87 1/2	87 1/2	89	30,000	85 1/2	Dec
Canadian Nat Rys 7s 1933	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/2	18,000	99 1/2	Sept
Cerro de Pasco Cop 8s 1931	103	102	104 1/2	330,000	97 1/2	Dec
Cons Gas of N Y 8s 1921	99 3/4	99 1/2	99 3/4	870,000	97 1/2	Dec
Cons Textile deb 7s 1923	96 1/2	96 1/2	98	25,000	90 1/2	Dec
Denmark (Kingd of) 8s 1945	99 1/2	98 1/2	100	535,000	95 1/2	Dec
Diamond Match 7 1/2 s r 35	102	100 1/2	102	51,000	99 1/2	Dec
Duquesne Light 6s r 1919	89 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	25,000	85 1/2	Oct
Empire Gas & Fuel 6s r 24	84	81	85	30,000	80 1/2	Dec
6s r 1926	81	84	84 1/2	25,000	81	Dec
French Govt 5s r	52	52	52	10,000	58	Nov
Galena-Signal Oil 7s r 1930	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	59,000	93 1/2	Nov
Goodrich (B F) Co 7s r 1925	89	87 1/2	90	144,000	79	Dec
Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2 s w l	96 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	300,000	94	Dec
Helz (H J) Co 7s r 1930	95	94 1/2	96	50,000	94	Dec
Interboro R T 7s r 1921	68	67	68 1/2	42,000	56 1/2	Aug
Kennecott Copper 7s r 1930	92	94	92	29,000	87	Dec
Laclede Gas Light 7s r	86 1/2	88	88	30,000	83	Dec
Mexican Irrigation 4s	30	30	30	2,000	94	Dec
Morris & Co 7 1/2 s r 1930	98 3/4	98	98 3/4	13,000	98 3/4	Aug
National Leather 8s r 1926	97	94	102	29,000	97	Dec
N Y N H & Hart 4s r 1922	70	65	70	46,000	57	Dec
Northwest Bell Tel 7s r 41	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	100,000	98 1/2	Dec
Norway, Kingd of, 8s r 40	100	99 1/2	100	165,000	98 1/2	Dec
Ohio Cities Gas 7s r 1921	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	20,000	97 1/2	Dec
7s r 1922	96	96 1/2	96 1/2	15,000	93	Dec
7s r 1923	95	95	96	6,000	90	Dec
7s r 1924	94 1/2	94	95 1/2	35,000	90 1/2	Nov
7s r 1925	93	94	93	5,000	90	Dec
Pan-Am Pet & Tr 7s 1920	92 1/2	93	93	8,000	91	Dec
Seaboard Air Line 6s	51	55	55	270,000	40 1/2	Dec
Sears, Roebuck & Co 7s r 21	98 1/2	98	99	116,000	93	Nov
7% ser notes r Oct 15 '22	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	265,000	93	Nov
7% ser notes r Oct 15 '23	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	110,000	92 1/2	Dec
Scrip	55	93	95	10,000	93	Apr
Seneca Copper 8s Apr 15 '25	98	98	98	10,000	93	Apr
Sinclair Con Oil 7 1/2 s r 25	90	89 1/2	90 1/2	525,000	86 1/2	Dec
Solvay & Cle 8s r 1927	102	100 1/2	102	56,000	98 1/2	Dec
Southern Ry 6% notes 1922	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	5,000	91 1/2	Dec
Southw Bell Telep 7s r 1925	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	13,000	90	Aug
Stand Oil (Calif) 7s r '31	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	700,000	99 1/2	Dec
Stand Oil of N Y 7s r '25	101	100 1/2	102	79,000	100	Dec
7% ser gold deb. r. 1926	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	30,000	100	Dec
7% ser gold deb. r. 1927	101	100 1/2	101 1/2	110,000	100	Dec
7% ser gold deb. r. 1928	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	97,000	100	Dec
7% ser gold deb. r. 1929	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	43,000	100	Dec
7% ser gold deb. r. 1930	100	100 1/2	102 1/2	70,000	100	Dec
7% ser gold deb. r. 1931	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	68,000	100	Dec
Steel Tube of Am 7s r 1951	95	95	95 1/2	120,000	78 1/2	Oct
Swedish Govt 6s J ne 15 '39	83 1/2	81 1/2	84	43,000	76 1/2	Dec
Swift & Co 7s r 1925	96	95 3/4	96	89,000	90 3/4	Dec
Switzerland Govt 5 1/2 s 1929	85	82	86 1/2	86,000	77	Dec
Texas Co 7% notes	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	126,000	96 3/4	Dec
Union Tank Car Co 7s 1930	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	39,000	96 3/4	Aug
Va-Caro Chem 7 1/2 s r 1932	96	95 3/4	96	29,000	95 1/2	Dec
Western Elec conv 7s r 25	100 1/2	99	100 1/2	47,000	96 1/2	July
West Virginia 3 1/2 s 1939	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	15,000	78 1/2	Oct

\* 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. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. z Ex-stock dividend. † Dollars per 1,000 lire, flat. & Correction.

### New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.									
Banks—N Y		Banks		Trust Co's		New York			
Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
America*	190	200	Industrial*	180	190	American	330	340	
Amer Exch	245	255	Irving Nat of			Bankers Trust	330	340	
Atlantic	210	220	N Y	200	210	Central Union	320	330	
Battery Park	165	175	Liberty	365	385	Columbia	285	295	
Bowery*	450		Manhattan*	200	210	Commercial	150	160	
Broadway Cen	150	160	Mech & Met.	300	310	Empire	300		
Bronx Boro*	105	125	Mutual*	490		Equitable Tr.	282	292	
Bronx Nat	145	155	Nat American	150	160	Farm L & Tr.	330		
Bryant Park*	145	165	Nat City	304	310	Fidelity Inter.	210	220	
Butch & Drov	30	35	New Neth*	160	170	Fulton	270		
Cent Meroan	195	205	New York Co	135		Guaranty Tr.	315	320	
Chase	330	340	New York	470	480	Hudson	155	165	
Chat & Phen	245	255	Pacific	160		Law Tit & Tr	110	120	
Chelsea Exch*	135	150	Park	425		Lincoln Trust	155	165	
Chemical	520	530	Public	250		Mercantile Tr	280	290	
Coal & Iron	225	240	Republic*			Metropolitan	245	255	
Colonial*	350		Seaboard	576	625	Metro (West-			
Columbia*	150	170	Second	450		chester)	105	125	
Commerce	215	225	State*	200	210	N Y Life Ins.			
Comm'l Ex*			Tradesmen's*	200		& Trust	500		
Common			23d Ward*	220		N Y Trust	600		
wealth*	210	225	Union Exch.	160	170	Title Gu & Tr	305	315	
Continental	125	135	United States*	155	165	U S Mtg & Tr	365	375	
Corn Exch*	275	285	Waah H'te*	350	425	United States	810		
Cosmopolitan*	100	120	Yorkville*	375	425				
Cuba (Bk of)	140	160							
East River	170								
Fifth Avenue*	910	925							
Fifth	150	165							
Fleet	910	925							
Garfield	220	230							
Gotman	185	195							
Greenwich*	250								
Hanover	790								
Harriman	345	355							
Imp & Trad	510	525							

\* Banks marked with (\*) are State banks. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ New stock. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

### New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
Alliance R'ty	70	80	Lawyer's Mtge	110	120
Amer Surety	63	68	Mtge Bond	75	80
Bond & M O	195	205	Nat Surety	100	200
City Investing	57	65	N Y Title &	110	120
Preferred	75	85	Mortgage	110	120

### Quotations for Sundry Securities

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

Standard Oil Stocks—Per share				RR. Equipments—Per Ct.		Basis.
Par	Bid.	Ask.				
Anglo American Oil new	21	21 1/2	20 1/2	Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2 s	7.50	6.75
Atlantic Refining	100	102.5	107.5	Buff Roch & Pittsburgh 4 1/2 s	7.10	6.50
Preferred	107	107		Equipment 4s	7.10	6.50
Borne Strymer Co	100	390	410	Equipment 6s	7.00	6.40
Buckeye Pipe Line Co	50	85	88	Canadian Pacific 4 1/2 s & 6s	7.37	6.40
Chesebrough Mfg new	106	175	190	Carol Clinchfield & Ohio 5s	8.00	7.00
Preferred new	100	102	106	Central of Georgia 4 1/2 s	7.75	6.75
Continental Oil	100	110	115	Chesapeake & Ohio 6 1/2 s	6.87	6.40
Crescent Pipe Line Co	50	30	34	Equipment 5s	7.00	6.50
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	125	135	Chicago & Alton 4 1/2 s, 5s	8.50	7.25
Eureka Pipe Line Co	100	297	103	Chicago & Eastern Ill 5 1/2 s	8.50	7.50
Glensia Signal Oil com	100	49	51	Chic Ind & Louisv 4 1/2 s	7.50	6.75
Preferred old	100	93	98	Chic St Louis & N O 6s	7.25	6.50
Preferred new	100	94	99	Chicago & N W 4 1/2 s	7.00	6.40
Illinois Pipe Line	100	165	170	Chicago R I & Pac 4 1/2 s, 5s	7.75	6.75
Indiana Pipe Line Co	50	85	88	Colorado & Southern 5s	8.25	7.25
International Petrol (no par)	16 1/2	17	17	Eric 4 1/2, 5s	8.25	7.25
National Transit Co	12.50	28	30	Hocking Valley 4 1/2 s, 5s	7.50	6.70
New York Transit Co	100	100	165	Illinois Central 5s	7.00	6.40
Northern Pipe Line Co	100	96	100	Equipment 4 1/2 s	7.00	6.40
Ohio Oil Co	25	285	290	Equipment 7s	6.85	6.40
Penn Mex Fuel Co	25	35	38	Kanawha & Michigan 4 1/2 s	7.37	6.50
Prairie Oil & Gas	100	470	480	Louisville & Nashville 5s	7.00	6.40
Prairie Pipe Line	100	197	202	Michigan Central 5s, 6s	6.87	6.40
Solar Refining	100	375	385	Minn St P & S M 4 1/2 s	7.50	6.75

## 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.	%	Current Year.		Previous Year.	%	Current Year.	Previous Year.	%	Current Year.	Previous Year.	%
Alabama & Vicksb.	November	330,005	243,222		3,199,821	2,530,799		Missouri Kan & Tex	November	3,531,378	2,922,146		36,485,960	31,260,718			
Ann Arbor	4th wk Dec	193,514	160,455		5,392,189	4,533,990		Mo K & T Ry of Tex	November	3,155,403	2,432,996		27,043,884	23,083,750			
Ach Topeka & S Fe	November	20,340,170	17,561,713		196,893,470	162,387,311		Mo & North Arkan	November	201,595	131,245		1,910,140	1,439,268			
Gulf Colo & S Fe	November	2,931,188	2,458,186		24,858,806	19,684,498		Missouri Pacific	November	11,777,259	8,038,351		107,437,712	84,920,780			
Panhandle S Fe	November	917,120	764,259		8,541,371	5,885,540		Monongahela	November	519,653	359,431		3,980,051	3,348,977			
Atlanta Hirm & Atl	November	485,309	373,989		5,301,858	4,530,659		Monongahela Conn	November	201,033	245,807		2,804,650	1,761,332			
Atlanta & West Pt	November	248,202	278,037		2,772,046	2,534,502		Montour	November	205,490	21,881		1,514,020	1,157,395			
Atlantic City	November	270,052	292,772		4,423,416	4,199,449		Nashv Chatt & St L	November	2,061,141	1,954,821		22,479,710	18,235,553			
Atlantic Coast Lino	November	5,829,115	5,342,483		65,695,400	57,158,217		Nevada Northern	November	81,219	157,842		1,511,690	1,422,155			
Baltimore & Ohio	November	23,280,351	15,346,511		210,869,617	160,874,203		Nevada-Cal-Oregon	4th wk Dec	7,825	6,285		419,498	346,966			
B & O Ch Term	November	288,019	205,982		2,102,532	1,864,224		Newburgh & Sou Sh	November	216,256	84,899		1,685,817	1,152,149			
Bangor & Aroostook	November	693,788	562,042		6,143,939	4,766,257		New OrL Great Nor	November	244,722	184,378		2,478,004	2,098,825			
Bellefonte Central	November	12,616	8,076		112,737	93,331		N O Texas & Mex	November	403,955	182,120		2,805,336	1,843,018			
Belt Ry of Chicago	November	505,560	322,111		4,245,167	3,433,976		Beaun S L & W	November	265,127	123,462		2,083,897	1,226,463			
Bessemer & L Erie	November	1,868,865	782,877		14,529,043	12,009,127		St L Brownsv & M	November	695,594	493,124		6,982,649	4,999,338			
Bingham & Garfield	November	33,306	148,154		1,367,072	1,159,120		New York Central	November	35,103,671	25,612,731		337,319,022	283,859,373			
Birmingham South	November	66,808	42,482		587,686	522,792		Ind Harbor Belt	November	965,287	550,014		8,445,945	5,997,295			
Boston & Maine	November	7,736,285	6,467,373		79,459,013	66,142,694		Lake Erie & West	November	1,083,822	893,986		10,696,679	9,152,210			
Btlyn E D Term	November	118,772	85,025		1,088,432	939,184		Michigan Central	November	7,732,922	7,000,358		80,421,149	71,738,232			
Buff Roch & Pittsb	1st wk Jan	272,825	311,123					Clev C C & St L	November	8,062,170	6,031,072		81,502,956	66,622,179			
Buffalo & Susq	November	295,270	70,747		2,810,481	2,012,577		Cincinnati North	November	299,260	227,737		3,343,719	2,653,227			
Canadian Nat Rys	1st wk Jan	1,814,057	1,642,208					Pitts & Lake Erie	November	4,391,259	1,979,770		32,022,095	25,574,280			
Canadian Pacific	1st wk Jan	3,303,000	3,171,000					Tol & Ohio Cent	November	1,501,684	592,701		12,093,176	8,462,234			
Can Pac Lines In Me	November	187,502	195,282		2,499,840	2,385,215		Kanawha & Mich	November	626,613	275,226		4,951,729	3,957,192			
Caro Clinch & Ohio	November	774,432	529,613		6,899,336	5,698,410		N Y Chic & St Louis	November	2,715,780	1,681,818		25,695,030	21,349,919			
Central RR of N J	November	5,190,922	3,953,430		47,027,614	40,926,536		N Y N H & Hartf	November	11,555,229	9,527,248		114,662,960	96,602,392			
Cent New England	November	853,904	561,219		6,879,088	6,178,555		N Y Ont & Western	November	1,195,602	781,753		11,784,917	10,067,523			
Central Vermont	November	639,749	511,083		6,553,212	5,338,421		N Y Susq & West	November	419,529	333,719		4,161,165	3,564,605			
Charleston & W Car	November	300,613	290,285		3,170,125	2,798,015		Norfolk Southern	November	635,076	523,511		7,179,433	5,877,075			
Ches & Ohio Lines	November	8,590,841	5,354,030		81,544,944	65,799,338		Norfolk & Western	November	9,088,043	6,872,060		78,107,975	70,354,702			
Chicago & Alton	November	2,966,588	1,769,532		27,641,790	22,890,225		Northern Pacific	November	10,352,569	9,419,240		102,002,039	92,656,753			
Chicago Burl & Quincy	November	1,767,010	1,279,637		16,933,907	14,128,216		Minn & Internat	November	118,091	88,363		1,178,467	971,424			
Chicago & East Ill	November	2,909,410	1,680,566		27,803,307	22,623,057		Northwestern Pac	November	616,864	623,175		7,339,075	6,086,414			
Chicago Great West	November	2,162,164	1,913,829		21,802,400	20,268,695		Oahu Ry & Land Co	November	157,860	88,785		1,960,695	1,490,699			
Chic Ind & Louisv	November	1,464,456	1,003,316		11,614,603	11,277,925		Pacific Coast	November	411,202	171,826						
Chicago Junction	November	352,460	335,098		3,204,703	3,391,416		Pennsylv RR & Co	November	5,108,816	3,573,994		51,126,690	44,788,598			
Chic Milw & St Paul	November	15,795,504	12,723,080		154,572,118	137,782,973		Balt Ches & Atl	November	152,723	126,277		1,511,470	1,486,508			
Chic & North West	November	14,915,511	12,130,562		151,868,017	128,495,802		Cinc Leb & Nor	November	142,031	126,913		1,186,058	1,078,691			
Chic Peoria & St L	November	289,950	121,361		2,563,278	1,574,776		Grand Rap & Ind	November	1,015,585	741,378		8,927,592	7,578,496			
Chic R I & Pacific	November	11,661,000	9,649,589		124,081,386	101,427,537		Land Island	November	2,103,707	1,747,113		23,908,913	22,649,915			
Chic R I & Gulf	November	582,814	493,822		6,065,273	4,536,434		Maryd Del & Va	November	115,128	105,546		1,230,977	1,251,819			
Chic St P M & Om	November	2,954,417	2,637,757		29,246,289	25,319,888		N Y Phila & Norf	November	731,937	751,915		7,186,825	7,599,567			
Chic Terre H & S E	November	696,197	135,169		5,543,733	3,735,700		Tol Peor & West	November	176,895	140,161		1,853,934	1,512,967			
Cinc Ind & Western	November	393,686	297,931		4,092,863	2,861,232		W Jersey & Seash	November	1,050,582	769,395		13,036,205	11,166,879			
Colo & Southern	4th wk Dec	1,028,796	799,613		31,242,609	25,642,969		Pitts C C & St L	November	1,354,173	718,718		98,497,602	85,100,764			
Ft W & Den City	November	1,307,591	1,020,521		11,850,511	10,109,666		Peoria & Pekin Un	November	198,183	101,555		1,496,745	1,119,754			
Trin & Brazos Val	November	273,206	161,053		1,963,354	1,266,668		Per Marquette	November	3,732,141	3,404,145		37,620,706	32,370,466			
Wchita Valley	November	224,045	157,069		1,641,058	1,068,021		Perkiomen	November	118,582	101,810		1,145,292	1,014,831			
Colo & Wyoming	November	118,195	13,614		956,034	890,338		Phila Beth & N E	November	98,209	73,447		1,214,972	762,630			
Columbus & Greenv	November	164,084	192,500		1,682,747	1,651,182		Phila & Reading	November	9,781,149	5,725,497		84,650,977	66,767,564			
Copper Range	November	95,301	97,687		909,919	845,860		Pittsb & Shawmut	November	191,220	37,004		1,634,817	1,031,742			
Cuba Railroad	October	993,842	1,069,773		10,250,925	9,458,420		Pittsb Shaw & North	November	150,883	68,711		1,435,648	1,041,922			
Camaguey & Nuev	October	101,809	158,815		2,427,893	2,231,104		Pittsb & West Va	November	282,279	165,501		2,292,544	1,310,668			
Delaware & Hudson	November	4,151,759	2,813,114		39,886,417	31,810,980		Port Reading	November	136,615	217,046		1,677,898	2,314,468			
Del Lack & Western	November	8,606,028	6,140,290		73,446,492	65,516,950		Quincy Om & K C	November	126,700	105,680		1,241,123	1,021,674			
Deny & Rio Grande	November	4,080,803	2,829,991		36,171,133	29,850,621		Rich Fred & Potom	November	812,751	889,473		10,013,835	11,319,197			
Denver & Salt Lake	November	301,718	261,474		2,672,799	2,658,205		Rutland	November	547,198	448,926		5,432,020	4,423,785			
Detroit & Mackinac	November	208,709	157,932		1,932,057	1,538,284		St Jos & Grand Isl'd	November	309,190	248,131		3,158,784	2,699,266			
Detroit Tol & Iron	November	481,031	322,773		4,711,939	3,471,796		St Louis San Fran	November	8,518,733	6,997,915		85,430,268	71,361,399			
Det & Tol Shore L	November	294,237	210,934		2,086,837	2,255,356		Pt W & Rio Gran	November	195,840	166,292		1,799,392	1,487,845			
Dul & Iron Range	November	829,546	435,417		10,894,591	7,833,188		St L-S F of Texas	November	192,011	141,124		1,635,940	1,406,477			
Dul Missabe & Nor	November	1,541,136	1,035,879		19,354,757	19,734,662		St Louis Southwest	November	1,982,586	1,386,479		19,477,563	12,263,213			
Dul Sou Shore & Atl	4th wk Dec	274,571	157,839		5,938,959	4,735,274		St L S W of Texas	November	836,409	683,371		8,427,227	6,140,556			
Duluth Wm & Pac	October	269,609	176,270		2,033,012	1,588,630		Total system	4th wk Dec	669,545	633,247		32,224,142	22,218,779			
East St Louis Conn	November	154,102	89,109		1,356,671	1,099,045		St Louis Transfer	November	119,720	99,376		1,262,943	1,024,556			
East n Steamsh Llines	November	240,419	262,400		4,479,323	4,281,769		San Ant & AranPass	November	625,836	419,040		5,478,692	4,068,285			
Elgin Joliet & East</																	

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of January. The table covers 10 roads and shows 11.11% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

First Week of January.	1920.	1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$ 272,825	\$ 341,123	---	\$ 68,298
Canadian National Rys.	1,814,057	1,642,208	171,849	---
Canadian Pacific	3,303,000	3,171,000	132,000	---
Grand Trunk of Canada	---	---	---	---
Grand Trunk Western	1,958,441	1,568,805	389,636	---
Detroit Grand Haven & Mil	---	---	---	---
Canada Atlantic	---	---	---	---
Minneapolis & St Louis	329,142	337,148	---	8,006
Iowa Central	---	---	---	---
Western Maryland	400,680	210,202	190,478	---
Total (10 roads)	8,078,145	7,270,486	883,963	76,304
Net increase (11.11%)	---	---	807,659	---

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**—In our "Railway Earnings" Section or Supplement, which accompanies to-day's issue of the "Chronicle," we give the November figures of earnings of all steam railroads which make it a practice to issue monthly returns or are required to do so by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The reader is referred to that Supplement for full details regarding the November results for all the separate companies.

In the following we give all statements that have come in the present week. We also add the returns of the industrial companies received this week.

	Gross from Railway.	Net from Railway.	Net after Taxes.	Net after Equip.Rents.
Bellefonte Central Nov '20	\$ 12,616	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,889	---
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	112,737	13,582	12,361	---
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Nov '20	1,464,456	185,310	136,561	37,590
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	14,614,603	def41,444	def89,019	def145,865
Copper Range RR Nov '20	95,301	22,451	15,627	15,235
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	909,919	32,713	def43,000	def53,844
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line Nov '20	294,237	156,513	146,513	113,631
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	2,086,837	758,736	651,474	236,280
Georgia & Florida Nov '20	145,803	def50,356	def56,826	def66,128
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	1,396,866	def700,428	def771,026	def826,101
Green Bay & West Nov '20	117,309	22,441	15,413	18,448
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	1,167,393	105,281	28,568	40,836
Hocking Valley Nov '20	1,849,729	230,206	146,858	190,700
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	15,551,777	1,465,340	624,163	1,644,646
Lake Superior & Ishpeming Nov '20	126,717	43,564	38,630	41,724
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	1,646,785	777,802	724,053	742,239
Oahu Ry & Land Nov '20	157,860	62,650	48,448	48,448
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	1,966,696	824,533	670,492	670,532
Pennsylvania System—Cinc Leb & Nor Nov '20	142,031	11,280	4,475	5,380
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	1,186,058	def152,705	def22,756	def212,722
Grand Rapids & Indiana Nov '20	1,046,585	243,768	203,513	189,034
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	8,927,592	182,355	def180,181	def286,844
Pittsb Cin Chic & St Louis Nov '20	11,386,173	1,262,149	897,543	629,967
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	98,497,602	def60,407	def956,971	def11,496,157
San Ant Uvalde & Gulf Nov '20	98,478	def29,796	def33,475	def47,475
Jan 1 to Nov 30 '20	1,379,863	def116,915	def148,305	def367,162

**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.
Adirondack El Pow Co	November	447,179	366,994	---
Alabama Power Co.	November	397,416	289,411	3,796,135
Atlantic Shore Ry.	July	29,161	21,891	119,582
Bangor Ry & Elec Co	November	120,190	102,292	1,133,842
Barcelona Trac. L & P	November	3163,105	2406,094	24,507,404
Baton Rouge Elec Co	November	43,010	35,460	423,538
Beaver Valley Tr Co	November	61,755	50,878	652,414
Binghamton Lt. H & P	November	80,285	50,423	---
Blackstone V G & EL	November	305,157	248,073	2,991,793
Brazilian Trac. L & P	November	12199000	9796,000	122306000
Bklyn Rap Tran Sys—				
a Bklyn City RR	June	929,385	832,184	5,135,865
a Bklyn Heights RR	June	7,571	---	41,467
Coney Isd & Bklyn	June	239,544	204,937	1,196,530
Coney Isd & Grave	June	15,611	14,834	44,408
Nassau Electric	June	571,858	505,128	3,121,347
South Brooklyn	June	85,005	83,374	432,318
New York Consol.	June	1763,610	1464,144	10,461,584
Bklyn Qu Co & Sub	June	165,114	137,402	912,349
Cape Breton Elec Co.	November	63,035	51,611	583,258
Cent Miss V El Prop.	November	43,669	40,775	446,068
Chattanooga Ry & Lt	November	118,487	103,400	1,212,070
Cities Service Co.	November	1942,230	1613,081	22,871,546
Citizens Traction Co.	November	90,730	78,747	---
Cleve Painesv & East	November	61,464	55,068	735,344
Colorado Power Co.	November	104,429	98,425	---
e Columbia Gas & Elec	November	1355,202	1118,743	13,156,217
Columbia (Ga) El Co	November	127,241	133,951	1,425,269
Com'w'th P, Ry & Lt	November	2767,988	2446,264	28,303,030
Connecticut Power Co	November	123,397	116,957	1,338,778
Consum Pow (Mich)	November	1301,770	1121,459	12,856,135
Cumb Co (Me) P & L	November	261,046	238,794	2,827,918
Dayton Pow & Light	November	360,309	297,593	3,334,827
d Detroit Edison	November	2176,859	1615,615	19,660,624

Name of Road or Company.	Month.	Latest Gross Earnings.		Jan. 1 to Latest Date.	
		Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Duluth-Superior Trac	November	\$ 154,760	\$ 163,031	\$ 1,753,745	\$ 1,761,802
Duquesne Lt Cosubsta	November	1418,061	1033,650	13,618,588	10,718,404
East St Louis & Sub	November	416,547	269,827	3,925,550	2,884,602
East Sh G & E Subsid	November	46,779	41,814	---	---
Eastern Penn Ry Co.	July	161,891	129,238	1,813,470	1,436,848
Eastern Texas Elec	November	146,181	125,657	1,474,038	1,263,538
Edison El of Brockton	November	109,635	102,194	1,193,015	984,323
Elc Light & Pow Co	November	30,079	27,755	326,852	265,224
El Paso Electric Co.	November	180,738	146,741	1,735,309	1,419,214
Equitable Ooke Co.	June	123,916	107,025	457,893	460,677
Erle Ltg Co & Subsid	November	119,338	84,921	---	---
Fall River Gas Works	November	91,379	67,872	825,053	691,326
Federal Light & Trac.	June	347,735	297,350	2,258,288	1,912,108
Fort Worth Pow & Lt	July	242,370	104,719	1,254,242	712,085
Galv-Hous Elec Co.	November	334,583	261,090	3,466,919	2,817,983
General Gas & El Cq	November	1076,693	843,927	---	---
Georgia Lt. P & Rys.	June	828,144	691,751	1,589,326	1,329,461
Great Nor Pow Co.	June	179,549	131,650	951,118	661,195
e Great West Pow Sys	November	766,428	581,781	5,874,325	4,873,160
Harrisburg Railways	June	146,244	128,634	861,948	775,753
Havana El Ry. L & P	October	1017,031	871,621	9,329,356	7,596,468
Haverhill Gas Lt Co.	November	40,493	36,710	410,938	347,062
Honolulu R T & Land	November	70,245	63,693	764,237	687,462
Houghton Co Elec Lt	November	63,445	46,393	501,089	404,776
Houghton Co Trac Co	November	24,882	24,572	289,076	268,151
Hudson & Manhattan	June	571,237	481,397	3,131,010	3,014,543
Huntington Dev&Gas	November	102,579	102,686	---	---
d Illinois Traction	November	1914,274	1623,452	18,823,429	15,718,920
Interboro Rap Tran	---	---	---	---	---
Total system	November	4813,587	4,286,850	49,267,507	42,786,201
Kansas Gas & Elec Co	July	233,289	181,116	1,904,527	1,510,300
Keokuk Electric Co.	November	31,546	30,267	325,038	287,141
Keystone Telep Co.	December	169,631	165,935	1,758,231	1,656,450
Key West Electric Co	November	22,170	20,182	233,993	206,611
Lake Shore Elec Ry.	October	255,911	221,749	2,806,699	2,162,512
Long Island Electric	June	34,223	26,360	148,892	113,180
Louisville Railway	June	347,818	346,565	2,039,798	2,014,593
Lowell Electric Corp.	November	106,983	94,121	1,128,499	893,045
Manhattan & Queens	June	24,277	23,883	127,064	129,523
Manhat Bdge 3c Line	June	22,763	13,095	132,244	77,248
Metropol'n Edison Co	November	264,018	212,769	---	---
eMilw El Ry & Lt Co	November	1667,814	1413,277	17,152,255	13,350,925
Miss River Power Co.	November	245,977	209,819	2,486,642	2,112,571
Nashville Ry & Light	November	319,044	287,241	---	---
Nebraska Power Co.	July	221,549	174,154	---	---
Nevada-Calif El Corp	November	205,052	181,203	2,848,493	2,361,211
New England Power	October	533,506	401,609	4,939,446	3,324,032
New Jersey Pow & Lt	November	45,716	34,314	---	---
Newp N&H Ry. G&E.	November	230,151	205,670	2,534,758	2,510,793
New York Dock Co.	November	501,815	447,488	5,317,960	4,732,725
N Y & Long Island	June	49,229	52,408	236,519	269,151
N Y & North Shore	April	5,767	12,442	21,120	45,752
N Y & Queens County	June	106,709	101,105	551,300	520,656
b N Y Railways	June	677,418	---	3,889,190	---
b Eighth Avenue	June	96,099	1,087,557	460,684	7,264,767
b Ninth Avenue	June	38,400	---	165,952	---
Nor Caro Pub Serv Co	November	89,730	80,062	---	---
Northern Ohio Elec.	November	852,221	847,356	10,161,183	8,375,458
North Texas Electric	November	330,885	300,245	3,607,780	3,058,314
North Ohio Ry & P Co	November	41,254	26,599	---	---
Ocean Electric (L I)	June	29,308	26,182	90,169	72,767
Pacific Gas & Elec Co	November	3048,941	2291,106	31,242,705	23,466,448
Pacific Power & Light	July	214,682	185,911	---	---
Penn Cent Lt & P & Sub	November	215,006	168,413	---	---
Pennsylv Util System	November	254,073	162,991	---	---
Philadelphia Co and					
Subsid Nat Gas Cos	November	1347,409	1055,390	13,395,985	10,895,158
Philadelphia Oil Co	November	178,953	160,481	1,649,030	1,185,727
Phila & Western	November	67,651	63,464	733,203	673,437
Phila Rap Transit Co	November	3726,376	3055,953	34,917,706	32,216,937
Portland Gas & Coke	July	200,473	166,994	1,434,011	1,214,525
Portland Ry. L & P.	November	856,586	739,971	8,650,658	7,841,700
Porto Rico Railways	November	122,221	94,888	1,273,461	1,030,365
Port(Ore) Ry. L & P Co	October	862,267	725,635	7,794,072	7,101,729
Puget Sd Pow & Lt Co	November	922,736	818,260	9,060,528	---
Reading Trans & Lt Sys	November	235,402	228,338	---	---
Republic Ry & Lt Co	November	743,762	577,313	---	---
Richmond Lt & RR	June	61,092	50,350	285,907	256,530
Rutland Lt & Power	November	51,269	45,303	---	---
St L Rocky Mt & Pac	October	490,671	392,88	4,275,522	3,406,342
Sandusky Gas & Elec	November	85,505	62,466	---	---
Schenectady Ry Co.	November	165,481	142,793	1,727,780	1,505,699
Second Avenue	April	51,821	42,662	183,803	158,918
17th St Incl Plane Co	November	4,049	3,350	41,319	37,608
Southern Cal Edison	August	1528,108	972,974	9,147,564	6,856,625
Southwest'n Pow & Lt	October	979,792	592,464	---	---
Tampa Electric Co.	November	128,997	115,795	1,328,696	1,143,590
Tennessee Ry. L &amp					

		Gross Earnings.	Net after Taxes.	Fixed Charges.	Balance, Surplus.
Citizens Trac Co	Nov '20	90,730	26,271	8,670	17,601
& Sub	'19	68,747	21,460	7,310	14,150
	12 mos '20	981,512	242,872	97,337	145,535
	'19	757,305	193,442	85,631	107,811
Eastern Shore Gas	Nov '20	46,779	11,593	5,932	5,661
& Elec & Sub	'19	41,814	10,879	5,729	5,150
	12 mos '20	499,869	107,723	70,264	37,459
	'19	409,850	93,277	56,068	37,209
Erie Light Co & Subs	Nov '20	119,338	32,967	14,881	18,086
	'19	84,921	29,915	15,232	14,683
	12 mos '20	1,202,760	433,664	181,425	252,239
	'19	918,100	310,197	178,639	131,558
Keystone Telep Co	Nov '20	169,631	63,394	39,530	23,864
	'19	165,935	68,961	35,681	33,283
	12 mos '20	1,758,231	592,696	436,998	155,698
	'19	1,656,150	560,522	363,695	196,827
Pacific Gas & Elec	Nov '20	3,048,941	768,614	538,667	229,947
	'19	2,291,106	628,624	472,058	156,566
	11 mos '20	31,242,705	9,213,607	5,691,785	3,521,822
	'19	23,466,448	7,957,370	5,011,283	2,946,087
Penn Cent Light & Power & Subs	Nov '20	215,006	64,364	27,842	36,522
	'19	168,413	61,823	30,494	34,329
	11 mos '20	2,295,238	751,104	341,121	409,983
	'19	1,870,733	682,540	352,256	330,284

b Before deduction of taxes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

**Financial Reports.**—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railway and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Dec. 25. The next will appear in that of Jan. 29.

**Chicago City & Connecting Rys. Coll. Trust, Chicago.**  
(Official Statement of Jan. 3 1921.)

Together with a notice of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Trust set for Feb. 8 and a form of proxy in favor of John J. Mitchell, James B. Forgan and Harrison B. Riley, the shareholders have received a circular dated Jan. 3 and signed by Mr. Riley as Chairman of their committee, saying in brief:

**Voting Power.**—Because of the continued default in the payment of dividends upon the Preferred Participation Shares, the right to vote is, by the terms of the Trust, made exclusive in the holders of such Preferred shares.

**Valuation of Properties, as Determined, at Least Equals Capitalization.**—The outstanding feature of the year has been a finding by the Public Utilities Commission that the value of the street railroads, the securities of which are held in the Trust, is at least the amount for which the properties are capitalized under the ordinance of 1907, and the fixing of a reasonable rate of return based upon that valuation. The valuation and rate of return were ascertained and fixed only after a long drawn out and bitter battle, and, of course, an appeal has been taken to the courts by the city. Meanwhile the political value of a fierce attack upon public utilities is still paying enhanced political returns. (See Chicago Surface Lines in V. 111, p. 2040.)

**Inadequate Service.**—At the present writing the public is worrying over the fact that the street car service is inadequate. No denial can be made. It is just as necessary that extensions of service be made, additional equipment be furnished and terminal facilities broadened, as it is to run the cars daily without interruption. The latter necessity is a little more obvious, that is all.

**Improvements.**—Immediately upon the fixing of the new rates of fare those most active in the ruin of the credit of the companies have been loudest in demands for immediate and radical improvement in service, a demand with which the companies are anxious to comply, but with impaired credit time is required to build and equip new cars, to enlarge terminals and extend lines, because such necessities can only be provided out of the meager return over and above actual operating expenses and interest on the outstanding debts of the companies.

The attention of the public has been repeatedly directed by the companies to the fact that lessened revenues would inevitably be reflected in inadequate service, so that while the companies share with the public the regret they cannot exhibit any genuine surprise at the present situation. This will be corrected as time produces the funds necessary for the purpose, in fact the work is proceeding daily, but 4 years have been lost by litigation.

**Joint Operation.**—The physical operation of the combined surface line properties was taken over Feb. 1 1920 by representatives of the Chicago Rys. Co. in accordance with their right under the joint operation agreement.

[Committee consists of Leonard A. Busby, Samuel M. Felton, James B. Forgan, Samuel Insull, John J. Mitchell, Harrison B. Riley, John A. Spoor, Bernard E. Sunny, Frank O. Wetmore.] Compare annual report in V. 110, p. 560, 167.

**Manati Sugar Company.**

(Report for Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1920.)

The remarks of President R. Truffin, together with the comparative income account and comparative balance sheet for seven years ending Oct. 31, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page.—V. 111, p. 2430.

**United Fruit Company, Boston.**

(Statement for 11 Months ended Nov. 30 1920.)

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Jan. 15 of 496,835 additional shares (par \$100) Capital stock, the same to be issued on that date as a 100% stock dividend to holders of record Dec. 20 1920 (compare V. 111, p. 1860, 2333).

Secretary George A. Rieh furnishes to the Exchange the income and balance sheet for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1920, and also says:

Since its last application for listing stock, the United Fruit Co. has increased its property investments by approximately \$24,500,000, the principal increases consisting of plantation acreage and necessary equipment incidental thereto in the tropics, and a modern sugar refinery in the U. S.

The company bases all depreciation rates on the estimated life of its various properties. On tropical lands and cultivations the annual rates average 10%; buildings and equipment, 3% to 10%; and steamships, 6 2-3%. Inventories of cultivations and plantation properties are taken at appraised values based on the estimated life of the properties. Inventories of merchandise and material are taken at cost. The company has approximately 59,500 employees in its service.

Federal taxes paid during the past three years have been as follows: 1918 for 1917, \$3,429,782; 1919 for 1918, \$12,352,858; 1920 for 1919, \$7,605,941. Federal taxes for 1920 are estimated at \$12,000,000.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS (See Note).

	11 Mos. to Nov. 30 '20.	15 Mos. to Dec. 31 '19.	Years ending Sept. 30—1918.	1917.
Net income from oper.				
U. F. Co. & substd's.		\$37,351,730	\$24,046,050	\$16,787,449
Other inc., int., divs., &c.		1,034,578	783,956	804,943
Total net income	\$45,453,684	\$38,386,308	\$24,830,006	\$17,592,391
Less: Interest charges	\$139,599	\$206,685	\$839,509	\$867,567
Estimated taxes	x12,000,000	18,016,106	9,896,450	3,686,869
Dividends declared	4,518,990	6,289,562	4,025,320	3,903,392
Per cent	(9%)	(12 1/4%)	(8%)	(8%)
Balance, surplus	x\$28,735,094	\$13,873,958	\$10,068,727	\$9,134,564
Accum'd profit brought forward	49,109,722	35,040,154	25,198,060	21,567,370
Total profit	\$77,844,817	\$48,914,109	\$35,266,787	\$30,701,933
Less direct chgs. to p. & l			5,000,000	5,503,873
Plus direct cred. to p. & l	4,872,589	195,614	4,773,367	

Bal. at cred. of p. & l. x\$82,717,407 \$49,109,723 \$35,040,154 \$25,198,060  
 x Note.—The results for the 11 months ending Nov. 30 1920 are here shown after making allowance for Federal taxes, which for the entire year 1920 are officially estimated at \$12,000,000. The dividends charged against the earnings of the 11 months are the three quarterly dividends of 3% each paid April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15 1920. On Jan. 15 1921 there will be paid a stock dividend of 100%, and also cash dividends of 2% and 2% extra, these cash distributions being equal to an annual rate of 8% for the stock when increased by the aforesaid stock distribution.

BALANCE SHEET OF NOV. 30 1920 AND DEC. 31 1919.

Assets—	Nov. 30 '20.	Dec. 31 '19.	Liabilities—	Nov. 30 '20.	Dec. 31 '19.
Tropical lands	76,492,075	70,233,807	Capital stock	50,316,500	50,316,500
Domestic, &c., prop.	8,653,131	8,017,684	Funded debt	346,000	1,045,000
Steamships	26,499,444	12,961,852	Costa Rica Ry.—		
Invest. Govt. secur.	16,183,673	19,808,022	Materials acct.		243,125
Co.'s 3,165 shares	316,500		Replace. reserve		280,317
New Eng. Oil Corp.	460,000		Steamship reserve	11,418,916	11,687,008
Carib. Syndicate	312,187		Tax reserve	8,054,016	15,534,447
Cammel Laird & Co.	946,682		Deferred credits	4,697,788	660,083
Other securities	4,240,554	4,565,921	Res. for trop. losses		11,326,727
Sinking fund	346,000	1,186,563	Def. liabilities	970,831	816,657
Cash	22,410,444	19,510,523	Accounts payable	4,412,239	4,181,177
Notes receivable	201,533	187,454	Drafts payable	1,250,640	1,064,457
Accts. receivable	8,335,294	7,513,368	Divs. pay. Oct.		1,257,913
Stock inventory	4,291,784	683,161	Rentals accrued		161,267
Deferred assets	2,158,868	1,245,912	P. & l. surplus	94,777,407	49,109,723
Deferred debits	2,801,275	1,391,069			
Transit items	1,591,895	379,060			
Total	176,244,339	147,684,401	Total	176,244,339	147,684,401

—V. 111, p. 2529.  
 x Before allowance for 1920, Federal taxes estimated at \$12,000,000.

**Central Aguirre Sugar Co.**

(Report for the Fiscal Year ending July 31 1920.)

The remarks of President J. D. H. Luce, together with the detailed income account and balance sheet for 1920, are cited on a subsequent page.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.
Sugar and molasses produced	\$17,034,030	\$6,082,032	\$5,728,784
Miscellaneous receipts	236,290	185,930	167,184
Total income	\$17,270,320	\$6,267,962	\$5,895,967
Agricultural and mfg. expenses	\$7,887,595	\$3,904,480	\$3,355,648
Freight, adminis., &c., expenses	330,619	169,667	535,136
Net earnings	\$9,052,106	\$2,193,815	\$2,005,184
RR. oper. profit (less int. charges)			54,945
Divs. received—Central Machette Co.	290,000		
Net income	\$9,342,106	\$2,193,815	\$2,060,128
Depreciation, &c.	\$163,614	\$152,528	\$147,763
Dividends	(82 1/2) 2,463,887	(10) 299,563	(40) 1200,000
Income and excess profits taxes	3,233,672	1,336,967	
Other reserves	750,766		
Balance, surplus	\$2,730,165	\$404,758	\$712,365

[As to death of Mr. Luce, see a subsequent page.]—V. 111, p. 1281.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Assets—	1920.	1919.	Liabilities—	1920.	1919.
Real est., bldgs., &c.	4,234,730	2,010,527	Capital stock (300,000 shares, \$100 each, x)	3,000,000	3,000,000
Rolling stock, &c.	644,923	468,881	Mortgages		23,500
Cash	1,209,609	209,360	Notes payable		625,000
Contract in suspense	1,407,005		Accounts payable, &c.	931,818	346,726
Porto Rico 4% irr. bds.	78,400	78,400	Res. restoration	10,000	10,000
Accts. rec'le, less res.	3,171,126	136,437	Income, &c., tax reserve	3,859,171	1,056,626
Dest'no curr. acct.	19,331		Surplus	6,103,926	3,373,762
Material & supplies	609,136	438,475	Unearned dis.	7,588	
Growing crops	811,644	483,045	Reserve for reduction of rentals	300,000	
Sugar and molasses on hand	304,169	2,393,750	Reserve for revaluation of property	56,885	
Blis payable	8,859		Insurance fund	8,012	
Bank accept. cert dep.	2,308,033				
Gen. Machete stock	580,000				
Carlota pur. dep.	140,000				
Con. & Improv. (not completed)	131,694				
Insurance fund	8,012				
Deferred charges	37,065	34,404			
U. S. Liberty bonds		751,000			
Total	14,277,400	8,435,615	Total	14,277,400	8,435,615

x Includes 175 shares reserved for exchange for shares of old company still out.  
 Note.—There is also \$1,500,000 Pref. stock auth. but not issued.—V. 109, p. 2266; V. 111, p. 1281.

**National Biscuit Company.**

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1920.)

President Roy E. Tomlinson says in substance:

**Balance Sheet.**—The accompanying balance sheet shows the financial condition of the company at the close of its 23d fiscal year. The only indebtedness is for raw materials, supplies and other incidental items, incurred so recently that the accounts could not be audited and paid before the close of the year. Inventories of raw materials have been reduced to the bare running requirements of the bakeries.

**New Plants, &c.**—The new Bethune St. bakery in New York City was completed during the year and two of the six chain ovens are in operation. This bakery will produce a line of the finest goods ever known to this industry, for both domestic and export trade.

A picture of the new East Liberty [7-story] bakery in Pittsburgh is shown [in the official report], also a picture of the new [similar] bakery in Detroit which has been completed during the year and placed in operation.

The company purchased a valuable piece of warehouse property, fronting 100 ft. on 16th St., New York City, adjoining the property bought last year from the Astor Estate.

Work was started in June on a new warehouse and manufacturing building near the board mill and Carton factory of the company at Marseilles, Ill. This fireproof, eight-story building, when completed early next spring, will insure for many years to come the permanence of our supply of cartons and all forms of paper board boxes and shipping containers.

## INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net profits.....	\$5,543,120	\$5,349,863	\$5,135,840	\$4,622,348
Common dividends (7%).....	\$2,046,520	\$2,046,520	\$2,046,520	\$2,046,520
Preferred dividends (7%).....	1,736,315	1,736,315	1,736,315	1,736,315
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,760,285	\$1,567,028	\$1,353,005	\$839,513

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets		Liabilities—			
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Plant, real estate, machinery, &c.....	60,487,638	55,955,020	Preferred stock.....	24,804,500	24,804,500
U. S. bonds & notes.....	2,518,154	4,787,054	Common stock.....	29,235,000	29,235,000
Cash.....	3,105,459	2,164,971	Accounts payable.....	591,648	649,083
Stocks & securities.....	896,003	830,896	Common dividend payable Jan. 15.....	511,630	511,530
Acc'ts receivable.....	5,070,279	5,233,499	Carton factory reserve.....	2,700,000	2,000,000
Raw materials, supplies, &c.....	8,235,340	8,758,555	Tax reserve.....	1,400,000	1,200,000
Total.....	80,332,875	77,730,025	Surplus.....	21,089,097	19,328,812
			Total.....	80,332,875	77,730,025

—V. 110, p. 259.

## American Ice Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Oct. 31 1920.)

## CONSOL. EARNINGS FOR YEARS ENDING OCT. 31, INCL. SUB. COS.

	1919-20.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1916-17.
Gross receipts.....	\$15,440,130	\$15,345,729	\$12,622,867	\$9,840,259
Income from investm'ts, interest, discount, &c.....	230,043	202,396	119,566	174,403
Total.....	\$15,670,173	\$15,548,124	\$12,742,433	\$10,014,932
Less cost of merchandise, oper. expenses, &c.....	10,956,113	10,440,079	9,080,806	7,404,764
Balance.....	\$4,714,060	\$5,108,045	\$3,661,627	\$2,610,168
Bond interest, &c.....	\$395,048	\$416,297	\$434,239	\$410,958
Rents.....	118,702	120,213	126,189	146,367
Taxes.....	258,258	243,948	211,146	242,495
Insurance.....	83,586	99,281	88,947	86,903
Maintenance & improv't.....	1,230,533	1,087,762	687,224	623,854
Reserve for Federal taxes.....	191,603	359,828	164,904	-----
Disc. on coll. trust bonds.....	Cr. 2,267	Cr. 5,199	Cr. 1,096	-----
Depreciation.....	660,989	761,677	740,780	-----
Dissolution exp. (Amer. Ice Securities Co.).....	-----	-----	-----	31,512
Adj. of gen. prop. values.....	-----	-----	-----	84,768
Total.....	\$2,936,453	\$3,083,813	\$2,452,333	\$1,626,857
Net gain.....	\$1,777,607	\$2,024,232	\$1,209,294	\$983,311
Preferred dividends..... (6%)	\$899,438	\$896,331	\$893,934 (3¼%)	\$563,267
Common dividends..... (4%)	299,776	-----	-----	-----
Balance, surplus.....	\$578,393	\$1,127,901	\$315,360	\$420,044

## CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31 (INCL. SUBSIDIARY COS.)

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.....	15,898,895	14,519,809	Prof. stock, non-cumulative.....	15,000,000	15,000,000
Good-will, water & patent rights.....	17,045,924	17,024,993	Common stock.....	7,500,000	7,500,000
Invest't securities.....	557,995	559,959	Underlying bonds.....	273,500	297,200
Cash.....	1,449,265	2,324,499	Collat. trust bonds.....	-----	-----
Notes & accounts receivable.....	1,219,845	1,061,560	American Ice Co.....	195,000	1,037,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	-----	587,500	Real estate first & gen. mtge. Gs.....	5,213,000	5,213,000
Employ's acct. for purch. pref. stk.....	13,044	-----	Real estate mtges.....	29,500	19,000
Liberty bonds.....	72,900	76,335	Damage claim pay.....	-----	30,910
Life insurance premiums.....	3,680	7,964	Real est. mtge. pay.....	-----	110,000
Inventory of merchandise, &c.....	895,337	768,765	Accounts payable.....	821,919	843,601
Fund investments.....	4583,717	592,711	Accr. bond int., &c.....	81,867	84,456
Total.....	37,740,603	37,524,095	Ins. & workman's compen'n res'v'e.....	576,167	554,996
			Profit & loss (sur.).....	6,992,161	6,432,770
			Res'v'e for Fed. tax.....	307,489	396,162
			Total.....	37,740,603	37,524,095

a Includes in 1920 American Ice Co. treasury stock (2,931 shares pref. and 3,929 shares of common), \$354,931; Independent Ice Co. stock (509 shares pref., 237 shares com.), \$125,000; and sundry stocks and bonds (outside companies), \$55,064; real estate mortgages, \$23,000. d Consists of \$545,000 U. S. Liberty bonds, New York City bonds, \$31,134 (par value \$35,000) sinking and release fund cash, \$7,550; loans, \$33. e After deducting in 1920, \$457,500 owned by American Ice Co. f After deducting in 1920 \$75,000,000 in treasury. x After deducting loss on Prof. stock sold to employees, \$19,002. z Includes new construction in progress, \$313,556.—V. 112, p. 64.

## American Smelting &amp; Refining Co.

(Statement of Pres. Guggenheim Dec. 30 1920—Eilers Suit.)

Many stockholders having requested full information concerning the suit recently brought against the company by Mr. Karl Eilers, the management has thought best to print the proceedings and send a copy to every stockholder.

A 33-page pamphlet has accordingly been issued containing a statement by Pres. Simon Guggenheim as well as (1) Mr. Eilers' petition; (2) Answering affidavits of Mr. Newhouse and Mr. Crockett; (3) The memorandum decision of the Supreme Court—Special Term, Part I. (Mr. Justice Burr) denying the motion for a writ of mandamus to enable Eiler to examine the stock book on the ground "that the company has been at all times willing to permit such inspection."

## Condensed Extracts from Statement by President Simon Guggenheim Dec. 3 1920.

I emphatically deny, both on my own behalf and that of my brothers, all charges of improper conduct made by Mr. Eilers, and assert that at all times my brothers and myself have sought honestly and faithfully, to the best of our ability to further the interests and the welfare of the American Smelting & Refining Co.

Our connection with the company's affairs began in 1901, and it is with pardonable pride that we point to the development of the company in the intervening period, as shown by the following comparison:

	1902.	1919.
Quick assets.....	\$18,000,000	\$54,486,000
Profit and loss surplus.....	2,900,000	25,974,000
Annual turnover.....	82,000,000	243,000,000

That the policy of the present management has been successful is evident from the fact that the net earnings of the company have been as follows:

Annual Net Earnings With Percentage Earned on Then Outstanding Cap. Stock.	
In fiscal year ended April 30 1901, \$3,828,000, representing.....	3.83%
During 6 2-3 yrs. end. Dec. 31 1911, aver. annually \$12,145,000 or.....	8.15%
During three years end. Dec. 31 1914, av. annually \$12,165,000 or.....	8.28%
During the three years end. Dec. 31 1917 (war yrs), average annually \$21,375,218, or at rate of.....	15.19%
In year ending Dec. 31 1918, \$13,887,000, being.....	11.10%
During year end Dec. 31 1919, net earnings were \$11,248,000, being 9.09%.	

The latter year (1919) was a reconstruction year following the signing of the Armistice, during which industrial and commercial conditions were generally unsettled. (All figures for net earnings are without allowing charges for depreciation, as the company's records, prior to 1911, were kept on that basis.)

While my brothers, because of advancing years, have been compelled to restrict somewhat their business activities, so long as any of us are connected with the company, we shall continue, as in the past, to work faith-

fully and unselfishly for the company's best interests, and to exercise our best business judgment in the management of its affairs.

## Condensed Extracts from Affidavit of Chairman Edgar L. Newhouse, Dec. 22 1920.

**Loyal Management.**—It is true the Messrs. Guggenheim, especially Mr. Daniel Guggenheim, Mr. Murry Guggenheim and Mr. Simon Guggenheim, have exerted a weighty influence in the counsels and management of the company. It is not true that they dominated the directors and officers in the objectionable sense in which the petitioner avers. Such influence as they had was altogether due to their great abilities, their unusual knowledge of the business and their singular qualifications as directors. It was in no wise due to arbitrary methods or to artificial means of control.

**Considerable Guggenheim Interest.**—The only member of the Guggenheim family who is now an officer of the company is Simon Guggenheim, who is President and is the owner of over 20,000 shares of the Common stock of the company and, so far as deponent has been able to ascertain by investigation, is the largest single stockholder of the company, the total holdings of said Simon Guggenheim and his wife in Common and Preferred stock being in excess of 28,000 shares. Isaac and Daniel Guggenheim are directors but not officers, and draw no salaries. Their aggregate holdings of stock of the company are in excess of 8,000 shares.

It is not true that any of the Messrs. Guggenheim ever received salaries from the Company while not rendering commensurate service. Their salaries have always been exceptionally moderate and in no case corresponding in amount to salaries paid to persons rendering similar services in other companies of the same magnitude. The devotion of the Messrs. Guggenheim to the interests and affairs of the Company throughout their several terms of office has been both notable and constant. The salary of President Simon Guggenheim is considerably less than that of several other officers.

In no instance has any member of the Guggenheim family consented to accept any distribution in the shape of a bonus or otherwise made to other officers or employees. In 1907 at a time of financial stringency the salaries of the Messrs. Guggenheim, then officers of the company, were, at their own instance, reduced, although the salaries of other officers remained unchanged.

Especially is it denied that the Messrs. Guggenheim have acted in disregard of the interests of the corporation or sought to employ it to serve their own ends. In this respect the conduct of the Messrs. Guggenheim has been above reproach.

**Activities in Bolivia.**—Prior to 1910 the company had never smelted tin nor had tin been smelted in the United States to any substantial extent by anyone. The company was then engaged in smelting and refining silver, copper, lead and other ores. In 1910, our Messrs. Newhouse and Stewart went to South America to obtain contracts for the smelting of ores, other than tin, at our plant at Tacoma, Wash. They did not while there investigate mining properties of any kind for purchase.

While in Bolivia they became convinced that it would be wise to add the smelting of tin to our other smelting activities, and the company accordingly built a tin smelter at Perth Amboy, N. J., and contracted with tin mines in Bolivia for the smelting of their ores and that business is still carried on.

A number of years later one or two tin properties in Bolivia were examined for the company, but a majority of the Board was opposed to the company's investing therein, and no such mines have ever been acquired by it. None of the property in Bolivia so examined or considered for the company was ever purchased by the Guggenheim Brothers, or by any member of that family. I deny that any demand was made by directors of the company that the company be allowed to share in Guggenheim Brothers' operations in Bolivia, or that any such demand was refused by the Messrs. Guggenheim.

**Premier Silver & Gold Mine in British Columbia.**—The company's investment in this enterprise was made primarily to insure to itself the smelting and refining of the ore from that mine. Officers and directors of the corporation, other than the Guggenheims, were opposed to the purchase of the full one-fourth interest (the interest offered) and the Guggenheim Brothers were therefore asked to purchase one-half of said interest, thereby relieving the company from purchasing more than the remaining one-eighth and this arrangement was informally approved by all of the directors except possibly Mr. Eilers, and I have no recollection of Mr. Eilers ever objecting at the time or until this action. I deny that a majority of the Executive Committee favored the purchase of the entire one-fourth interest.

**Sales of Copper.**—The allegations of the Eiler petition in respect to sales of copper are incorrect and misleading. By far the greater amount of copper sold by all large copper producing and selling companies is sold for future delivery; it is impossible for any company having a large output of copper to sell more than a comparatively small part of its production by current sales, such as are possible in other metals.

Moreover, the volume of copper to be sold by the company has included, since about the year 1908, not only its own copper, but also copper sold by it as selling agent for a number of large copper producing companies, the selling arrangement having been made as part of arrangements to smelt and refine the ores of such companies. The selling agency arrangement provided that all sales of copper should be pro-rated against the total amount of copper available for sale at any particular time, including the company's own copper.

**Profits as Selling Agent.**—The net commissions paid to the company for its services as selling agent in the period from Jan. 1 1913 to Sept. 1 1920 aggregated over \$10,000,000. The existence of the agency, however, increased the necessity and volume of forward sales of the company's own copper, and particularly in the abnormal period following the outbreak of the European war some losses were suffered from this source due almost entirely to the existence of the selling agency.

The statement made by Mr. Hills the Comptroller as of Oct. 31 1920 shows that from Jan. 1 1912 to Oct. 31 1920, the net proceeds from the selling agency amounted to \$10,046,409, and that from this should be deducted quotational losses incurred during the same period amounting to \$4,594,824, leaving an apparent net profit for the period on the operation of \$5,451,585. But this apparent profit will at present prices of copper be more than wiped out by quotational losses which will be suffered if the present dull copper market continues.

**Copper on Hand.**—The statement that in April 1920 as the result of a policy of withholding copper from sale, the company had on hand approximately 160,000 tons of refined copper is absolutely untrue. On May 1 1920 the company had on hand for its own account 26,855 tons of refined copper. The company had used its best efforts to sell all the copper it could and the accumulation was due (1) To lack of demand, all consumers of copper being overstocked; (2) To the fact that production had been greatly stimulated because of the war; (3) To labor and railroad conditions that delayed the making of the refined copper and its delivery at Tidewater; and (4) To the company's not being free to sell its own copper, independently.

**Termination of Selling Agency.**—As the end of the abnormal conditions are not yet in sight, the Board during Nov. 1920, determined to terminate the selling agency, which was accordingly done. (See V. 111, p. 2523.) [The allegations of Karl Eilers were given quite fully in "Eng. & Min. Journ." Dec. 25, p. 1229. Proxies are sought at the annual meeting Apr. 6.]

The "Boston News Bureau" on Jan. 5 said substantially:

From Jan. 1 1921 the American Smelting & Refining Co. has reduced wages to the extent of \$2,000,000 per annum and lopped off another \$500,000 a year through curtailment of forces. [See a subsequent page.] The company expects to add further economies through greater efficiency, while the general dropping of prices will of course, greatly assist the supply department.

The company for the past twelve months, operated at a heavy loss. In the first six months it saved something for net, but this was more than offset by the losses incurred during the last half. Although the sale of more than 500,000,000 pounds of copper annually, for which it receives a commission, has been turned over to Guggenheim Brothers without consideration, the management considers itself relieved of a liability. Under normal conditions the American Smelting & Refining Co. has the disposition of between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 pounds of copper monthly from its own mines and through purchases. Compare V. 112, p. 164, 64.

## British American Tobacco Co., Ltd.

(Digest of Report Presented at Annual Meeting Dec. 30)

At the 18th Annual Meeting held in London Dec. 30 1920 Mr. Joseph Hood, M. P., (one of the deputy chairmen), presiding said in subst:

**Balance Sheet.**—Taking the assets side of the balance-sheet first (V. 112 p. 160) you will observe that the item real estate and buildings at cost, less provision for amortization of leaseholds, £541,986 shows an increase of £66,538. The greater part of this increase is due to extensions to our Liverpool factory and the purchase of adjoining land. While we have also

purchased land at Southampton for an additional factory, yet we have reluctantly come to the conclusion, owing to conditions as to building, that it is not an opportune time to start the erection of a factory.

Plant, machinery, furniture and fittings at cost or under, £419,501, shows a decrease of £10,853, which is more than accounted for by the disposal of a factory in New York which we have sold. On the other hand, the machinery at our Norfolk, Va., branch, shows a material increase, but on the whole the item is reduced by the amount I have mentioned.

Associated Companies.—Loans to and current account with associated companies £7,194,958, shows an increase of £1,127,433. This, again, is due to increased supplies to the associated companies, and the replenishment of their stocks which had become depleted, together with additional advances to them. It is also to some extent due to the postponement of remittances owing to the adverse rate of exchange.

Investments in associated companies, £11,356,132 is also up by £2,664,432. This is the largest item on the assets side, and the increase represents additional investments in associated companies. Other investments, £607,922, is increased by £453,813, due to investments in war bonds.

Inventories.—Stocks of leaf, manufactured goods and materials at cost or under £7,021,185, shows a reduction of £1,176,308. We have hitherto carried in our stocks of leaf, manufactured goods and materials at cost or under, but for some years past with rising prices, cost or under has been lower than the market value. There has recently been a material reduction in the price of raw leaf. The auction sales in America begin about August and continue until the end of the year. Our balance-sheet, of course, is as of Sept. 30 last, and we have taken in stocks this year at market value as at that date, which is a continuance of our policy of carrying them in at the lower figure of the two. In this case the market value is less than cost by a substantial amount.

Cash, &c.—Sundry debtors (less provision for doubtful debts) and debit balances £2,531,176 is reduced by £241,538, because as at the date of the balance-sheet less money was owing to us. Cash at bankers and in transit the last item on the assets side, £2,856,119 shows a decrease of £1,280,854.

Capital Stock.—The issued capital of 4,500,000 Preference shares remains the same, but the issue of Ordinary shares has increased from 8,501,911 to 16,002,523. In April last we made an issue at par of one share in two, and in respect of that issue 4,264,484 shares were taken up by the Ordinary shareholders up to Sept. 30. In addition 21,500 shares had been issued to certain directors in January last, in pursuance of the authority given by the articles of association and the resolutions of the shareholders of May 19 1919, out of the 34,704 then authorized.

Beyond that there were issued 17,532 shares in response to belated acceptances of the offer of one in three made in June, 1919. Also in July last we made a further issue to the Ordinary shareholders of one share in four in respect of which 3,197,096 shares had been accepted and issued up to Sept. 30 last.

Credit Balances, &c.—The item of creditors and credit balances is reduced from £9,918,597 to £5,678,938, mainly accounted for by the reduction of cash at bankers and in transit on the other side of the account and to the adjustment of our liability in respect of excess-profits duty to the date of the balance sheet.

Reserves.—The increase in reserves for buildings, machinery and materials £630,164 is due to the ordinary provisions under this heading. The item is strengthened to the extent of £87,342. Special reserves show an increase of £41,739.

General Reserve of £1,500,000 Against Possible Losses Due to War.—With the consent of the Government we sold shortly after the war commenced our shares in German companies and loans to those companies and officials connected with them chiefly (1) Loans and current accounts and (2) shares in the German companies.

The amount of the loans and current accounts have now been agreed and we expect to receive shortly a sum approximately amounting to £1,280,000, which includes the interest on the amount up to the date of payment—payable under the contract we made. So soon as this substantial amount is received it will be unnecessary to maintain this general reserve at £1,500,000. Payment for the amount (roughly over five million marks) of the claim owing to us for the sale of the shares in German companies has yet to be completed. We hope that will be done at an early date.

Profit and Loss.—Last year we carried forward a balance of £4,912,734, out of which we paid a final dividend of 6%, amounting to £512,422, which left us with a disposable balance of £4,400,312. In May last, the directors purchased 641,000 shares of the Garland Steamship Corporation at a cost of \$1,900,000 equal to £475,438, and in pursuance of extraordinary resolutions of the shareholders of May 10 last, this sum was written off with the shares of Garland Steamship Corporation distributed amongst the Ordinary shareholders.

In addition the shareholders decided to capitalize £3,202,853, or such other sum as might be necessary to give one share in four out of the undivided profits of the company, and to apply the sum in making payment in full at par for Ordinary shares which were to be distributed ratably among the holders of Ordinary shares in proportion to their holdings, so that each holder of Ordinary shares would receive one new share in respect of every four Ordinary shares held by him.

In pursuance of that resolution the directors allotted up to Sept. 30 3,197,096 shares at par, which amount is deducted from the disposable balance, leaving £727,778.

Direct Profits and Dividends.—To the £727,778 the direct profits and dividends for the year, after deducting all charges and expenses for management and providing for income tax and corporation profits tax and adjusting the liability in respect of excess profits duty will have to be added, amounting to £4,879,177 less Pref dividend of £225,000 and the four interim dividends amounting to £2,305,086, which leaves a disposable balance of £3,076,869 out of which the directors recommend the distribution on Jan. 10 1921 of a final dividend (free of British income tax) on the issued Ordinary shares of 9%, amounting to £1,440,406, leaving £1,636,463 to be carried forward.

This final dividend of 9% will make 30% for the year upon the Ordinary shares which were in existence a year ago.

Outlook.—In some parts of the world there has been a reduction in sale since Sept. 30 last. That result seems to be world-wide. The directors however, hope that it is only a temporary phase, and they have no reason to believe that they will be unable to present a satisfactory balance sheet a year hence. We sell no goods for consumption in the United Kingdom. All the goods we manufacture here are manufactured in bond and exported.

In addition to recommending a payment on Jan. 10 of a final dividend of 9% upon the Ordinary shares (free of British income tax) the directors have declared for the year 1920-21 an interim dividend of 4% (free of British income tax) also payable on Jan. 10, so that the shareholders will receive on that date 13%.

The comparative tables of Income and Balance Sheet were give in V. 112, p. 159, 160.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1920.)

T. J. Ryder, Mexico City, President and Managing Director, says in substance:

Results (in Mexican Gold).—The profit on trading for the year is \$57,272,046, less transferred to field redemption account, \$2,204,867, and to depreciation reserve account, \$2,589,489; and plus interest, &c., \$2,181,528, making the net profit for the year \$54,659,217.

After transferring to legal reserve account the sum of \$2,657,961, and to provident fund \$1,500,000, and after adding the balance brought forward from year 1918-19 of \$3,543,282, the balance available was \$54,044,538.

From this balance there have been deducted: (a) First dividend of 5% on Pref. share capital, paid Dec. 31 1919, \$425,000; (b) second dividend of 6% on same paid June 30 1920, \$510,000; (c) First dividend of 5% on Ord. share capital, paid Dec. 31 1919, \$2,352,839; (d) second dividend of 6% on same, paid June 30 1920, \$4,666,637. This leaves a balance unappropriated of \$46,090,062, which it is proposed to apply as follows: (a) Final dividend of 4% on Pref. share capital, making 60% for the year, \$4,165,000; (b) Final dividend of 4% on Ordinary share capital, making 60% for the year, \$38,110,872; and carry forward to next year \$3,814,189.

Drilling.—Successful drilling operations have continued throughout the year. Wells Nos. 5, 9 and 10 in the Naranjos field were successfully brought in during November 1919, with an estimated daily production of 50,000, 90,000 and 60,000 bbls., respectively. To these have now been added wells Nos. 12, 14 and 15, with an estimated daily production of 20,000, 50,000 and 35,000 bbls., respectively.

A new pool, known as Zacamixtle, and located some 6 miles south of Naranjos, has recently been proven, and the company's well No. 1 in this field was successfully brought in and capped during the latter part of Octo-

ber 1920, with an estimated daily production of 75,000 bbls. Other wells are in process of drilling in the same field.

In view of the company's very extensive reserve territories, the appearance of salt water in some of the more heavily exploited fields is not causing anxiety, being more than compensated by the policy of keeping exploration work well ahead of production requirements.

Proposed New Pipe Line.—The company's crude oil supply is largely in excess of its present pipe line capacity of 110,000 bbls. daily. In order to take care of this, a third line into Tampico has been agreed to and will be proceeded with as soon as possible. The completion of this pipe line will render possible the delivery to the ports of Tampico and Tuxpan of a total quantity of 140,000 bbls. of crude oil daily.

Operations.—The total amount of oil loaded at Tuxpan during the year was 10,350,000 bbls. Shipments from Tampico, consisting chiefly of refined oils, amounted to 5,941,400 bbls. Refined oil shipments from Minatitlan amounted to 1,334,607 bbls.

The crude oil throughput at the Tampico refinery is at present approximately 45,000 bbls. per day, or more than double that of last year. Due to the proposed increase in the pipe line capacity, arrangements are now being made to increase the quantity of oil to be treated at this refinery to 90,000 bbls. daily.

The refinery at Minatitlan is now operating at a throughput of 12,000 bbls. daily, being an increase of 2,000 bbls. daily over last year. Arrangements are being made to increase this throughput to 15,000 bbls. daily early in 1921.

Due to long delays in the delivery of material, the increased topping plant capacity at Tuxpan was considerably delayed, but it now in operation. This gives a topping capacity of 15,000 bbls. daily, which it is proposed to increase to 25,000 bbls. daily by the middle of 1921.

Vessels.—The Eagle Oil Transport Co.'s fleet of tank vessels, all of which are entirely in the service of the company, amounts to 230,000 tons d. w. capacity. Further vessels have been ordered to the extent of 207,000 d. w. tons. The bulk of this additional tonnage is due for delivery during 1921, and with this in service the company will be able to dispose of adequate transportation facilities for its increased production.

New Stock.—The company has recently authorized an increase of capital of Mex. \$44,886,420 in Ordinary shares of 10 pesos each, making the total authorized capital \$160,000,000 pesos Mex. Of the increased capital, shares are being offered to the shareholders in the proportion of one new share for each two old shares (either Preference or Ordinary) held by them. (V. 112, p. 67).

The total share capital authorized is \$160,000,000 (Mexican), divided into (a) 8% Participating Pref. shares of \$10 each, fully paid, \$8,500,000; (b) Ordinary shares of \$10 each, fully paid, \$151,500,000. Issued, Preference shares, \$8,500,000; Ordinary shares, \$77,777,290 (all Mexican money).

The comparative income accounts for years ending June 30 will be found in "Chronicle" of Jan. 8, p. 167.

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30 (ALL \$ MEXICAN GOLD PESOS).

[Stated in Mexican gold pesos, par value 24½d. sterling or 49.75 cents U. S. gold.]

Assets—	1920.	1919.	1918.
Real estate, bldgs., plant & equip., &c.	43,236,808	34,547,727	30,613,334
Subsoil rights, field exp.	1,000,000	8,279,549	11,896,469
Loose plant and equipment	2,645,680	2,041,728	1,539,007
Steamers, &c.	2,448,807	1,747,473	2,093,599
Investment in allied co., &c.	23,128,024	18,104,152	18,593,483
Stocks of oil, stores, &c.	18,174,062	14,588,204	13,954,076
Debtors, debit balance & cash	74,816,023	29,633,780	20,224,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,449,404</b>	<b>\$108,942,613</b>	<b>\$98,914,359</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Preferred shares (par \$10)	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000
Ordinary shares (par \$10)	77,777,290	47,056,790	42,255,190
Mortgage bonds			14,693,878
Reserves	13,170,591	21,041,651	9,353,086
Provident fund	2,367,734	1,654,648	1,108,217
Creditors & credit balance	12,117,562	4,165,190	4,945,000
Debture hold. for interest due		41,583	
Shareholders for dividends declared	5,426,165	3,494,592	
Loans			
Profit and loss	46,090,062	22,988,159	18,058,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$165,449,404</b>	<b>\$108,942,613</b>	<b>\$98,914,359</b>

Note.—The company has guaranteed the payment of (a) a dividend of 6% per annum on 400,000 cumulative 6% participating preference shares of \$5 each, fully paid, in the Eagle Oil Transport Co., Ltd., and (b) the principal of and interest on \$1,000,000 U. S. gold ten-year 6% Gold Debentures (maturing July 1 1922) of the Oil Fields of Mexico Co.—V. 112, p. 167, 67.

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.

Items in "Chronicle" of Jan. 8.—(a) Outlook for RR. securities (James Speyer), p. 100. (b) Meeting of Association of Railway Executives on Jan. 7, p. 116. (c) Robert W. Woolley on Dec. 31 withdrew from I.-S. C. Commission, p. 116. (d) Anthracite trust decisions (A. N. Sakolski of Equitable Trust Co.), p. 116.

Would Cut Railroad Return to 4%.—Senator Trammell (Fla.) has introduced a bill providing that after April 1 common carriers engaged in interstate commerce shall not be authorized to make rates which will produce returns exceeding 4% of their aggregate property value.

Higher RR. Rates Send Freight Via Panama Canal.—Increased railroad rates have led the Anaconda Copper Co. to ship its copper and zinc from Butte to N. Y. via Seattle and the Panama Canal, 7,000 miles, instead of by the all-rail route, 2,500 miles. "Mfrs.' Record" of Balt., Jan. 13, p. 89.

Award to Short Line Under Transportation Act.—Important Precedent.—See Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Ry. below and compare "Times" Jan. 11, p. 20.

RR. Wage Cuts, &c.—(a) Wage reductions by two short lines, "Wall St. Jour." Jan. 10, p. 6. (b) Deflation of RR. labor in New England by discharge of 10 to 12% of employees, "Bost. N. B." Jan. 8, p. 1.

The proposition of the officials of the Georgia & Florida RR. (406 miles in length) to reduce wages 25% in order to keep the road in operation has been rejected, the national labor leaders, it is stated, holding that it is better the road should be scrapped than to accept lower wages.

Rail-Shipping Board.—The joint committee of the Shipping Board and the I.-S. C. Commission which is to work out the application of the various provisions of the Transportation Act and the Jones Merchant Marine Act includes: Representing the Board, J. N. Teal, Chairman; F. I. Thompson and Guy D. Goff; representing the Commission, C. C. McCord, Henry C. Hall and Mark W. Potter.

RR. Labor Board Hearings as to Continuance of National Labor Agreements.—(a) Charges by men; companies urge place work. "Times" Jan. 11, p. 7; (b) Roads must be free to establish their own regulations. "Times" Jan. 12, p. 10.

RR. Machinists Apply to I.-S. C. Commission Against the Giring of Equipment Repair Work to Private Companies.—Men claim 32,000 workers have thus been laid off as part of conspiracy against union labor. Reply that unreasonable RR. work system burdens the roads unduly, as on Norf. & West, payment for 15 min. out of hour's work treated as if 200 minutes at time and a half and 6,087 half hours in Jan. as if 13,665 with punitive payment of \$4,787. "Times" Jan. 10, p. 1; Jan. 11, p. 7; Jan. 12, p. 7.

RR. Loans Approved from \$300,000,000 Reclaiming Fund.—To Dec. 31 the loans approved from the \$300,000,000 Fund aggregated \$205,721,357, viz.: To aid in meeting maturing debt, \$86,173,750; to aid in acquisition of equipment, \$41,385,870; to aid in making additions and betterments to existing equipment, \$17,291,294; to aid in making additions and betterments to way and structures, \$60,670,443. Applications for loans aggregating \$51,653,594 are pending. The sum of \$40,000,000 has been reserved

temporarily to meet claims and judgments arising out of operations during the period of Federal control. The Treasury Department statement reports the total payments on loans from the Revolving Fund as \$166,445,937 to Jan. 8. See list of loans, "Hos. N. B." Jan. 8, p. 4. "Wall St. Jour." Jan. 11, p. 8, and "Ry. Age", p. 95 to 100.

**5-Cent Fares and Bus Lines in N. Y. City.**—Mayor Hylan's review, "Times" Jan. 9, p. 1.

**Review of Railway Developments for 1920 (Summarized from "Ry. Age" Jan. 7).**

**Railway Lines Built, Abandoned, &c., in 1920.**—In 1920 operation was discontinued on 535 miles of main line railway in the U. S. and 35 in Canada, 239 miles of road being junked. In 1919 operation stopped on 867 miles, including 178 not reported till 1920.

Since 1917 there have been 4,032 miles of road abandoned (including possibly 225 miles restored to service following the end of Federal control), as against 2,700 miles of new construction placed in service.

**Miles of New Line Completed in the United States in Years Named.**

Year—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1910.	1905.	1900.
Miles—	314	686	721	979	1,098	933	4,122	4,388	4,894

**Receiverships, &c.**—On Dec. 31 1920 there were 62 roads in receivers' hands, aggregating 15,401 miles of road. The receiverships established include 541 miles of road, owned by 10 companies, and the foreclosure sales embraced 380 miles, owned by 7 companies.

**Equipment Orders.**—In 1920 U. S. equipment orders compared as follows:

(1) Locomotives—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1912.
Domestic use—	1,998	272	2,802	2,704	2,910	3,467	4,515
For export—	718	898	2,086	3,438	2,983	-----	-----
(2) Passenger cars—							
Domestic use—	1,781	639	131	1,124	2,544	3,179	3,642
For export—	38	143	126	43	109	-----	-----
(3) Freight cars—							
Domestic use—	84,207	25,899	123,770	79,367	170,054	146,732	234,758
For export—	9,056	3,974	53,547	53,191	35,314	-----	-----

In addition to the foregoing, the Canadian roads in 1920 placed orders in U. S. and Canadian shops for 189 locomotives, 275 pass. cars and 12,406 freight cars.

**1920 Earnings Far Short of 6%.**—"Bureau of Railway Economics" reports the total revenue of R.R.s. in U. S. in 1920 at about \$6,200,000,000, and the net operating income, after taxes, \$150,000,000 (as against \$1,134,000,000 required to equal 6% on valuation), but Govt. guaranty for 8 mos. to Aug. 31 will amount to about \$800,000,000. For the 4 mos. ended Dec. 31 (Dec. est.), the net oper. income was about \$291,000,000 (4.3%), agst. the agreed \$407,000,000 (6%). "Sun" Jan. 11, p. 3.

**Joint Terminals.**—The order for ouster of Great Northern Ry. and Spokane Port. & Seattle Ry., &c., from Union Terminal at Portland, Ore. was temporarily withdrawn by So. Pac. Co. on Dec. 27, pending investigation by I.-S. C. Commission. "Portland Oregonian" Dec. 28; "Ry. Rev." Jan. 1, p. 33.

**Car and Locomotive Prices Reach Peak in 1920.**—"Railway Age" of Jan. 7 (p. 87 to 91) reports that of the RR. orders placed in 1920, two-thirds were placed in the first six months at a cost exceeding the base price of 1910-14, in case of locomotives, 251%; steel freight cars, 300%; composite freight cars, 313%; pass. coaches, 218%. Subsequently a reduction of about 10% took place. Few orders have been placed in the last three mos.

For 1920 the "Age" gives a table showing that for standard equipment prominent roads contracted to pay:

Locomotives weighing from 260,000 to 468,000 lbs	-----	\$51,000 to \$101,964
Steel passenger cars	-----	\$25,979 to \$34,036
Pullman steel compartment car, \$36,539; and dining car	-----	\$51,005
100,000-lb. capacity steel box cars	-----	3,660
100,000-lb. capacity steel underframe gondolas	-----	3,003
200,000-lb. steel gondolas	-----	6,000

**Higher Rates Fail to Curtail Freight Shipments but Appear to Cut Down Passenger Traffic.**—The number of passengers carried one mile in Oct., compared with Aug., shows on Illinois Central a decline of 23.4%, against 11% in 1919; on Atch. T. & S. F., 12.4%, agst. 4%; C. & N. W., 24%, agst. 11.07%; on N. Y. Central [with old local rates still in force.—Ed. "Chronicle"]; 23.2%, agst. 18.7%. "Ry. Age" p. 69.

**Other Matters.**—(a) Fate of joint ticket agencies and other Federal innovations, p. 81-84. (b) Valuation developments in 1920, p. 74 to 76. (c) Section 10 of Clayton Law effective, p. 121. (d) Labor faces economic readjustments in 1921, p. 77. (e) Present condition of French railways, p. 122 to 124.

**American Cities Co.—To Extend Deposit Agreement.**

The bondholders protective committee for the 5-6% Collateral Trust bonds: J. K. Newman, Chairman (V. 108, p. 577), states: Recent statements of earnings of the subsidiary companies indicate that these companies are on a basis where their combined net earnings are more than sufficient to pay interest on the American Cities Co. 5-6% collateral trust bonds, after setting aside ample renewal and replacement funds in addition to adequate maintenance expenditures.

While a complete reorganization plan has been prepared, the committee considers it inadvisable to submit it under the present financial conditions. The committee therefore requests and recommends that the Deposit Agreement of Jan. 15 1919, be amended so that the time for the submission of a plan thereunder be extended to Dec. 31 1921, and that the Deposit Agreement as so amended be extended and renewed with all rights, privileges and obligations therein contained remaining in full force and effect.—V. 111, p. 2137.

**Ann Arbor RR.—Government Loan.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has approved a loan of \$400,000 to aid the company in meeting maturing indebtedness of \$620,000. The company is required to finance \$220,000 to meet the loan.—V. 111, p. 2227.

**Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Ry.—Government Award Sets a Precedent.**

The payment of \$103,453 to the company by the Government in full settlement of its claims under Section 204 of the Esch-Cummins Act, is thought by leading railroad counsel to establish a precedent of great importance to a large number of the short line railroad companies which were taken over by the RR. Administration, Jan. 1 1918, and were relinquished in July of the same year by the then Director-General of Railroads, William G. McAdoo. The New York "Times" Jan. 11 says:

Section 204 of the Act states that short lines privately operated which suffered a deficit during Federal control shall be entitled to readjustment of earnings on the basis of standard return, while short lines which enjoyed operating income during the period shall not be entitled to this readjustment.

The question raised in the case of the Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Rys. by John B. Pruyn, General Counsel, was whether the short lines were to compute earnings for the full period of Federal control or for the last 20 months of that time, when they were privately operated, in order to qualify for the benefits of Section 204 of the Act.

The company enjoyed operating income for the first six months—Jan. to July 1918—but showed an operating deficit thereafter. Mr. Pruyn, on behalf of the road, contended that the shorter period only should be considered, and his contention was sustained by the I.-S. C. Commission. In discussing the decision yesterday Mr. Pruyn said: "This decision is extremely important to many of the short lines which were taken over by the Government and then turned back to their owners by Mr. McAdoo's order of relinquishment. The so-called short line contract is ambiguous, in many of its stipulations, but this action by the I.-S. C. Commission seems to clarify at least this particular point."

This is the second short line settlement arranged by Mr. Pruyn. Under somewhat different circumstances, the Little Cottonwood Transportation Co. received approximately \$35,000. These are the only two short line claims which have been adjusted to date.—V. 107, p. 1917.

**Atlantic Ave. RR., Brooklyn.—Protective Committee.**

The committee named below, at the request of the holders of a large amount of the Gen. Consolidated 5% bonds dated April 23 1891, due 1931, have consented to act as a bondholders' protective committee and requests the holders to deposit their bonds with the Oct. 1 1919 and subsequent coupons attached with the Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.

**Committee.**—George E. Warren, Chairman, Vice-Pres. Columbia Trust Co., Frank Coemen, Pouch & Co., 14 Wall St., William Carnegie Ewen, 2 Wall St., with Pavey & Wells, counsel, 32 Nassau St., and Arthur N. Hazeltine, Sec., 60 Broadway, New York City.—V. 66, p. 183.

**Bangor & Aroostook RR.—Government Loan, &c.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company (1) to issue at not less than 95½ and div., \$140,000 7% Prior Lien Equipment Trust certifs. Series G, due \$8,000 annually Jan. 1 1922 to 1926, incl. and \$10,000 each Jan. 1 1927 to 1936, incl., proceeds to be applied together with the loan of \$180,000 to the purchase of 6 super-heated consolidated locomotives costing \$320,100, and (b) to issue \$180,000 6% Deferred Lien Equip. trusts, Ser. G, due \$12,000 each, Jan. 1 1922 to 1936, incl., to be pledged together with the below bonds, with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for a loan of \$180,000 from the United States.

The following bonds, in addition to the \$180,000 deferred lien equipment trust certificates, Series G, are to be pledged with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for the \$180,000 Govt. loan: \$30,000 Washburn Ext. 1st Mtge; 5% \$165,000 St. John River Ext. 1st Mtge. 5% bonds and \$165,000 Consol. Ref. Mtge 4% bonds.—V. 111, p. 2040.

**Boston Elevated Ry.—Commission's Recommendations.**

The Department of Public Utilities has filed with the Legislature a report recommending that the Boston Elevated take over the Revere and Chelsea lines of Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry. for the purpose of improving the service and bringing about a 10-cent fare between Revere and Boston.

The Department suggests that East Boston tunnel be extended practically to Central Sq., East Boston, and that 5-car multiple trains be operated through the tunnel. Cost of the Central Sq. undertaking would be about \$2,953,000. Also it suggested that the Narrow Gauge be electrified and cars operated through a tunnel under the harbor. Investment cost of Eastern Massachusetts lines in communities affected was \$2,618,000.—V. 111, p. 2323.

**Bristol & Plainville Tramway Co.—To Increase Capital.**

The company has petitioned for authority to increase its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000.—V. 110, p. 359.

**British Columbia Electric Ry.—Fare Increase.**

A 6-cent cash fare is now being charged by the company on its lines in Victoria. Six tickets are sold for 35 cents, and 10 school tickets for 25 cents. Universal free transfers are retained. The fare was formerly 5 cents cash, five tickets for 25 cents.—V. 112, p. 61.

**Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Protective Committee.**

See Atlantic Ave. RR. above.—V. 112, p. 161, 61.

**Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.—Sale Postponed.**

The foreclosure sale scheduled for Jan. 11 at Danville, Ill., has been postponed to Feb. 8.—V. 111, p. 2519.

**Chicago Elevated Rys. Collateral Trust.—Valuation.**

In connection with the making permanent of the 10-cent fares on the elevated railroads the Illinois P. U. Commission fixed the valuation of the properties at \$86,280,000. This does not allow the claims of the companies of \$6,500,000 for bond discount or \$4,500,000 asked for contractors' profits. The Commission placed the original cost of the properties at \$71,500,000. It determined this cost minus depreciation was \$60,775,000, and the cost to reproduce new as \$80,250,000. The allowance for going value was \$6,000,000, and for working capital \$1,000,000. ("Chicago Tribune.")—V. 112, p. 161.

**Chicago & North Western Ry.—Listing—Earnings.**

The N. Y. Stock Exch. has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 (total authorized) 10-Year 7% Secured Gold bonds, dated June 1 1920. (See offering in V. 110, p. 2487.)

*Income Account for Nine Months Ending Sept. 30 1920.*

Operating revenues	-----	\$94,939,094	Gross income	-----	\$4,327,229
Operating expenses	-----	89,732,443	Deductions	-----	8,364,125
Net rev. from ry. oper.	-----	\$5,206,652	Net loss	-----	\$4,036,896
Taxes	-----	5,205,000	Sinking funds	-----	\$63,519
Uncollectable ry rev.	-----	1,418	Div. on Pref. stock	-----	(3 1/2%) 783,825
Net rental deductions	-----	1,795,748	Div. on Com. stock	-----	(2 1/2%) 3,628,813
Net oper. loss	-----	\$1,795,515	Deficit	-----	\$8,513,052
Non-oper. income	-----	6,122,744			

*General Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30 1920.*

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Investments	-----	\$456,514,426	Capital stock	-----	\$169,993,253
Current assets	-----	41,447,905	Long term debt	-----	303,496,500
Deferred assets	-----	112,770	Current liabilities	-----	22,452,329
U. S. RR. Administrat'n	-----	52,991,455	Deferred liabilities	-----	43,609
Unadjusted debits	-----	69,853,270	U. S. RR. Administration	-----	46,391,728
Total (each side)	-----	\$620,919,826	Unadjusted credits	-----	29,438,104
			Corporate surplus	-----	49,104,302

—V. 112, p. 61.

**Cincinnati Traction Co.—Seeks Bond Issue.**

The company, it is reported, is seeking the approval of \$3,750,000 7% 3-year Collateral Trust gold bonds, of which \$2,250,000 is to be issued to take up a like amount of short-term notes, the balance, \$992,000, to be used for proposed extensions and improvements.—V. 111, p. 1949.

**Columbus (Ga.) Electric Co.—Fare Increase.**

The Georgia Railroad Commission has authorized the company to increase its fare from 5 cents to 7 cents, or 15 tickets for \$1. Thirty school tickets are sold for \$1.—V. 108, p. 2629.

**Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.—Suit.**

The present management filed suit in Common Pleas Court at Columbus on Dec. 8 against the former managers, charging them with illegal expenditures, &c., of the company's funds amounting to \$3,728,952, and asking for an accounting (see "Ohio State Journal" Dec. 8).—V. 111, p. 73.

**Connecticut Company.—Public Utilities Commission in Special Report to Legislature Suggests End of Federal Control of Connecticut Co.—System Should be Split up, Taxes Deferred, and Unfair Jitney Competition be Checked—Valuation.**—The Connecticut P. U. Commission on Jan. 5 sent to the General Assembly a report of its enquiry into the electric railway conditions under an act of the 1919 session in which it makes many suggestions for legislation to relieve these companies.

The report suggests the termination of control of the Connecticut Company by Federal trustees and the return of the capital stock, property and corporate control to the owner or owners thereof.

**Principal Recommendations made in Report of Commission.**

**Maintaining Highways, &c.**—That street railway companies be relieved from present statutory obligations of paving, surfacing and maintaining public highways, excepting that portion of the highway next to and with 8 inches along side of each rail; also that they be relieved from contributing toward the expense of construction and maintenance of highway bridges, excepting that portion of the expense involved in the company's own construction and operation.

**Payment of Taxes.**—That payment of present unpaid taxes due the State from street railway companies be extended over a term of years without interest, and that all future assessment of taxes against street railway companies be levied on net operating income, obtained under honest, efficient and economical management, instead of on gross revenue as at present.

**To Abandon Non-Paying Lines.**—That street railway companies be permitted to abandon non-paying lines or portions of lines, subject to the approval of the P. U. Commission.

**Municipal Contracts.**—That municipalities be authorized to enter into contracts of guaranty with street railway companies, affecting gross or net operating revenues; also to subsidize or otherwise take over the control and operation of non-paying lines of street railways within their respective corporate limits.

**To Operate Buses.**—That street railway companies be authorized to operate as common carriers automobile buses or other form of approved street transportation, through and along highways over which they operate street railway service, either as substitute for or auxiliary to such service; also to

operate such buses or other approved form of transportation over and along adjacent and additional highways and routes, upon finding by the Commission that public convenience and necessity require such operation and form of public service subject to the regulation and supervision of the Commission.

**Regulation of jitneys.**—That jitneys, so-called, and all public service motor vehicles (excepting legally defined taxicabs) transporting passengers for pay, be declared common carriers, and in addition to the requirements of the general motor vehicle laws, shall be subject to public regulation.

All public service motor vehicles rendering interurban service on through routes from one city or town to another shall be under public regulation within the exclusive jurisdiction of the P. U. Commission as to public convenience and necessity, rates, schedules and routes.

**Against "Service at Cost" Plan.**—The Commission does not favor government or municipal ownership of street railways and does not recommend the so-called "service at cost" plan.

**No Rate Recommendations.**—The question of rates, the system of collection, and the most equitable manner of apportioning the rate schedule, are executive and administrative problems, as yet so far unsolved by actual experience or uniformity of decisions that it would be unwarranted and uncalled for in this report to attempt to indicate any standard policy.

Whatever course is adopted must, in a large measure, depend upon local conditions and upon suggested legislative relief pertaining to the regulation of competing transportation, abandonment of non-paying lines and the right to substitute or supplement motor vehicle service. It is fundamental, however, that the rendition of adequate and dependable service requires sufficient revenue to pay for the capital, labor and material necessary to produce such service.

**Suggestions Applicable to the Connecticut Company.**

1. Divide the company's entire system into a suitable number of specifically defined operating divisions.
2. Give each division manager the necessary authority and full power to act on all matters pertaining to the efficient operation of cars, and hold him responsible for the successful operation of his division.
3. Keep the accounts pertaining to operating revenues and expenses of each division separate.
4. Give greater attention to the routing of cars and maintenance of schedules.
5. Obtain accurate information relative to non-paying lines and substitute and develop motor vehicle service wherever and whenever practical on such lines.

**Termination of Federal Control of Connecticut Company.**—That the Attorney-General, acting for and in behalf of the State of Connecticut, be authorized and directed to request the Federal department of justice to reopen and modify that portion of the judgment issued by the U. S. District Court for the southern district of New York, in the case of the U. S. vs. the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and others, decreeing the assignment and transfer of all shares of the capital stock of the Connecticut Co. to a designated board of five Federal Trustees.

Also that certain powers be delegated to said trustees pertaining to the management of said the Connecticut Company, whereby said shares of stock and the management of said the Connecticut Company shall revert to the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., or to take such other proceedings as may be deemed necessary to bring about a termination of Federal control of the Connecticut Company and have the capital stock, property and corporate control and management of said company returned to and re-invested in the owner or owners thereof.

**Valuation of the Connecticut Company as Reported by the Commission.**

	Valuation 1910-1914.	Valuation 1919.	Historical Cost 1919.
Connecticut Company owned lines.	\$36,135,897	\$65,044,614	\$41,011,815
Connecticut Railway & Lighting Co. lines leased to Connecticut Co.	15,781,829	28,407,292	19,741,537
Conn. Co. owned and leased lines.	\$51,917,726	\$93,451,907	\$60,753,352

—V. 111, p. 2323.

**Cuba Company.—Regular Preferred Dividends.**

See Cuba Railroad above.—V. 111, p. 2142.

**Cuba RR.—Preferred Dividends.**

The directors of the Cuba Co., which company owns all of the outstanding \$15,800,000 common stock of the Cuba RR., have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3½% on the Preferred stock of the holding company, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. No action was taken by the directors of the Cuba RR. on the declaration of the semi-annual dividend of 3%, also due on Feb. 9, on the Pref. stock of that company. An official states, however, that the Preferred dividend probably may be declared before the month is out.—V. 112, p. 61.

**Dallas Ry.—Report of Operations from Oct. 1 1917 to Dec. 1 1920.**—The committee of the directors has made public the operations of the company since commencement of operations Oct. 1 1917 to Dec. 1 1919. The report shows:

**Bonds and Notes Outstanding Dec. 28 1920 (\$4,892,289).**

- (a) Held by the Equitable Trust Co., trustee, due on or before Dec. 1 1927, secured by mortgage on all company's property. Borrowed to be spent in rehabilitating property in accordance with franchise provision. Int. at 7% \$1,000,000
- (b) Held by State Street Trust Co., trustee, due Jan. 1 1921, secured by mortgage on interurban terminal. Assumed by company in the purchase of terminal. Int. at 6% 750,000
- (c) Held by Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, due on or before Apr. 1 1922. Given as part of purchase price of property. These notes are unsecured. Int. at 6% 2,529,869
- (d) Held by American Exchange National Bank, due Jan. 21 1921, 6½%, \$83,333; held by Security National Bank, due Jan. 21 1921, 6½%, \$83,333; held by City National Bank, due Apr. 21 1921, 6½%, \$83,333. Borrowed to make cash payment on 50 new cars and to do Masten Street work. Secured by indorsement of Strickland & Hobson. Int. at 6½% 150,000
- (e) Held by company, due on demand. Borrowed to construct addition to interurban building. Company pledges itself to use net income from addition toward the payment of these notes and the amount of the notes is being reduced monthly by the amount of such payments. Int. at 10% 113,087
- (f) Held by Fidelity Trust Co., trustee, due monthly. Given in connection with the purchase of 50 new cars. Secured by a lien on said cars. Amount being reduced by monthly payments of \$7,666 67. Int. at 8% 249,333

**Earnings, Period Oct. 1 1917 to Dec. 1 1919.**

Railway earnings	\$7,239,404
Railway expenses and accident and repair reserves	6,213,984
Net from railway operation	\$1,025,420
Interurban terminal net earns. and non-oper. income	178,016
Available for authorized return	\$1,203,436
Authorized return under franchise, 7% per annum on property value, or amount invested	1,838,541
Deficit in authorized return	\$635,105
Rate of return earned on property value of investment (per an.)	4.58%
Percentage of railway gross receipts expended on maintenance (minimum franchise requirement 10%)	17.80%
<b>Disposition of Earnings.</b> —Disposition of return of 4.58% earned on property value during 38 months of operation, Oct. 1 1917 to Nov. 30 1920:	
Amount of return earned	\$1,203,436
Disposition of return earned:	
Rent for Oak Cliff lines (three years at \$115,000 p. a., two months at \$120,000 p. a.)	\$365,000
Interest on above notes	753,239
Three monthly payments of \$7,666 67 each on principal, cost of 50 new cars	23,000
Monthly payments to Dallas Electric Co. on principal of 10% demand notes, as per agreement	6,913
Commission and expense in connection with procuring new money	55,284

—V. 112, p. 161.

**Dayton Coal, Iron & Ry.—Foreclosure Sale.**

J. B. Allen, trustee for general creditors, on Jan. 4 bought in the company at foreclosure sale for \$250,000. The sale was ordered by Federal Judge E. T. Sanford under the provisions of a deed of trust issued by H. S.

Mathews to the Citizens' Trust Co., Chattanooga, with F. A. Nelson as trustee. The sale conveys title to all property of the co.—V. 102, p. 70.

**Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Rumors Denied.**—In response to rumors in circulation regarding the disposition to be made of the Denver & Rio Grande 5% Ref. bonds and 7% Adj. bonds in the pending readjustment of the company's affairs, an official of the Western Pacific RR. states:

"It has never been proposed that the holders of the Refunding and the Adjustment bonds were to reduce their holdings by 50% and then accept in exchange for their reduced holdings an equal amount of Pref. stock. The plan (V. 111, p. 1852) stated that the committee representing the Refunding bonds had agreed to recommend a reduction of the bonded debt to the extent of 50% and the substitution of 7% Pref. stock in lieu of such bonds, while the committee representing the Adjustment bonds had agreed to accept an offer to exchange such 7% bonds for 4% 10-year notes of the Western Pacific RR. Corporation."

According to the report in circulation, it was proposed to wipe out the Refunding and Adjustment bonds entirely, giving the holders only 50% in Pref. stock.

**Statement by Chmn. Jefferson M. Levy of Stockholders Committee.**—"With all due respect to the assenting bondholders' committee of the Denver & Rio Grande and the official quoted above, the following earnings show that the bondholders of all classes need have no apprehension that they will not receive the full interest on their bonds, refunding and otherwise, even the 7% Adjustment bonds. The earnings still continue to increase.

"For 11 months the increase in gross revenues over 1919 is \$6,321,754. Net earnings after taxes are \$5,476,368. Total interest requirements, including that on the 7% Adjustment bonds, are \$5,594,397. It is expected that the net earnings of the last month of the year will amount to fully \$1,000,000 net, making for the year \$6,476,368. This leaves a surplus over all interest and all charges of \$881,971. No class of bondholders, therefore, is required to scale their bonds or their interest."—V. 112, p. 161"

**Duluth (Minn.) St. Ry.—Council Cancels Referendum.**

The Duluth City Council on Jan. 3 rescinded its action calling a special referendum for Feb. 3 to place a proposition for a 6-cent fare again before the people. The Council decided on this action when representatives of the Federated Trades and Labor Assembly charged that the Council would be violating the Corrupt Practices Act if it conducted an election, the expenses of which were paid by a private corporation. See V. 112, p. 161.

**Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Sale.**

The trustees have voted to recommend to the directors a sale of the so-called Sassiquin line to the Union St. Ry., for a price agreed upon. The line runs between Lunds Corner and the Freetown line. It will take some time to obtain favorable action on the part of various interests involved and to complete the details of the conveyance. Meanwhile, the Union Street Railway Co. will operate the line by permission of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway.

H. H. Crapo, Pres. of Union Street Ry., explains: "If and when the conveyance is completed the Union company will commence to rehabilitate the property. The Union company has taken on this burden of service without anticipation of present profit and with the knowledge that the existing rates of fare are barely sufficient to cover the operating expenses." ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 111, p. 2423.

**El Paso Southwestern Co.—Applies to I. S. C. Commission for Permission to Exchange Present \$100 Par Value Shares for Shares of No Par Value.**

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for permission to create no-par value shares to the amount of 1,000,000 and to exchange the present outstanding \$25.00,000 stock (authorized \$35,000,000, par \$100) for the new stock in the proportion of three no par value shares for each \$100 par value share. This would leave 250,000 no par value shares to be issued for future needs.—V. 111, p. 386.

**Federal Valley RR.—Notes Authorized.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company (1) to issue three promissory notes aggregating \$24,940, dated Dec. 20 1920, int. at rate of 7% p. a. Principal payable to order of Lima Locomotive Works not later than 18 months after date; proceeds to be used solely for the purpose of paying for one 60-ton Shay locomotive; and (2) to issue within 60 days a 7% promissory note of \$3,000, to be payable to order of Ohio National Bank, Columbus, not later than 4 months after date of issue; proceeds to be used solely in making payments of the purchase price of one caboose.—V. 111, p. 2041.

**Fort Smith Light & Traction Co.—Fare Increase.**

The Arkansas Corporation Commission has authorized the company to increase its fare from 6 cents to 7 cents. Children between ages of 5 and 12 years are carried for 4 cents each.—V. 110, p. 2657.

**Gary & Connecting Railway.—Leased.**

See Gary & Valparaiso Ry. below.—V. 106, p. 295.

**Gary & Valparaiso Ry.—Leases Road.**

The company owning and operating 12 miles of interurban railway between Valparaiso and Chesterton, Ind., has recently leased for 20 years the Gary Connecting RR. Under the lease, the Gary & Valparaiso Ry. will operate and maintain the entire 16 miles of interurban railway, paying a rental to the Gary Connecting RR. ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 106, p. 295.

**Georgia & Florida Ry.—Men Refuse Wage Reduction.**

It is reported that national labor leaders take the position that it is better that this 400-mile road should be abandoned and sold for scrap, regardless of the losses of the people along the line, rather than permit the employees of the road to accept a 25% reduction in wages. The 25% reduction in wages, the officials of the road held, would so reduce operating expenses as to leave an operating profit and thus secure a Government loan, which was refused on the ground that the company is operating at a deficit.—V. 111, p. 2228.

**Georgia Ry. & Power Co.—Wage Increase.**

Officials of the company and the men have signed a new agreement for 1921 granting the men a wage increase of 2 cents an hour. The new wage for the year 1921 will be as follows: For the first 3 months in service, 44c. per hour; for the next 9 months in service, 46 cents per hour; after one year in service, 48c. per hour. The increase in wages will amount to an increase of approximately \$75,000 in the annual payroll of the company in the railway department.—V. 111, p. 2520.

**Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.—Equipment Trusts Offered.**—The bankers named below are offering at 95.40 and int., to yield 7%, \$12,000,000 15-Year 6½% Equip. Trust Gold Certificates, Series F, issued under the Philadelphia plan. The bankers state:

**Bankers Making Offering.**—Dillon, Read & Co. (formerly Wm. A. Read & Co.), National City Co., Guaranty Co. (of N. Y.), Blair & Co., Inc., Lee, Higginson & Co., Bankers Trust Co., New York; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh.

Dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1936. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 (c\*). Divs. payable F. & A. at office of the Fidelity Trust Co., Phila., trustee, and at office of Dillon, Read & Co. Semi-annual payments of \$400,000 provide for the retirement of the certificates by maturity, but the issue is not callable.

**Security.**—Certificates are issued against the following new standard equipment costing \$16,000,562, of which company makes an initial cash payment of \$4,000,562 (25%):

- 35 switching locomotives
- 10 24-stall horse express cars
- 3,000 40-ton automobile box cars
- 5 express refrigerator cars
- 1,000 50-ton steel underfr. flat cars
- 50 baggage and express cars.

—V. 112, p. 61.

**Huntingdon & Broad Top RR. & Coal Co.—Pref. Dividends Resumed—1½% to be Paid Feb. 15.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share (1 1/4%) on the Preferred stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. This is the first dividend paid on the Preferred stock since Jan. 25 1908 when a distribution of 3 1/4% was made.

President Carl M. Gage says: "The earnings are exceptionally good. We are getting along very comfortably and have a considerable surplus. There is no unpaid indebtedness outside of funded debt and altogether the company is in a much better position than for several years."—V. 112, p. 61.

**Knoxville Ry. & Light Co.—Valuation.—**

The report on the appraisal of the property filed by Albert S. Richey representing the State and J. H. Perkins representing the company, with the Tennessee P. U. Commission shows the following figures:

Value of property based on inventory as of July 1 1920, \$6,234,141, under the original or historical cost basis, divided \$4,203,247 to the railway department and \$2,030,894 to the lighting department. Exclusive of unamortised superseded property, which was found to be \$554,207, the investment totals \$5,679,934, of which \$3,738,351 is credited to the railway and \$1,941,583 to the lighting department.

On the reproduction cost basis, using prices current during the first six months of 1920 with a deduction for accrued depreciation or lack of newness, so called, amounting to \$1,967,522, the value determined upon was \$10,362,964, of which \$6,992,986 was found to be represented by the railway and \$3,369,978, by the lighting department.

The historical or investment value found checks within 2.35% of the actual money put into the property by the present owners. The actual expenditures since acquisition Sept. 1 1905, total \$6,087,600, divided as follows: at the time of acquisition, \$1,770,950; underlying securities assumed, \$1,150,000; property additions from that time to the date of appraisal, \$3,166,650.

The engineers also found that to bring the property into a state of normal operating efficiency as of July 1 1920, it would take an additional expenditure of \$235,000 in the railway and \$45,000 in the light department.

The engineers found that the original cost of the renewable property was \$4,012,420 and that on the reproduction basis it would be \$8,422,596. The engineers believed that \$150,000, or 3.75% of the cost of renewable property, would be a proper annual allowance for the renewal and replacement reserve, but such annual percentage allowance should be varied from time to time so that the reserve may never be greater than 6% nor less than 2.5% of the original investment in renewable property of the company. "Electric Railway Journal."—V. 110, p. 2387.

**Louisville & Nashville RR.—Has Appropriated \$33,000,000 for Improvements, &c.—W. L. Mapother, Executive Vice-President, in a letter to the "Manufacturers' Record" Dec. 30 says in part:**

When the return of the railroads to their owners became assured, the company immediately set about restoring its property and making, as far as possible, the improvements which the prospects seemed to warrant. Notwithstanding the excessive prices of materials and labor, as compared with pre-war times, and the resulting shortage in the purchasing power of the dollar, it has, since March 1 1920, actually acquired, contracted for or authorized improvements designed to expand the transportation capacity of its existing lines, aggregating a total of \$33,300,000.

This vast sum, constituting a definite, specific program, is more than three times greater than any similar expenditure or authorization heretofore decided upon, and represents a total of more than 46% par value of the outstanding stock. Nearly \$20,750,000 of this amount comprises the acquisition of locomotives and cars. A part of these have already been delivered, and the remainder will be placed in service at the earliest practicable date. The equipment consists of the following: 71 locomotives, 7 postal cars, 12 baggage cars, 30 coaches, 7 dining cars, 2,300 coal cars, 2,000 box cars, 300 coke cars, 100 stock cars, 150 cabooses. The remainder of the \$33,000,000 covers the creation of additional terminals and yard facilities and the construction of second tracks and various other improvements designed to facilitate and expedite the movement of traffic.—V. 111, p. 2324.

**Michoacan Ry. & Mining Co., Ltd.—Reduces Debt.—**

The holders of the £103,000 4% Mortgage Debentures on June 28 1920 approved the following proposals: (1) that £50 of each £100 Debenture be repaid as at July 1 1920; (2) that all arrears of interest to that date amounting to \$74,160 be canceled; (3) that the remaining £50 of each Debenture be renewed to July 1 1930, with interest at 4% and to be repaid on or before that date at £75 for each £50 and (4) that, after providing for debenture interest and working capital, the available funds be employed in further reducing the debentures, such payments to be made at any time on one month's notice by the company.

The amount of the 4% Mortgage Debentures remaining outstanding Nov. 30 1920 was £51,500.

**New York Central RR.—Sub. Co. Real Estate Loan.—**

A loan of \$3,000,000 at 6% and due in 1938 has been made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. to the New York State Realty & Terminal Co., a subsidiary of the New York Central RR., on the property on the west side of Park Ave. between 49th and 50th streets. Plans for the improvement of the block by the New York Central interests with a 17-story apartment hotel were filed with the Building Department last April by architects Warren & Wetmore, who estimated cost at \$2,500,000.—V. 112, p. 162, 62.

**New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—P. U. Commission Recommends Return of Connecticut Co., &c.—**

See Connecticut Co. above.—V. 112, p. 62.

**Northern Securities Company.—Annual Report.—**

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Total receipts.....	x\$289,498	x\$288,297	\$248,779	\$271,046
Taxes.....	18,126	15,739	8,538	11,783
Administration expenses	12,804	12,789	12,634	12,624
Interest on loans, &c....	6,258	3,149	2,141	77
Dividends.....	(7%)276,766	(7%)276,766	(6 1/2%)256,997	(3 1/2%)138,383
Loss on securities.....			2,896	

Balance, sur. or def. def. \$24,456 def. \$20,146 def. \$34,427 sur. \$108,179 x Total receipts in 1920 include regular 8% dividends from C. B. & Q. RR. (as in all years), \$119,704; dividends from Crow's Nest Pass Co. (as in year 1919) (6%), \$165,312; and interest, \$4,482, against \$3,282 in 1919.

The company on Dec. 31 1920 had no bonded or floating indebtedness, and holds in the treasury in addition to the 14,963 shares of C. B. & Q. RR. stock and the 27,552 shares of Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., stock, \$100,000 U. S. 5 1/4% certificates of indebtedness and \$77,176 cash.—V. 110, p. 567.

**Ohio Electric Ry.—Syndicate to Sell Collateral.—**

Ervin & Co., Phila. syndicate managers, the Ohio syndicate, under date of Jan. 3, notified the members of the participating syndicate in the Ohio Electric Railway System, advising them that the securities owned by the syndicate would be sold at public auction in Philadelphia on Jan. 12 in order to raise funds to pay off the indebtedness of the syndicate, the securities having been put up as collateral against the notes of the syndicate. The securities consisted of stocks, bonds and notes of the Ohio Electric Ry. and its subsidiary companies, aggregating \$14,266,800. The liabilities of the syndicate amount to \$3,098,382, consisting of a collateral trust note of \$1,530,000, and various notes and liabilities of \$1,568,382.—V. 111, p. 2424.

**Ottawa Electric Ry.—Municipal Ownership Voted Down.**

The taxpayers on Jan. 3 defeated a by-law to purchase the railway at the expiration of its franchise in August 1923.—V. 111, p. 1567.

**Pennsylvania RR.—Financial Program.—The Philadelphia "News Bureau" Jan. 7 says:**

Pennsylvania's financial program for the coming year will take care of the following requirements:

(1) Cover financing with the Government for advances made by the latter during the period of Federal control for construction work and improvements. It is too early to say what form this financing will take and the accounts have yet to be certified. The financing may take the form of a straight note given by the railroad to the Government or it may be in the form of an obligation secured by Treasury assets of the company.

(2) Retire \$6,294,900 maturing obligations. These are not large with the Pennsylvania itself and include: Cornwall & Lebanon RR. 1st 4s, due April 1..... \$764,900 Phila. Wilm. & Balt. RR. 4% stock trust certificates due July 1... 5,530,000

In addition to these two issues of bonds there will be some equipment trust maturities during the year, including the maturity of the first issue of trusts which were given to the Government in payment of equipment allocated to the company by the Government. These certificates run for a period of 15 years, bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, and one-fifteenth mature each year. The total cost of such equipment taken over by the Pennsylvania RR. and other companies in the system was reported at \$62,000,000, but as the allocated equipment was not fully delivered nor negotiations therefor concluded at the close of 1919 the equipment trust obligations did not appear on the company's balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1919.

(3) Capital expenditures which may be made by the Pennsylvania RR. this year for new work and for new equipment which may be purchased.

Authority to increase the debt does not mean that the net debt will be increased by the amount of new financing as in some cases it will provide for expenditures already made and which now appear on the balance sheet. For instance, on Dec. 31 1919 the Pennsylvania RR. included in current liabilities "Loans and bills payable" of \$51,327,623, and this item included some bills payable to the Government for expenditures made by the Government for capital account and which are included in property investment. In such case there will be a change in the form in which items are carried—for instance, bills payable to Government—may be covered into a note or other form of obligation and bills payable be decreased accordingly.

So far as general financing is concerned, its form and details will be determined by conditions prevailing at the time the funds are needed, and not by pre-arranged plan. The Pennsylvania RR. management has for years been noted in banking and investment circles for its conservative financing, and authority to increase indebtedness now asked will give directors leeway to meet any contingency and without further recourse to stockholders. See V. 112, p. 162.

**Director Andrew W. Mellon Resigns.—**

The directors on Jan. 12 accepted the resignation of Andrew W. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, as a director.

An official announcement says: "Mr. Mellon's resignation was presented so as to save both himself and the Pennsylvania RR. from any possible embarrassment that might arise because of the stringent and as yet undefined requirements of the Federal (Clayton) laws which became effective on Jan. 1 1921, respecting so-called interlocking directors and so as to give him more time to devote to other companies in which he is a director."

[Mr. Mellon is a director in the American Locomotive Co., Crucible Steel Co. of America, Forged Wheel Steel Co., Middletown Car Co., Pittsburgh Coal Co., Standard Steel Car Co. and Steel Car Forged Co.]—V. 112, p. 162.

**Philadelphia Co.—Financing Plans.—**

Press reports state that the directors have adopted a financing plan calling for the creation of a new mortgage and caring for about \$20,000,000 of securities maturing in 1922. According to the report, the plan, which will be announced when market conditions warrant sale of the new securities, calls for a blanket mortgage with a sliding scale of interest rates instead of the fixed limitation of 5% under present outstanding obligations. The plan will require the issuance of new mortgage bonds of about \$50,000,000, part of which will be sold to the public and part exchanged for present outstanding debt amounting to \$44,270,000.—V. 111, p. 389.

**Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Rental Case.—**

The State Supreme Court has granted to the city of Philadelphia the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission and the United Business Men's Association the right to appeal from the decision of the Superior Court refusing the Commission power to investigate rentals paid by the P. R. T. to the Union Traction and other underlying companies. See V. 112, p. 163.

**Port Bolivar Iron Ore Ry.—Files Claim.—**

The company has filed a claim with the Secretary of the Interior at Washington for \$183,763, which is said to be due the road for rental and for damage resulting from Government operation.—V. 110, p. 1527.

**Rhode Island Company.—Securities at Auction.—**

A block of \$72,000 5-year 5% Collateral Trust notes of March 1 1916 were recently sold at auction to Benjamin R. Jackson, for the Providence Banking Co., for \$7,200. The notes are part of an issue of \$1,662,000 which are secured by 20,783 shares of United Traction & Electric Co. stock, March 1 1919 and subsequent interest defaulted.—V. 111, p. 1473.

**Rutland Ry., Light & Power Co.—Employees Take Stock.**

Since early in October, when the company began to sell its 7% pref. stock to employees and customers, 422 shares were sold, 233 shares for cash and 189 shares on a monthly investment plan.—V. 111, p. 1662.

**Sacramento Northern RR.—Committee gainst Sale.—**

The special committee, Miles Standish, Chairman, appointed to consider the offer made by the Western Pacific RR. to purchase the road, has recommended against the terms of sale, holding that "the Western Pacific price is inadequate and we are unable to get any better offer." Compare V. 111, p. 2042; V. 109, p. 1274.

**San Antonio Public Service Co.—Capital.—**

The Texas State authorities have authorized the company to issue \$2,300,000 additional capital stock, the funds realized therefrom to be used for extensions and betterments and to pay the company's portion of the cost of constructing eight new concrete bridges that the City of San Antonio will build, as well as one-third of the cost of paving certain streets. Of the proposed new issue \$2,000,000 will be 8% Preferred stock and \$300,000 Common stock, \$100,000 of the latter, it is stated, being subscribed in cash. This new issue will raise the capitalization of the company to a total of \$7,000,000. The present \$4,700,000 Common stock is practically all owned by the American Light & Traction Co.—V. 112, p. 63.

**Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Listing.—**

The N. Y. Stock Exch. has authorized the listing of \$27,777,500 First & Consol. Mtge. Gold bonds, Series A, with authority to add \$16,230,500, making the total amount applied for \$44,008,000. All of the \$27,777,500 bonds were issued and sold prior to June 28 1920. Authority of the I.-S. C. Commission will be obtained before sale or final disposition is made of the \$16,230,500 bonds in the treasury or pledged as collateral.

Purpose.—The bonds were issued to pay, purchase or retire:

- (1) \$5,725,000 various issues of 1st M. 6% bonds of Carolina Atlantic & Western Ry. (These bonds have been canceled and the mortgages securing the same satisfied.)
- (2) \$6,000,000 Seaboard Air Line Ry. 3-Year 5% Secured Notes, due March 1 1916. (These notes have been canceled.)
- (3) \$4,660,000 Seaboard Air Line Ry. 4% Ref. bonds, due Oct. 1 1959. (These bonds are held uncanceled by the corporate trustee.)
- (4) \$285,000 Seaboard & Roanoke RR. 6% certificates of indebtedness, due Aug. 1 1916. (These certificates are held uncanceled by the corporate trustee.)
- (5) \$55,000 Roanoke & Tar River RR. 1st M. 6% bonds, due Apr. 1 1917. (These bonds are held uncanceled by the corporate trustee.)
- (6) \$5,808,000 Equipment Trust notes and bonds of various issues.
- (7) For the cost of construction of the line between Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga.; for improvements, betterments and equipment and for other corporate purposes.—V. 111, p. 2424, 2230.

**Toronto Railway.—Ratepayers Approve Purchase.—**

The ratepayers of Toronto, by a vote of 28,609 to 1,864, decided in favor of the purchase by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the Toronto and Niagara power and radial railway interests controlled by Sir William MacKenzie. Details given in V. 111, p. 2424.

**Union Street Ry., New Bedford.—Purchases Line.—**

See Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry. above.—V. 111, p. 1853.

**Twin City Rapid Trans. Co.—Val'n of St. Paul City Ry.—**

A. L. Druin & Co., consulting engineers, Chicago, have reported to the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. the value of the total property of the St. Paul (Minn.) City Ry. to be \$32,083,389 on the basis of cost to reproduce new as of Jan. 1 1920, inventory and unit prices. A second figure submitted, based on the cost to reproduce new as of Jan. 1 1916, using the inventory of Jan. 1 1920, and average unit prices of labor, material, apparatus and equipment which prevailed during the 5 years from 1911 to 1915, inclusive, or the 10 years from 1906 to 1915, incl., is \$21,368,781. In either case the figures represent the minimum amount of capital that would have been required actually to reproduce the physical property as of Jan. 1 1920, plus the capital invested in development.

Reproduction Valuation of St. Paul City Ry., Exclusive of South St. Paul Line

Item—	—Cost to Reproduce New— Inc. 1920		
	1916.	Occr 1916.	
Track	\$3,333,977	\$6,150,078	84.47
Bridges and subways	111,116	136,704	23.03
Tunnels	304,518	495,025	62.56
Paving	1,807,559	2,667,472	47.57
Electrical distribution system	1,330,895	2,132,022	60.19
Rolling stock	2,662,979	5,856,542	119.92
Sub-station equipment	408,331	625,280	53.13
Shop machinery and tools	497,188	848,822	70.73
Buildings	1,052,640	1,656,282	57.35
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	61,863	88,032	42.30
Stores, floating tools and miscel. equip.	790,340	831,423	5.18
Miscell. items not incl. in inventory	127,105	127,105	.00
Total exclusive of land	\$12,488,611	\$21,614,787	73.07
Admin., organization and legal expense	519,350	654,495	26.02
Taxes during construction	279,128	399,402	42.94
Interest during construction	1,509,312	2,494,348	65.26
Working capital	300,000	410,000	46.57
Total	\$2,608,090	\$3,988,245	52.92
Land	1,087,014	1,087,014	.00
Grand total (within city limits)	\$16,183,715	\$26,690,045	64.92
Cost to reproduce new (outside of city limits—the South St. Paul line)	344,528	552,805	63.17
Total physical property	\$16,528,243	\$27,242,851	64.82
Capital invested in develop. of property	\$4,840,538	\$4,840,538	.00
Total	\$21,368,781	\$32,083,389	50.14

x Itemized as follows: For horse-car lines, \$1,384,778; for cable lines, \$1,564,808; for initial electrical development, \$1,242,677, and for track reconstruction destroyed and replaced owing to new paving laid by the city, \$648,275.

The principal property of the St. Paul City Rys., as of Jan. 1 1920 is shown to consist of 168.37 miles of single track; 367 passenger cars; 38 miscellaneous service cars; 4 sub-stations containing conversion apparatus having an aggregate rated capacity of 20,400 k.w., all primary power being furnished by the Minneapolis Street Ry. from its main station located in Minneapolis; car houses, office, shops and miscel. buildings.—V. 111, p. 2230.

United Rys. Co. of St. Louis.—Rapid Transit Plans.

The "Electric Railway Journal" Jan. 8 has an article, with charts, giving a synopsis of two independent reports for the development of high-speed service for the relief of metropolitan congestion. A feature of each plan provides that subways replace surface cars. As a means for financing the undertaking, it is suggested that a direct payment of one cent extra on each fare be made.

St. Louis Valuation between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000.

The valuation of all the physical properties of the United Railways, including subsidiary and county lines, has been fixed by the Missouri P. S. Commission's experts at a figure between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. The valuation figures were arrived at after nearly two years' work by engineers of the Commission, going over all the lines in St. Louis and verifying the findings from the company's books. The results are now being tabulated, but will probably not be ready to give out in detail for several weeks. The valuation arrived at by the Commission is based on the actual cost of property and not on its present or replacement value. ("Electric Railway Journal.")—V. 112, p. 63.

Virginia Railway & Power Co.—Subsidiary Company Offers \$500,000 8% Cum. Pref. Stock at Par (\$100).

The City Gas Co. of Norfolk, a subsidiary of the Virginia Ry. & Power Co., for the purpose of financing large expenditures for extensions and improvements already made to the gas plant and for future improvements and developments, is offering at par a block of \$500,000 8% Cumul. Pref. stock to Norfolk investors.

The only lien obligation ahead of this Preferred stock is an issue of \$500,000 6% bonds, whereas the value of the plant as of Jan. 1 1920, under the recent agreement, is \$2,123,350.

The N. Y. Stock Exch. has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 20 of \$480,000 additional 6% Non-Cum. Pref. stock (authorized \$9,000,000) par \$100, on official notice of issuance as a 6% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$8,480,000. The dividend is payable Jan. 20 to holders of record of the Preferred stock Dec. 31 1920, being a dividend on the Preferred stock for the period from Jan. 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1920.—V. 112, p. 63.

Washington Railway & Electric Co.—New Directors.

Emory L. Coblentz of Frederick, Md., and Bates Warren, Vice-Pres. of the Continental Trust Co., have been elected directors to succeed Allan G. Hoyt, of N. Y., resigned, and the late Major Guy T. Scott.—V. 112, p. 163.

Western Maryland Ry.—Government Loans, &c.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company:

To issue \$2,700,000 1st & Refunding Mtge. 5% bonds, Series A, and to pledge the same with the Secretary of the Treasury as security for loans from the United States, as follows: (a) \$1,950,000 of said bonds as security for a loan of \$1,372,800, comprising \$622,800 for additions and betterments, and \$750,000 to assist the company in procuring 20 Mikado locomotives; and (b) \$750,000 of said bonds, as security for a loan of \$750,000 to assist the company in procuring 20 additional locomotives.—V. 111, p. 2425.

Western Pacific RR. Corp.—Company's Offer to Purchase Sacramento Northern RR. Rejected.

See Sacramento Northern RR. above.—V. 111, p. 2326.

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.

**Steel and Iron.**—"Iron Age" of Jan. 13 says in brief: "In the Pittsburgh and nearby districts independent companies are running at about 25% of capacity, the good work of the pipe mills pulling up lower percentages in other lines. The Steel Corporation continues to operate most of its mills at more than 90% of full capacity. The daily average of 50,000 tons of product holds up, and new bookings are somewhat under the 25,000-ton daily rate, which was reported for a good part of December. How long the Steel Corporation price level will be held is an uppermost question. On plates other makers have quoted 2.50c., representing a cut of \$3 a ton. December steel output fell off but 11% from that of November, so that an ingot production of 40,000,000 tons for 1920 is indicated, against 33,700,000 tons in 1919." As to U. S. Steel Corp. orders, see "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.

Pig iron prices are still lower. Valley No. 2 sold at \$32 75, agst. \$36 96 as average price in Dec. 1920, \$50 15 Oct. and \$40 40 Jan. 1920. Sheet bars quoted at \$47, against \$63 75 in Oct. 1920 and \$53 40 in Jan. 1920.

Coke was quoted Jan. 12 at \$5 25 (down to \$4 for a time on sidings), against \$6 25 Dec. 1920, \$15 10 in Oct. and \$6 in Jan. 1920. "Iron Trade Review" Jan. 13, p. 131.

Chairman Gary of U. S. Steel Corp. takes favorable view of situation. "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 14, p. 14.

Employees of Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. agree to 15% wage cut, effective Jan. 16. "Iron Trade Review" Jan. 13, p. 147.

A half-dozen ore companies now have reduced wages. The Steel & Tube Co. of America has reduced from 14 to 27%, the average being 20.

Coal.—Calder licensing bill grants power to fix fuel prices. His charges resented. "Times" Jan. 13, p. 17; Jan. 14, p. 21.

Production of anthracite and bituminous in 1920 estimated at 646,000,000, agst. 652,000,000 in 1917 and 678,000,000 in 1918, previous banner years.

The Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co.'s men have voted to call a strike Jan. 15 and the strike of the 7,000 miners of Lehigh Coal & Nav. Co., begun Jan. 3, is said to be reducing the supply 12,000 tons a day.

United Mine Workers of Am. levy \$1,000,000 assessment for Ala. and W. Va. strikers. "Times" Jan. 10, p. 2.

Labor view of British coal settlement, "Eng. News-Record" Jan. 6, p. 20.

**Oil—Banner Year.**—"The year 1920 was the greatest year in the history of the oil industry. Domestic production of crude oil is estimated at close to 450,000,000 bbls., with a value in excess of \$1,300,000,000, compared with 377,700,000 bbls. in 1919 with a value of \$789,000,000. Imports from Mexico are estimated at over 100,000,000 bbls., which was an increase of more than 100% over 1919. The total requirements of the American petroleum trade were, therefore, 550,000,000 bbls. of crude oil, with an estimated value of close to \$1,500,000,000, compared with requirements of 430,000,000 bbls. in 1919 of about \$800,000,000 value.

"Of the 1920 requirements, approximately 70,000,000 bbls. were exported. Exports broke all previous records both for volume and value, the total value, the total value amounting to approximately \$500,000,000.

"Oil and gas well completions in 1920 amounted to 33,366, compared with 28,462 in 1919. At an estimated cost of at least \$20,000 per well, the cost of drilling in 1920 was in excess of \$700,000,000. On Oct. 31 there were in operation 332 refineries with a capacity of 1,700,000 bbls. daily, an increase of 42 refineries and 350,000 bbls. daily capacity.

"At the beginning of the new year there is a seasonal excess of production over consumption. Most of the big oil-purchasing companies have cut down the amount of their purchases and there is uncertainty in the trade regarding future prices. A reduction in prices is possible, but any radical decline seems unlikely, as it would almost certainly be followed by such a serious curtailment of drilling operations as to create a shortage of oil. It would appear that the primary consideration in the action of the purchasing companies in reducing runs is a financial one." Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co., N. Y., Jan. 8.

Pennsylvania crude oil was cut in price from \$6 10 to \$5 75 on Jan. 10.

Gasoline production in U. S. in 1920 is estimated at 110,000,000 bbls., an increase of 16,000,000 over 1919 and of 450% over 1911. Number of motor vehicles in use in the country increased from 700,000 in 1911 to 8,500,000 at end of 1920, or 1,114%. "Bost. N. B." Jan. 12.

**Prices.**—"The extraordinary recession in commodity prices the past six months is mirrored by the price index kept by Bradstreet's, which shows between July 1 1920 and Jan. 1 1921 a drop of 31.6%. The greatest decline in any one month was 13% for November. In December and October the respective declines were about 7%." See tables in "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 14, p. 2.

Corn, No. 2 yellow, on Jan. 13 got down to 92 1/2c., agst. \$2 31 1/4 in May last, while refined sugar was reduced by N. Y. refiners on Jan. 13 to 7 3/4c. less 2% for cash.

**Labor—Wages, &c.**—(a) Am. Woolen Co. wage reduction, see that company below; Lawrence, Mass., operatives propose to fight. (b) Sheet mill workers at Youngstown, O., reduced 9 1/2% as per agreement on lower prices. (c) Mount Vernon-Woodbury Mills wages have been reduced 17 1/2% from war level. (d) Union silk ribbon weavers at Paterson, N. J., refuse 48-hour week and wage reduction of 10 to 20%. "Times" Jan. 10, p. 11; Jan. 8, p. 16. (e) Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. have cut their force 25% and wages 20%. (f) Am. Smelting & Ref. Co., see that co. below. (g) Boston plasterers on Jan. 3 truck for \$1 50 an hour. (h) Plants of Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Co. at Bridgeport, Conn., and Ilion, N. Y., have been closed since the middle of Sept. (i) Winchester Repeating Arms Co. on Jan. 4 announced a wage reduction of 10%, effective Jan. 10.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 8.**—(a) Secondary Boycott Decision, p. 96, 114. (b) Cuban conditions, p. 102. (c) War Finance Corporation revived, p. 101. (d) Foreign Trade Financing Corp., p. 107. (e) Republic Steel Co., weak holdings taken over, p. 109. (f) Sugar prices at end of 1920, p. 112. (g) Wage increase for N. Y. printers, p. 112. (h) Kentucky Tobacco incident, p. 113. (i) Rubber industry, in 1920, p. 114. (j) Open shop move in Scranton, p. 116. (k) R. W. Woolley retires from I.-S. C. Commission, p. 116. (l) Anthracite trust decisions, p. 116.

Acme Packing Co., Chicago.—Consolidation, Etc.—

See Indian Packing Corp. below. Company has obtained a 9-year 8% loan of \$1,850,000, secured, it is understood, by mortgage to the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago, as trustee, on properties in Chicago, Green Bay, Wis., and Providence, R. I., valued, it is said, around \$3,500,000.—V. 111, p. 2522.

Adirondack Power & Light Corp.—To Increase Capital.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 27 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$13,800,000 (consisting of \$9,500,000 Common and \$4,300,000 7% Pref.) to \$23,100,000, to consist of \$9,500,000 Common and \$13,600,000 Preferred.

A circular to the stockholders states: "It has seemed wise to issue \$5,000,000 8% Pref. stock and the company plans to interest its customers in this issue. It is planned to provide an issue of an additional \$4,300,000 of the same 8% Pref. for exchange with the present 7% Pref. by those holders of the 7% Pref. who elect to pay \$12 50 per share for the privilege."—V. 111, p. 2043.

Aetna Explosives Co., Inc.—Sale.—

The Hercules Powder Co. has filed a petition in the U. S. District Court at Wilmington asking permission to acquire the business and plants of Aetna Explosives Co. as already agreed upon. Hearing has been set for Feb. 14.—V. 111, p. 2522.

Aetna Mills, Watertown, Mass.—Dividends Omitted.—

The payment of the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$900,000 Common stock, par \$100, and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3% on the Preferred stock, par \$100, was omitted Jan. 1.—V. 109, p. 1081.

Air Reduction Co., Inc., N. Y. City.—New President, &c.

C. E. Adams, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding A. F. Blagden. John McHugh, Vice-Pres. of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, has been elected a director, succeeding H. R. Hoyt.—V. 111, p. 2522.

All America Cables, Inc.—Bonus to Employees.—

An official statement dated Jan. 4 announces that the employees will receive a bonus of 10% on all flat salary amounts earned during the year 1920. Except in cases where employees expressed their preference for stock prior to Jan. 1 1921, the payment will be made in cash.

The trustees of All America Cables Thrift, which was recently established to aid employees in saving, will distribute the bonus. If the bonus is to be paid in cash, one-half will be paid this month and the remainder in July.

If the employee elects to be paid in stock, the stock, with Jan. dividend, will be issued this month, and the certificates delivered to All America Cables Thrift subject to the order of the officer or employee in whose name it is issued after July 1 1921. Fractional amounts of \$100 will be treated as a cash bonus, but the employee may obtain a share of stock by paying, before Jan. 15 1921, the difference between such fractional amount and \$100. Also, for a period of five years, an extra cash payment of \$3 a share will be given on the stock bonus held by employees. The bonus affects 900 employees of the company.—V. 111, p. 2231.

Allied Packers, Inc.—Will Show Loss for 1920.—The Boston "News Bureau" Jan. 11 says:

Relieved from pressure of tax selling, which became so pronounced in the last week of Dec., the 6% bonds of Allied Packers, Inc. have advanced virtually 7 points from the low of 49 1/4 touched a fortnight ago. There are no bonds offered today under 58.

From the standpoint of earnings, the fiscal year ended Nov. 1 1920, of Allied Packers was nothing to brag about. The annual report to be issued after the stockholders' meeting Jan. 26 will show an operating loss, but in this instance the company is virtually no different from the rest of the packers.—V. 110, p. 2567.

American Agricultural Chemical Co.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exch. has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15 of \$639,500 additional Common stock (authorized \$50,000,000), par \$100 each, on official notice of issuance as a 2% Common stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$32,618,900. See V. 111, p. 2327.

American Cigar Co.—Capital Increased.—

The company has filed a certificate in Richmond, Va., increasing the authorized capitalization from \$20,000,000 to \$60,000,000; of which \$10,-

000,000 ls Preferred and \$50,000,000 ls Common stock. Compare V. 111, p. 2142, 1853.

#### American Coal Co of Allegheny Co.—Dividend.—

A dividend of 4% has been declared on the outstanding \$1,214,950 Capital stock, par \$25, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 12. In March last, an 8% cash dividend was paid, as against 8% each paid in 1918 and 1919.—V. 111, p. 992.

#### Amer. District Teleg. Co. (of N. J.).—Div. Increased.—

A quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$9,965,351 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 29 to holders of record Jan. 15. Dividends of 3/4 of 1% have been paid quarterly from Oct. 1919 to Oct. 1920, inclusive. The Western Union Telegraph Co. owns 81.37% of the stock.—V. 110, p. 1644.

#### American Fuel Oil & Transportation Co.—Initial Div.

An initial dividend of 1/2 of 1% for the quarter ending March 31 1921 has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, par \$10, payable April 1 to holders of record March 31.—V. 111, p. 1854.

#### American Locomotive Co.—Plans New Plant.—

It is stated that the company is planning to build a large plant in St. Louis at an initial cost of between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 with an ultimate expenditure of \$25,000,000. It is said the company has options on four tracts each of about 200 acres.—V. 111, p. 1663.

**American Multigraph Co., Cleveland, O.—Official Statement of Dec. 7 1920.**—In connection with the recent offering of \$500,000 7% gold notes, due serially Dec. 15 1921 to 1925 incl. (V. 111, p. 2327) President Henry C. Osborn, Cleveland, Dec. 7 wrote in substance as shown in circular printed entirely on the multigraph from stereotypes:

**Company.**—Incorporated in Ohio in 1902; engaged in manufacturing and selling multigraphs, office printing devices, type-setting machines, paper folding machines and a complete line of multigraph and office printing supplies. The largest company of its kind in the world. Has more than 50 branch offices in the U. S. and Canada, doing business through (a) American Multigraph Sales Co. in South America, Africa, and Asia; (b) International Multigraph Co. in Great Britain and Continental Europe, except Germany, (c) in Germany through the Deutsche Multigraph Gesellschaft. All of these companies it owns or controls through stock ownership.

**Notes.**—These 7% notes issued for additional working capital, will be a direct obligation and constitute its only funded debt. As sinking fund there will be paid to the trustee quarterly sums sufficient to retire these notes as they severally mature with interest charges. Dated Dec. 15 1920, and will mature 1921 to 1925 incl., \$100,000 each Dec. 15, but redeemable at 102 and int. on any interest date upon thirty days' notice, either all or part in inverse numerical order.

#### Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1920, After Giving Effect to Present Financing.

Assets—		Liabilities.	
Real estate & equipment	\$1,244,048	Preferred stock	\$1,000,000 \$654,800
Patents & developments	453,189	Common stock	\$2,500,000 1,281,500
Inventories	1,842,164	Stock subscrip. unissued	153,955
Investments	50,920	7% gold notes due 1921-25	500,000
Cash	679,311	Taxes payable	140,807
Accounts receivable	660,150	Bills payable	400,000
do Common stock	146,376	Current accounts payable	261,607
Notes receivable	487,376	Reserves for depreciation	529,893
Other assets	124,471	Reserves for taxes, &c.	556,123
		Capital surplus	64,365
Total (each side)	\$5,688,005	Earned surplus	1,144,954

This balance sheet indicates net assets of \$3,376,278, exclusive of patents and net quick assets of \$2,132,230. A recent appraisal by the Manufacturers Appraisal Co. shows a plant valuation of over \$700,000 in excess of the amount shown in the above balance sheet. Patents and franchises are stated at the amount of the actual cost thereof after very large amortization charges. An extensive experimental department is constantly developing improvements to the Multigraph and other products; \$700,000 of our patent and development account has been charged off since 1911.

#### Net Earnings for Past Five Calendar Years After Federal Taxes.

Yearly Av.	(1920 3 Months Est.)				
	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
\$487,594	\$441,000	\$495,636	\$319,831	\$495,903	\$685,601

Net profits after providing for Federal taxes and every contingency as thus shown are equivalent to more than 13 times the interest requirements on this issue of notes.

**Dividends.**—On Pref. stock at rate of 7% regularly since its organization. On Common stock were paid at rate of 5% in the years 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, and at 8% thereafter. Extra dividends of 20% on the Common stock were paid in 1917 and 1918, 2% extra in 1919, 1 1/2% extra in 1920, and 20% Common stock dividend was paid in June 1 1920.

The figures above are based on the audit prepared by Haskins & Sells June 30 1920, and extended to date by company's own auditor to show the effect of present financing as of Oct. 31 1920.

**Management.**—The active management will remain in the hands of those who have been responsible for past success. Officers: H. C. Osborn, President; R. G. A. Phillips, 1st Vice-Pres.; W. C. Dunlap, Vice-Pres. in charge of Sales; R. G. Pack, Vice-Pres. in charge of Production; S. H. Mansfield, Secretary; E. F. Koenig, Treasurer. Directors: C. K. Arter, W. C. Dunlap, A. B. McNairy, S. T. Nash, H. C. Osborn, E. H. Parkhurst, R. G. Pack, R. G. A. Phillips, H. W. Stecher.—V. 111, p. 2327.

#### American Pipe & Construction Co.—Sub Co. Capital.—

The stockholders of the American Pipe & Construction Securities Co. will vote Jan. 20 on reducing the authorized common stock of the latter company from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000 by the reduction of the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$50. The purpose of this reduction is to save taxes. All of the stock is owned by the American Pipe & Construction Co. The reduction in the par value of the Common stock of the Securities Co. will in no way affect the position of the \$1,000,000 of 8% cumulative Preferred on which the Pipe Co. guarantees payment.—V. 111, p. 1663.

#### American Public Service Co.—Trustee of Bonds.—

The New York Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under mortgage dated Dec. 1 1920, securing an issue of General Lien 6% gold bonds series "A" due Dec. 1 1942.—V. 110, p. 2194, 2077.

#### American Rolling Mill Co.—New Treasurer.—

Calvin W. Verity has been elected Treasurer, succeeding R. C. Phillips.—V. 111, p. 2327.

#### American Smelting & Refining Co.—Wage Cuts.—Reply of Pres. Guggenheim to Karl Eilers, Former Vice-President.—

The company the first week in Jan. announced a flat 15% cut in salaries for office workers and other salaried employees receiving less than \$5,000 a year. The company also announced wage cuts to the day's pay men at its various smelters and refineries that also average about 15%.

For the statement of Pres. Simon Guggenheim in the suit of Karl Eilers, a former Vice-President, see under "Reports" above.—V. 112, p. 65, 164.

#### American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

President H. B. Thayer, says:

"During 1920, the improvement of the telephone service furnished by the Bell System has been our first consideration. Circumstances over which we had no control made this problem extremely difficult. It has taxed the skill and knowledge of the most expert and experienced telephone traffic engineers and managers. It has required the patience and loyalty of the thousands of chief operators and the tens of thousands of young women who operate the switchboards.

Improvement in service has been general and marked. In many places we are approaching pre-war standards. We expect to pass them. With the service approaching a condition satisfactory to the subscriber, the owners of the properties comprising the Bell System are assured of the continued financial prosperity of the business.

"It is impossible to furnish complete and final earnings figures for the year 1920 at this time. There is, as usual, a substantial margin above dividend requirements."

The Phila. Stock Exchange on Dec. 31, listed \$205,000 additional Capital stock; \$204,800 in exchange for \$249,300 conv. 4 1/2% bonds due 1933, and

\$200 in exchange for \$200 conv. 7-year 6% bonds due 1925, canceled and stricken from the list, making total amount of stock listed \$442,819,600, and reducing amount of conv. 4 1/2% bonds listed to \$12,205,400, and 7-year 6% conv. bonds listed to \$48,191,800.

See Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. below.—V. 112, p. 164.

**American Woolen Co.—Reduces Wages 22 1/2%.**—Pres. William M. Wood in a statement issued Jan. 11, announced that a wage reduction of 22 1/2% affecting the company's 54,000 wage workers in all the mills will be put into effect Jan. 17. Pres. Wood said in part:

We have been giving for some time, careful thought as to the probable effect of present stagnation in trade on your wages. Practically all our mills have been closed for the last six months. Those in Lawrence and one or two others have been running on a minimum of production.

In spite of this the company has been accumulating cloth. It has been unable to resell its canceled orders or to secure new orders for what little cloth we have been manufacturing. We have been waiting for business, but no business comes, so we have decided to do something to start business, if it can be done. First, we propose immediately to sell the cloth on hand at greatly reduced prices. This will be done at a substantial loss but will be the company's loss alone. It will in no way affect wages. Then we propose immediately to make the biggest effort we have ever made to get business to run our mills. But we are convinced our best efforts will not bring business unless we reduce the prices on our new season's goods. To do this, we must reduce not only our profits, but our costs as well, and among others labor costs. If we do not do this, we must close our mills.

#### Operatives to Fight 22 1/2% Wage Cut.—

The organized section of textile workers at Lawrence have declared that they will not accede to the above 22 1/2% reduction in wages. Officers of the local branch of the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America declared that the workers recognize in the recent wage reduction notice of a re-declaration of war, and that the wage reduction "is a human outrage that would make permanent the present condition of poverty."

It is stated that the Amalgamated is considering the question of a "counter strike" against the textile manufacturers, who, they charge, are conducting a "strike against workers and consumers by shutting down their mills rather than take the loss incident to restoration of peace time conditions." V. 112 p. 158.

#### Arizona Copper Co.—Copper Output (in lbs.)—

1920—Dec.—1919.	Decrease.	1920—12 Mos.—1919.	Increase.
2,650,000	2,900,000	250,000	35,250,000 33,500,000 1,750,000

—V. 111, p. 2327.

#### Atlantic Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—

Net earnings for the 11 months ending Nov. 30 1920, are reported as \$2,400,502, compared with \$569,911 in 1919. See V. 112, p. 164.

#### Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—Dividend Outlook.—

The "Financial Post" of Toronto, Dec. 31, says in substance: "We learn that the current dividend on the Preferred stock will be passed as well as on the Common; indeed, the subject of dividend payments was not even considered by the directors. This result, even so far as the Preferred was concerned, has been generally expected."

An initial dividend of 2 1/2% was paid on the Common stock in Oct. of 1920, together with the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Preferred shares. See V. 111, p. 495.

Manuel Rionda and W. A. Hobbins have been elected directors.—V. 111, p. 2426.

#### Barnsdall Corp.—Earnings—New Director.—

Net earnings after taxes for the 12 months ending Dec. 31 1920 are officially estimated at \$2,778,425 [as compared, it is understood, with \$1,406,967 for the year ending Dec. 31 1919.—Ed.]

Frederick W. Allen of Lee, Higginson & Co., John L. Gray, President of the Bigheart Producing & Refining Co., and Maynard S. Bird of Maynard S. Bird & Co., Portland, Me., have been elected directors.—V. 112, p. 164.

#### Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Rochester, N. Y.—Stock.

The capital stock has been increased from \$600,000 to \$6,000,000, the purpose being to make the capital more nearly representative of the investment in the plant. The company is a close corporation.

#### Bibb Manufacturing Co.—Capital Increase—Earnings.—

The stockholders on Jan. 6 voted to increase the capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$7,500,000, and to offer the new stock at par to the present stockholders in the proportion of one new share for each four shares held, payable on or before Feb. 15.

A report submitted showed that net earning from Sept. 30 1912 to Aug. 31 1920, after deducting all depreciation charges, amounted to \$16,583,423; cash disbursements for additions to property and plant from Jan. 1 1913 to Jan. 1 1921 amounted to \$9,669,690; cash dividends paid to stockholders during the same period amounted to \$2,579,394 stock dividends issued to shareholders during the same period amounted to \$4,500,000, and that \$250,000 of pref. stock of the co. had been retired.—V. 106, p. 2562.

#### Birmingham (Ala.) Water Works Co.—Capital.—

The company has given notice of its intention to increase its capital from \$1,829,700 to \$2,529,700 by the creation of an issue of \$700,000 8% cumulative Pref. stock (par \$100), proceeds to be used to retire existing obligations amounting to \$272,683 and the balance to be used for improvements.—V. 112, p. 164.

#### Black & Decker Mfg. Co.—Business—Outlook, &c.—

President S. D. Black Jan. 3, wrote in substance: "The year 1920 has been a prosperous one despite the general slowing up of all business during the latter months. Prospects for 1921 are bright and we expect to experience a gradual return to normal during the next few months."

"For these reasons your directors have seen fit to declare at this time a dividend of 2% on the Common stock to all stockholders of record as of Dec. 30 1920. In view of the fact that dividends, approximately equivalent to 5% on the present outstanding Common stock were paid during the early part of 1920, this 2% mentioned above will bring the total Common stock dividends for 1920 up to about 7%.—V. 111, p. 2426.

#### Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—Decision.—

The Appellate Division has handed down a decision holding that the \$1.40 rate for gas charged by the company is invalid and that the lower court was justified in issuing an injunction restraining the company for making the charge, also that the city has a right to intervene in all lighting litigation. The injunction against the company was issued by Justice Scudder of the Brooklyn Supreme Court on Sept. 10 on the application of Gerald Morrel a customer.—See V. 111, p. 1372, 1474.

#### Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.

Frank M. Smith, smelter director, has announced that the company will erect a million-dollar electrolytic zinc refinery at Kellogg, Idaho, and through the purchase of an interest in the Northwest Lead Co. of Seattle has entered into the manufacture of lead plumbing material.—V. 107, p. 1922.

#### Bush Terminal Co.—Listing.—

The N. Y. Stock Exch. has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15 1921 of \$160,000 additional Common stock (authorized \$7,000,000), on official notice of issuance as a 2 1/2% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \$6,560,600.

On Dec. 30 1920 the directors declared a stock dividend of 2 1/2% on the Common stock, payable Jan. 15 to Common stockholders of record Jan. 7.

#### Income Account of Bush Terminal Co. & Sub. Cos. for 10 Mos. end. Oct. 31 '20.

Bush Term. Co.	Bush Term. Bldgs. Co.		Bush Term. RR. Co.		Exhibition Bldg., Inc.		Total.
	Bldgs. Co.	RR. Co.	Bldg., Inc.	Bldg., Inc.			
Gross earnings	\$2,239,199	\$2,460,284	\$189,350	\$262,055	\$5,150,890		
Earns. from oper.	\$1,548,590	\$898,534	df. \$70,607	df. \$215,672	\$2,160,845		
Total net earns.	\$1,792,964	\$992,571	df. \$70,391	df. \$215,672	\$2,499,478		
Taxes	410,978	219,267	17,198	28,224	675,661		
Interest	489,824	382,500		27,844	900,167		
Sinking fund	24,175	111,753			135,928		
Other deduction		\$10,792			\$10,792		

Surp. for 10 mos. \$867,987 \$268,271 df. \$87,589 df. \$271,739 \$776,930  
x Bush Term. Bldgs. Co. accrued dividend reported in Bush Term. Co. under other income.—V. 111, p. 297.

**Cabot Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass.—Obituary.—**

Francis I. Anory, formerly President and a director, died Jan. 7 in New York City.—V. 112, p. 164.

**California & Hawaiian Sugar Refg. Co.—Capital.—**

It is reported that the company intends to increase its capital from \$7,500,000 to \$12,500,000 in order to provide the necessary working capital to take care of increased business. Since 1906, it is stated, the operating capacity of the company's plant has been increased from 20 tons of raw sugar daily to 2,000 tons daily. The value of raw sugar handled this year is reported at \$150,000,000, compared with \$50,000,000 in 1914.

The company, it is stated, is owned by the Sugar Factors Co., which comprises the representatives of a number of Hawaiian plantation companies, notably Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., Pioneer Mill Co., Onomea Sugar Co., Oahu Sugar Co., &c. All the stock, save directors' qualifying shares, it is said, is owned by the Sugar Factors and the estate of Z. S. Spaulding (deceased).

According to a decision of Judge Benjamin F. Illedsoe of the U. S. District Court at San Francisco, handed down Dec. 28, the contract signed last May by the Continental Candy Co. with the California Sugar Co. is valid. The company had contracted with the sugar company for 1,250 tons of Java sugar at \$19.86 per 100 lbs. but in Nov. last sought to repudiate the contract when the price of sugar declined. The court held the Candy company should fill its contract. Letters of credit to the extent of \$500,000 covering the contract were involved, but it is said only \$250,000 was sought in the suit.—V. 108, p. 786

**California Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—**

Income Account for Nine Months Ending September 30.

	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gross earnings	\$4,498,477	\$3,452,591	\$2,924,926	\$2,142,264
Operating expenses	1,612,402	1,012,496	679,640	473,732
Net earnings	\$2,886,075	\$2,440,095	\$2,245,286	\$1,668,532
Depreciation, depletion, &c.	659,603	\$680,828	517,514	---
Bond interest	55,619	68,367	72,982	77,504
Subsidiary co's share	5,885	8,867	4,178	34,981
Federal taxes	369,569	192,812	203,875	---
Balance surplus	\$1,795,399	\$1,489,221	\$1,446,707	\$1,556,047

—V. 111, p. 893.

**Caracas Sugar Co. of Cuba.—Dividend No. 2.—**

A quarterly dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the outstanding Capital stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. An initial dividend of like amount was paid in Oct. 1920. Compare V. 111, p. 192.

**Central Aguirre Sugar Co.—Report—Obituary.—**

See annual report under "Financial Report" and "Reports and Documents" in this issue.

President John D. H. Luce, who was injured in an automobile accident Jan. 8 last, died at the St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River, on Jan. 11.—V. 111, p. 1281.

**Chalmers Motor Corp.—Plan Operative.—**

See Maxwell Motor Co., Inc. below.—V. 111, p. 1372.

**Cities Service Co.—23rd Monthly Distribution.—**

The 23rd monthly distribution on Cities Service Co. bankers' shares payable Feb. 1 to bankers' shares of record Jan. 15 will be 34 cents a bankers' share. On Jan. 1 last a distribution of 39 cents a bankers' share was made to 16,914 holders, as against 5,538 holders of bankers' shares Jan. 1 1920.—V. 111, p. 2046.

**Consolidated Shirt Corp. of Dela.—Consolidation.—**

The above company, it is stated, will be incorporated in Delaware and will acquire as of May 1 1921 the following three shirt manufacturing companies, Jacob Miller Sons & Co. and L. Needles Brooker Co. of Philadelphia, and Excello Shirt Co. of New York. The capitalization will consist of \$3,000,000 Pref. stock and 10,000 shares of Common stock (no par value). The officers are: President, Simon Miller; V.-Presidents, Walter S. Cohen, Aaron Miller, Lewis Needles and Isidore Weil; Sec., Alphonse B. Miller; Treasurer, S. D. Peyser.

**Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto.—Stock Offering.—**

It is stated that the company has received satisfactory tenders for the sale of 12,786 shares of stock (par \$50). "The new capital will assist the company in providing necessary extensions, which will be of benefit to the present gas users, and will enable the company to take care of the natural increase in business, incident to the city's domestic growth, as well as to cope with the very large call that has arisen for gas for industrial purposes."—V. 111, p. 2525.

**Continental Candy Co.—Must Fill Contract.—**

See California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2525.

**Continental Portland Cement Co.—Bonds Offered.—**

Mark C. Steinberg & Co. and Pape, Potter & Kauffman, Inc., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int. to yield 8% according to maturity \$500,000 1st Mtge. Serial 8% Gold Bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1921. Due serially Jan. 1 1922, to Jan. 1 1927, incl. Int. payable J. & J. at Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, or at Chemical National Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, (c\*). Red. at 102 all or individual maturities (last maturity first), on any int. date, on 30 days' notice.

**Data From Letter of David A. Marks, St. Louis, Dec. 20 1920.**

Company.—Established in 1908. Plant at Continental, Mo., daily capacity 2,000 barrels Portland cement, at present being remodeled and enlarged to capacity of 4,000 barrels daily output, will be in complete operation not later than April 1 1921. Company is also in gravel and sand business with plant at Valley Park, Mo.

**Capitalization.**

	Authorized.	Outstanding		Authorized.	Outstanding
1st M. 8% bonds	\$500,000	\$500,000	Cum. Pref. 7% stk	\$500,000	\$500,000
2nd M. 8% bonds, due 1929-1930	300,000	300,000	Common stock	500,000	495,300

Purpose.—To complete payment for remodeling and enlarging of cement plant (total cost about \$1,150,000).

Earnings.—Company for 4 years' period ended June 30 1920, earned \$643,830 applicable to interest charges, which is at average annual rate of \$160,956 or 4 times interest requirements. For year ended June 30 1920 earned \$197,680, or at the rate of about 5 times maximum interest charges on 1st mtge bonds.

**Corn Products Refining Co.—Acquires Plants in Europe.**

The company, it is learned, has concluded negotiations for the purchase of plants in England, France and Germany at a cost of several million dollars. A comprehensive program has been worked out to invade the European markets on a big scale in order to overcome the high duties exacted for doing business between the United States and foreign countries. Negotiations looking to the acquisition of the plants in England, France and Germany have been in progress for several months. ("Journal of Commerce.")—V. 112, p. 66.

**Creamery Package Mfg. Co.—Recapitalization Plan.—**

The stockholders will vote Jan. 19 on approving a plan for recapitalization, changing the Common stock from \$100 par value to no par value. Four shares of the new stock, it is stated, will be issued in exchange for each share held.

At present there are 30,000 shares of Common stock outstanding, par \$100 each. This will be increased to 200,000 shares of no par value stock. The exchange will require 120,000 shares, leaving 80,000 shares in the treasury, a portion of which, it is reported, will be offered for sale to stockholders pro rata at \$22 50 a share.

**Earnings—Sale of Plant—Lease Pending New Construction.**

The report for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1920, it is stated, shows total surplus of \$2,003,826, an increase of \$569,174 over the previous year. The company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on its outstanding \$3,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 10 to holders of record Jan. 1. Quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% have been paid on the Common stock since April 1888, an extra of 5% was paid in Jan. 1920.

The Stanley Works of Illinois, which recently acquired the business of the Stanley Rule & Level Co., has purchased the premises now occupied by the company at 61 to 67 West Kinzie St., Chicago, for \$300,000. The four and a six-story buildings, the latter of mill construction, erected only a few years ago, contain about 87,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The sellers purchased last year a site in the Northwestern section of the city on which they are planning to erect a large plant to meet their growing requirements as soon as building conditions permit. Until such time, however, they have taken a lease on the buildings just sold to the Stanley Works. "Chicago Economist."—V. 111, p. 2427.

**Crocker-Wheeler Co.—10% Stock Dividend.—**

A 10% stock dividend has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% on the Pref. and 2% on the Common stock, all payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 4. See "Chronicle" V. 110, p. 2570.

**Cromwell Steel Co., Cleveland, O.—Creditors Comm.—**

A creditors committee consisting of Walter L. Florry, Sec., Cleveland; George Steele, J. B. Putnam, William Rothenberg, C. W. Cottrell, H. E. Stuhler, Ira C. Taber and E. G. Yeckley, has been formed in order to solve the company's present financial difficulties and avoid a receivership.

An agreement to which all unsecured creditors are asked to subscribe provides that all claims be abated for a period of three months ending March 14 next.—V. 111, p. 695.

**Detroit Edison Co.—Bonds Sold.—Spencer Trask & Co.**

New York, Coffin & Burr, Inc., Boston, Security Trust Co. and First National Co., Detroit, have offered and sold the unsubscribed portion of \$5,532,600 10-year 8% Conv. Gold Debs. not taken by the stockholders. A circular shows:

Dated Jan. 10 1921. Due Jan 10 1931. Int. payable J. & J. at office of company, New York. Denom. \$100 and \$1,000 (c\*). Conv. between Jan. 10 1923, and July 10 1930, into capital stock at par. Red. (on 60 days' notice) on Jan. 10 1923 and thereafter prior to Jan. 10 1924 at a premium of 5% and on Jan. 10 1924 and at any time thereafter at a premium of 1/2% for each year or unexpired portion thereof to maturity; when so called for redemption the bonds may, provided the time for conversion has not expired, be converted into stock at par at any time before the date named for redemption.

Outstanding Debt.—Company has from time to time issued \$21,903,500 convertible bonds (exclusive of the present issue of \$5,532,600), all of which except \$10,143,100 still outstanding (of which \$8,103,500 are not yet convertible) and \$111,400 called for payment or redeemed at maturity, have been converted into capital stock. There are also outstanding \$10,000,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1933; \$16,665,000 First & Ref. Mtge. bonds 5% Series A, due 1940; \$10,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds 6% Series B, due 1940; \$1,000,000 Eastern Michigan Edison Co. 1st (closed) Mtge. 5% bonds, due 1931, and \$27,663,000 capital stock.

	1919.	1918.	1916.	1912.	1908.	1903.
Gr earn.	16,498,391	13,801,527	10,066,786	4,385,615	1,788,812	533,847

**Earnings for the 12 Months Ended November 30 1920.**

Gross revenue	\$21,112,599
Operating expenses, incl. maint. depreciation reserve & taxes	17,060,116
Interest on mortgage bonds	1,573,203

Surplus over mortgage bond interest \$2,779,280  
The surplus over mortgage bond interest for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1920 was equal to over 2 1/2 times the annual interest requirements of all the outstanding debenture bonds, including the present issue.—Compare V. 111, p. 2233, 2525.

**Dodge Bros., Detroit.—New Pres.—Bonus to Employees.—**

Frederick J. Haynes, formerly Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., has been elected President, to succeed the late Horace F. Dodge.

The company on Jan. 10 distributed bonuses in the form of Liberty bonds at the rate of 10% to 15% of the year's salary, involving, it is stated, more than \$1,000,000.—V. 111, p. 2428.

**Downey Shipbuilding Corp.—Receivers Appointed.—**

William G. Coxe, Wilmington, Del., and J. Ernest Allen and William F. Purdy of New York were appointed receivers by orders of the U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del., on Jan. 7 1921.

"Resort to receivership is a friendly proceeding to conserve the interests of all concerned in the present financial embarrassment resulting from delay in making collections of large outstanding accounts." It is understood considerable money is due the company on Government contracts. Compare V. 110, p. 564.

**Du Pont Chemical Co.—Dividends No. 2—Director.—**

Cash dividends of 4% each have been declared on the Common and Preferred stocks, both payable Feb. 5 to holders of record Jan. 25. Initial dividends of 10% each were paid on both stocks in Nov. last.

Clifford McIntyre has been elected a director, thus increasing the directorate from 7 to 8 members. It is reported that the company has decided to discontinue, on Feb. 1 the extra compensation paid to employees, since 1919.—V. 111, p. 1569.

**Durant Motors, Inc.—Chartered.—Incorp. in New York**

Jan. 13 1921 in the interest of William C. Durant, former President of the General Motors Corp., with an authorized capital of 1,000,000 shares of no par value.

**Mr. Durant in a recent letter to his friends said:**

"While I am not ready at this time to make an announcement, it will probably not surprise you to know that I am still an interested and firm believer in the motor industry, and that I am organizing a company controlled by myself and several of my good friends which will be in active operation Aug. 1. I cannot go into details regarding the corporation at this time, other than to say it will bear the name of the Durant Motors, Inc., with one kind of stock, with every subscriber to the initial offering upon exactly the same basis as to price, with no commissions, bonuses or reservations to myself or associates issued for experience, ability or performance. The Durant Motors, Inc., will be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York with authorized capital of 1,000,000 shares of no par value, 500,000 shares constituting the initial offering."

While nothing official was given out, it is stated that it is proposed to erect or buy a factory in the Middle West for the manufacture of a four-cylinder automobile to sell for less than \$1,000. See also General Motors Corp. below.

**Durham Hosiery Mills.—Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30 1920.**

In connection with the offering of additional Class B Common stock to the Common stockholders (V. 112, p. 66), a circular issued by the company permits the following comparison:

**Consolidated Balance Sheet, (Including Subsidiaries.)**

[Dec. 31 1919 inserted by Ed.]

	y Sept. 30 '20	Dec. 31 '19.		y Sept. 30 '20.	Dec. 31 '19.
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	<b>Liabilities—</b>	\$	\$
Cash	855,662	623,509	Notes payable	3,400,000	1,450,000
Acc'ts receivable	809,899	1,299,641	Acc'ts payable	---	124,293
U. S. securities	---	685,433	Acc'r'd taxes, &c.	64,007	314,371
Inventories	5,058,920	4,249,486	Preferred stock	2,910,000	3,000,000
Other assets	39,545	478,277	Old Pref. (called)	15,000	381,200
Real est., bldgs. &c., less reserve	7,482,274	2,972,649	Com. "A" stock	1,250,000	1,250,000
Trade-marks	---	520,000	Com. "B" stock	3,750,000	3,252,850
Deferred charges	142,893	195,695	Surplus	2,454,489	1,093,728
			Cap. stock & surp. of affil. cos. not owned	545,698	158,249
Total (each side)	14,389,193	11,024,691			
x Cost to Sept. 30 1920	\$927,478.				

y After giving effect to the sale of \$302,800 par value stock of North State Knitting Mills, Inc., a subsidiary, and 9,943 shares of Common "B" stock of the Durham Hosiery Mills (see V. 112, p. 66). Of the cash received by the North State Knitting Mills, \$181,138 was used in liquidation the debt of that company. Compare V. 112, p. 66.

**Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton.—**

A quarterly dividend of 2½% has been declared on the outstanding \$1,476,000 Capital stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Dividends of 2% each have been paid quarterly from Feb. 1 1919 to Nov. 1 1920, inclusive. An extra dividend of 5% was also paid in May last, making total dividends paid during 1920 of 13%.—V. 111, p. 2329.

**Emerald Oil Co. of Del.—Additional Stock Offered.—**

Douglas Fenwick & Co., New York, are offering at 100 per share a block of 1,000 pref. shares (par \$100) giving 2 shares of common stock as a bonus with each share of Pref.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock 7% cumulative (par \$100)-----	\$7,000,000	\$3,000,000
Common stock (par \$25)-----	5,500,000	3,000,000

[The company filed notice of increase in capital at Austin, Tex., on Sept. 28 from \$10,000,000 to \$12,500,000.]

Company has leases on 128,840 acres of proven oil lands in the United States; oil, gas and mineral rights and owns 1-10th of the fee on 1,500,000 acres on the Magdalena River, Colombia, S. A.; and a small tract in Mexico. In the Mid-Continent field, company has 9 wells completed in the Teeter pool, producing 800 bbls. of oil daily, with 4 wells drilling. In Osage County, Okla., in the Pawhuska field, company has 6 wells producing 100 barrels in which they own a 40% interest. See V. 110, p. 662, 1529

**Empire District Electric Co.—Bond Offering.—**

Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York, and Arthur Perry & Co., Boston, are offering at 98¼ and int., yielding over 8.15%, \$1,725,000 1st Lien & Gen. M. 8% gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1920, due Nov. 1 1949. Int. payable M. & N. in New York without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\* & r\*. \$1,000 or multiples thereof. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice, at 110 if redeemed on or before Nov. 1 1925; at 107½ if red. on or before Nov. 1 1935; at 105 if red. on or before Nov. 1 1945; and if redeemed thereafter, at 1% for each complete year intervening between the date of redemption and Nov. 1 1949. Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., and Conqueror Trust Co., Joplin, trustees. Tax refund in Penna.

**Data from Letter of Pres. Henry L. Doherty, New York, Dec. 28 1920.**

Company.—Incorp. in Oct. 1909. Supplies, practically without competition, electric light and power to a territory centering in Joplin, Mo., embracing portions of southwestern Missouri, southeastern Kansas and (through its subsidiary), northeastern Oklahoma, having an area of over 1,000 sq. miles. In addition electric current is sold at wholesale to various public utility companies, including those serving the cities of Springfield, Mo., Pittsburg, Kan., and adjacent territories. Sales of electric current during the last 10 years have increased from 32,279,925 k. w. h. for 1911 to 125,741,470 k. w. h. for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1920. Population served over 100,000.

Capitalization after This Financing—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock-----	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Preferred stock, 6% cumulative-----	6,000,000	1,003,900
First Lien & Gen. M. 8% bonds (this issue)-----	(a)	1,725,000
1st M. 5% Sink. Fund gold bonds, due 1949-----	(b)	3,069,000
Divisional mortgage bonds-----	Closed	722,500

a Issuance of additional bonds restricted by provisions of the Mortgage referred to below. b Authorized \$6,000,000; issued, \$5,129,000, of which \$260,000 are alive in the sinking fund. Company agrees that no additional First M. 5% bonds will be issued except for pledge to secure First Lien & Gen. M. bonds or for deposit in the sinking fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury for expenditures for improvements and extensions recently made, including additions to Riverton power station.

**Earnings for 12 Months ended Oct. 31 1920.**

Gross earnings-----	\$2,532,939
Net earnings after maintenance and all taxes-----	\$663,223
Annual int. on mtge. debt outstanding, incl. this issue, requires-----	327,965

Since 1914 gross and net earnings have increased 212% and 90% respectively.

Management.—Company is controlled by the Cities Service Co. Compare V. 112, p. 165.

**Fayette Co. (Pa.) Gas Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

An extra dividend of 2%, payable in Victory bonds, has been declared, in addition to the regular monthly cash dividend of 2-3 of 1% (66 2-3 cents a share), both payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 107, p. 1923.

**Fisher Body Corp.—To Exchange Common Stock for Fisher Body Ohio Common Stock and Acquire Common Stock Not Already Controlled—Guarantees Pref. Dividends.—**

See Fisher Body Ohio Co. below and compare V. 112, p. 165.

**Fisher Body Ohio Co.—Fisher Body Corporation offers to Acquire Uncontrolled Common Stock and Exchange it for its Own Common Stock.—**

Otis & Co., Cleveland, in an announcement urging the Common stockholders to exchange their stock for Fisher Body Corp. stock says: Fisher Body Corp., now the holder of 55% of the common stock of Fisher Body Ohio Co., proposes to issue to holders of its own common stock 5 shares of new common stock having no par value, for each share of present stock, and to increase the number of its shares by an amount sufficient to make the exchange referred to below. After such increase, Fisher Body Corp. will give for each share of common stock of Fisher Body Ohio Co. one share of the new common stock of Fisher Body Corp., plus \$2 50 in cash, such exchange to be effective only in the event that holders of at least 40,000 out of the 45,000 shares now held by persons other than Fisher Body Corp. surrender their stock for such exchange. The terms of the exchange have been approved by directors of the Fisher Body Ohio company.

In consideration of this exchange, the Fisher Body Corp. will guarantee: (1) Full payment on the pref. stock of Fisher Body Ohio Co. not later than July 1 1922, of all accumulated dividends up to and including dividend payable Jan. 1 1921.

(2) Current quarterly dividends upon the same stock as the same accrue up to and including the dividend payable July 1 1922.

The common stockholders of Fisher Body Ohio Co. are requested to forward their certificates to Union Trust Co., Cleveland, O., depository, who will hold the stock surrendered subject to the direction of Otis & Co., to be delivered in consummation of the exchange, or in the event that the exchange is not made prior to Feb. 1 1921, return the stock so surrendered. The right is reserved to postpone the date of exchange until not later than April 1 1921.—V. 112, p. 166.

**Ford Motor Co.—Distributes Bonus to Employees.—**

The company this week distributed between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 among its employees in the form of bonuses, as their share of Ford Co. profits for 1920. The holders of Ford certificates also received 6% on their investment, which, with the 8% received last July, makes a total of 14%, or \$1,400,000 for the year, on their \$10,000,000 holdings. Bonus depends on length of service of each employee and ranges from \$60 to \$300.

It is stated that the Ford assembly plants throughout the country have resumed operations, after having been closed since before the holidays. There are 35 Ford branches in the country, employing about 13,000 men.

**1920 Sales.—**The "Wall Street Journal" Jan. 10 said:

While production of cars and tractors by Ford Motor Co. is generally known, very little is heard by the public as to what these activities represent in dollars and cents, or what production means from the standpoint of sales to the consumer.

Based upon the sales prices of the company during the past year, both before and after the September price reduction and based further upon the assertions of Ford dealers, it is possible to say the total sales of Ford products—cars, trucks, tractors and parts—amounted to not less than \$625,000,000 in 1920.

Of the 1,027,677 cars made approximately 722,279 may be considered to have been sold by Ford dealers at an average price of \$575. On this basis the pre-September car sales totaled \$415,425,000. Sales after the cut in price in September apply to 305,398 cars for which the average price was figured at \$500, giving a total of \$152,699,000.

The sales price of the 69,123 tractors is figured on the basis of \$800, for the old price was \$850 and the new price is \$790. This adds \$55,298,000 for tractor sales. In addition there is to be figured the sale of Ford parts for cars and tractors, on which point there is great diversity of opinion, but which in the majority of cases the dealers estimate at \$25,000,000 for the past year, and which brings up the total sales value of the Ford products to the enormous figure of \$625,000,000.—V. 112, p. 166, 66.

**(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Stock. &c.**

The company, maker of the Franklin automobile, recently offered additional Pref. stock at par, with the privilege of purchasing one share of Common stock at \$50 with every two shares of Pref. subscribed for. An official circular shows:

**Approximate Capitalization After Present Financing.**

(No bonds or mortgages.)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock (\$100 par)-----	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000
Common stock (no par)-----	600,000 sh.	280,000 sh.

Plant.—The large unit now nearing completion will bring the space up to about 1,600,000 sq. ft., or about 34 acres under roof.

**Record of Sales of Cars.**

Year—	1902.	1907.	1914.	1919.	1920 (11 Mos.)
Cars-----	13	1,509	2,505	9,173	9,505

Earnings.—Net earnings have been as follows:

Year—	1915.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920 (est.)
Net earnings-----	\$958,528	\$943,734	\$528,992	\$1,841,000	\$1,200,000

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, Including Subsidiaries.**

Assets—	Sept. 30 '20.	Dec. 31 '19.	Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '20.	Dec. 31 '19.
Cash-----	1,722,402	1,156,750	Acc'ts & notes pay.	7,865,132	4,322,730
Sight drafts against bills of lading-----	413,619	-----	Federal taxes-----	224,141	900,000
Acc'ts & notes rec.	337,211	1,361,580	Other liabilities-----	185,048	117,269
U. S. Govt. securs.	967,900	1,030,311	Deprec'n reserve-----	988,489	924,202
Inventories-----	10,892,801	6,384,447	Fed. tax res. (1920)	721,000	-----
Deferred charges-----	870,332	223,239	Miscell. reserve-----	384,132	-----
Misc. investments-----	-----	121,232	Preferred stock-----	3,271,200	2,000,000
Patents & good-will-----	1	1	Common stock-----	7,169,575	1,858,700
Subsid. eos. (pat's)	10,125	-----	Surplus-----	1,392,874	4,223,283
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	6,987,199	4,068,625	Total (each side)	22,201,591	14,346,185

x On June 21 1920 the stockholders converted the Common stock of \$100 par into no par value shares and exchanged the new shares for the old ones in the proportion of four new for one old share.—V. 111, p. 2525.

**Freeport Texas (Sulphur) Co.—Sulphur Statistics.—**

See Union Sulphur Co. below.—V. 111, p. 1954.

**Fulton County Gas & Electric Co.—Merger.—**

Notice of the merging of Cayadutta Generating Co. with the Fulton County Gas & Electric Co. was filed at Albany Dec. 31.—V. 111, p. 993.

**General Asphalt Co.—Bonds Sold.—**

Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, as syndicate managers, announce that all of the issue of 8% 10-yr. sinking fund gold bonds have been sold.—See offering in V. 111, p. 2525

**Geneva Cutlery Corp., Geneva, N. Y.—No Pref. Divs**

The regular quarterly dividend usually paid Jan. 1 on the Preferred stock was omitted on that date.

Secretary H. L. Henry Jan. 3, says: "The directors, after careful consideration by the full board of the matter of quarterly dividend upon the Preferred stock, have decided that, while the net earnings for the year would be in excess of 8% upon the total amount of Preferred stock outstanding, in view of prevailing business and financial conditions, it is absolutely necessary to conserve cash resources and that it would be unwise to declare any dividend on the Preferred stock at this time."—V. 109, p. 1703.

**Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Regular Dividend Rate Increased from \$2 50 to \$3 but No Extra Declared.—New Director.**

A quarterly dividend of \$3 per share has been declared on the outstanding 250,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Mar. 2 to holders of record Jan. 31. Dividend record for 1920: March and Sept., each \$2 50 per share; June and Dec., regular dividends of \$2 50 per share and extras of \$1 per share; total, \$12 per share.

Channing Wells, President of the American Optical Co. of Southbridge, Mass., has been elected a director.—V. 111, p. 1954.

**Gilliland Oil Co.—Earnings—Acquisition, &c.—**

During the year ending Oct. 31 1920 the company produced 5,461,100 bbls. of oil, of which the company's interest amounted to 3,080,092 bbls. Gross earnings were \$10,968,562 and net profits after deducting estimated Federal taxes of \$300,000 and \$4,474,830 for depletion, amounted to \$1,673,192.

The company has acquired 100,000 shares (representing approximately one-third interest) of Common stock (par \$25) of the Paragon Refining Co. Col. P. J. Hurley, Vice-Pres., and J. W. Gilliland, President, both directors of the Paragon, will represent the interests of the Gilliland Co. on the Paragon board. The purchase of stock in the Paragon Co. will require no new financing by the Gilliland.—V. 112, p. 166.

**Goldwyn Pictures Corp.—Balance Sheet.—**

Balance Sheet June 30 1920. Showing Effect of Issuing \$1,788,490 Notes.

Assets—	June 26 '20	Oct. 30 '20	Liabilities—	June 26 '20	Oct. 30 '20
Inventory-----	3,694,169	-----	2-year conv. notes-----	-----	1,788,490
Other curr. assets-----	1,324,645	11,240,113	Current liabilities-----	\$1,717,290	1,527,330
Inv. in theatres, &c-----	3,909,545	-----	Capital & surplus-----	9,713,763	10,305,493
Goodwill-----	2,381,600	2,381,600			
Total-----	11,431,053	13,621,713	Total-----	11,431,053	13,621,713

The stockholders of record Nov. 17 were given the rights to subscribe at 95 up to Dec. 20 to \$1,788,490 2-year Convertible Notes to the extent of \$3 50 of notes for each share of stock owned by them, respectively, which would apparently indicate as outstanding approximately 510,997 shares of stock, no par value. Compare V. 111, p. 2329, 2047.

**Gordon Ironside & Fares, Packers, Ltd.—Interest.—**

A Winnipeg dispatch states that the interest due June 1 on the Gordon Ironsides & Fares Co., Ltd., 1st 6s, was not paid on that date, but will be paid soon.—V. 106, p. 1581.

**Gray & Davis, Inc., Boston.—Business Outlook Improved**

Gray & Davis have received several "releases" from Western automobile manufacturers for equipment ordered and on which deliveries had been postponed in sufficient volume to make unlikely further curtailment at the Cambridge plant.

Unfilled orders now amount to over \$4,000,000, but, of course, are subject to instructions with respect to delivery. The adjustment with the Government, which has been pending since the armistice, has finally been adjusted, and Gray & Davis will receive something over \$100,000 in settlement of its claim. ("Boston News Bureau.")—V. 111, p. 2143.

**Great Eastern Paper Co., Ltd.—Preferred Stock.—**

Supplementary letters patent have been issued under the seal of the Secretary of State of Canada dated Dec. 29 1920 amending the letters patent dated Feb. 17 1920 by changing clause No. 4 to read as follows:

"Dividends and money payable for redemption of shares shall be payable in Montreal and/or in New York to shareholders in Canadian currency, but during such time as currency of the United States is at a premium in Canada all such dividends and money payable for redemption of shares shall be so paid in currency of the United States or its equivalent."—V. 110, p. 2080, 2295.

**Greene-Cananea Copper Co.—Production.—**

	1920—Dec.—1919	1920—12 Mos.—1919
Copper (lbs.)-----	3,700,000	3,600,000
Silver (ozs.)-----	164,000	124,100
Gold (ozs.)-----	990	620

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—V. 111, p. 2526.

**Haytian American Corp.—Proxies—Opposition to Plan.—**

The Stockholders' Protective Committee, John H. Flagler,

Chairman, is seeking proxies with a view to a change in policy and management and in opposition to the "financial plan" which accompanies a letter to stockholders dated Dec. 31 1920 and signed "C. Edgar Elliott, President."

The committee in circular of Jan. 7 states its belief that the proposed plan is entirely impracticable and cannot be carried out, because, not having been underwritten, it will become void in case 90% of the outstanding Three to Five-Year 7% Gold Notes do not assent before March 20 1921. This committee, as soon as the same can be done properly, intends to formulate or join in a workable plan that can be carried out.

[Committee, John H. Flagler, Chairman; Phillip W. Henry, H. R. Tlupenhauer and F. W. Ludwig, with Victor J. Matthews, 25 Broad St., N. Y. City, Secretary, and Wollman & Wollman, counsel.—V. 111, p. 2526

**Hercules Powder Co.—Acquisition.—**

See Actna Explosives Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2526.

**Hudson Paper Mills.—Bankruptcy Sale.—**

By order of the U. S. District Court, Oliver G. Garvin, trustee, will receive bids up to Jan. 19 for the sale of the entire property, including a fully equipped paper-converting plant, hydraulic presses and equipment pumps, fittings, valves, paper, auto truck, &c.

**Ice Service Co., Inc.—Acquires Controlling Interest in National Ice & Coal Co.—**

The company has acquired a controlling interest in the National Ice & Coal Co., Inc., through a purchase of stock from S. M. Schatzkin and his associates. Mr. Schatzkin and his associates, it is stated, are retiring from the board and from the management of the National Ice & Coal Co. The two companies will continue to operate separately and no consolidation of the two companies is contemplated.

The Ice Service Co., Inc., was organized early in 1920 in Delaware as a consolidation of Elder & Wells, M. P. Sheehy, I. Pringle, Inc., Atlantic Hygienic Ice Co., and Bay Ridge Ice Manufacturing Co. Capitalization, auth., 250,000 shares common (no par) and \$12,000,000 7% Cumul. pref.; outstanding at latest accounts, 25,920 common shares and \$2,592,000 pref.

The National Ice & Coal Co., Inc., was organized Feb. 15 1916 in New York by S. M. Schatzkin as a consolidation of the former National Ice Co. with the Foster-Scott Ice Co. and the ice department of Burns Brothers. Has outstanding about \$3,750,000 common stock, \$975,000 7% cumul. 1st pref. and \$937,500 7% cumul 2d pref.

**Imperial Oil Corporation.—Status, &c.—**

See Middle States Oil Corporation below.

This company was incorporated in July 1920 with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000. Has under ownership or firm contract 8,800 acres of land in Oklahoma, Texas, Kentucky and Indiana. Is affiliated with Middle States Oil Corporation.

**Imperial Paper Mills of Canada, Ltd.—Bonds Valueless.**

The bondholders' committee report that since the date of the last distribution, every endeavor has been made to obtain a final winding up of the affairs of the company and the Northern Sulphite Mills of Canada. The small amount of cash on hand in Toronto will be barely sufficient to pay the balance due for legal charges and disbursements there. There is, therefore, no possibility of any further distribution being made to the bondholders, and the bonds are now entirely valueless.

In these circumstances there would seem to be no use in incurring the expense of having the bonds returned to England and distributed to the holders of the committee's certificates, and it is consequently proposed to obtain an order of the Court for the destruction of the bonds. Any bondholder who so desires can have his bonds returned to him, if he will notify the committee to that effect on or before Jan. 1, in which event arrangements will be made to have the bonds returned on the holder paying his proportion of the expense of shipment. Failing such a notification the bonds will be destroyed in due course. There is a sum of £135 to the credit of the committee in London, and this small sum will be expended as the committee may decide. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—See V. 108, p. 385.

**Indian Packing Corp.—Consolidated with Acme Packing Co.—To Dissolve.—**

Pres. F. L. Peek, Jan. 12, says:

The stockholders on Jan. 3 approved the proposal to sell all of the property and assets to Acme Packing Co. On Jan. 10 the transfer was made.

As a result Indian Packing Corp. is now in this position: Its assets consist of 425,000 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock; it has borrowed \$637,500. This loan was effected without cost to the corporation and is represented by a 60-day note which bears no interest; it is secured by the deposit of 127,500 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock as collateral, being part of the 425,000 shares above referred to. All of the corporation's liabilities and obligations, except for this loan of \$637,500, have been assumed by Acme Packing Co.

Directors deem it advisable to dissolve the corporation, pay off this loan and distribute the balance of the Acme Packing Co. stock among the stockholders.

It is the intention, as soon as the dissolution has been effected, to offer the stockholders the right to purchase 127,500 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock at the rate of \$5 per share, and thus procure the funds wherewith to pay off the loan. By exercising this right shareholders will receive 10 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock for each 10 shares of Indian Packing stock accompanied by \$15 in cash. Otherwise shareholders will receive 7 shares of Acme Packing Co. stock for each 10 shares of Indian Packing stock held.

[The stockholders will vote Jan. 29 on dissolving the co.]—V. 111, p. 2526.

**International Products Co.—Arranges Underwriting of Note Issue.—**

The Boston "News Bureau" Jan. 12 says:

"It has been more or less an open secret for weeks that company would require substantial amounts of new capital in order to keep going. We understand that company has arranged the underwriting of a note issue of \$2,240,000 which is contingent upon the successful issue of negotiations for a revolving credit from the banks. The proceeds of note issue would be applied to the cost of the company's two boats and the revolving credit, if secured, would finance current operations."—V. 111, p. 1857.

**Iowa (Bell) Telephone Co.—Merger.—**

See Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. below.—V. 103, p. 496.

**Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc.—Common Div. Omitted.—**

The directors on Jan. 10 voted to omit the payment of the quarterly dividend usually paid Jan. 15 on the outstanding \$10,000,000 Common stock, par \$100. Quarterly dividends of ½ of 1% have been paid from Oct. 1917 to Oct. 1920, incl.

**Statement Made by President H. L. Jones.**

This action was prompted by the desire to conserve the cash assets of the company and to maintain a strong position the present period of price readjustment. The company has suffered no substantial losses except in sugar, where the decline was more rapid and extensive than in any other commodity that the company handles.

All inventory losses have been absorbed in the earnings of the months where such depreciation occurred, and all stock is carried to-day at or under current market prices.

Inventories on Dec. 31 1920 stood at the lowest figure in many years and obligations of the company were correspondingly reduced. With reduced capital requirements, lower unit prices, increased volume of business, and favorable margins of profit, which are the result of the readjustments, which the company has made, the officers anticipate very satisfactory results during the coming year. Net sales for the year, it is estimated, will approximate \$22,000,000.—V. 111, p. 2429.

**Juniper Coal Co.—Foreclosure Sale.—**

Albert G. Craig, Special Master in Chancery appointed by the U. S. District Court for the District of Colorado will sell at public auction for cash in hand to the highest bidder, near the Haybro Station on the Denver & Salt Lake RR. Routt County, Colo., on Jan. 22, all the company's property real and personal.

**Kay Counties Gas Co.—Plan Effective.—**

See Marland Oil Co. below.—V. 111, p. 2234.

**Knickerbocker Ice Co. of Chicago.—New President, &c.—**

Charles C. Small has been elected President, succeeding Wesley M. Oler, who becomes Chairman of the board.—V. 96, p. 556.

**Lawyers Mortgage Co., New York.—Annual Report.—**

For Year ending Dec. 31—	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,583,976	\$1,211,391	\$1,047,682
Expenses, including reserves.....	741,316	445,513	527,362

Net earnings.....	\$842,660	\$765,878	\$520,320
Capital stock Dec. 31 1920, \$6,000,000 surplus, \$3,000,000 undivided profits, \$600,478.			

Since the company was organized it has guaranteed \$616,423,124 of mortgages, of which \$478,615,887 have been paid in full, leaving now outstanding \$137,807,237, divided among 6,697 customers, as follows: 57 savings banks, \$18,751,238; 1,557 trustees, \$31,335,537; 5,131 individuals, \$62,080,982; 217 charitable institutions, \$12,321,128; 17 insurance companies, \$6,291,750; 18 trust cos., \$7,026,600.—V. 111, p. 2527.

**Leonard Construction Co., Chicago.—Stock Dividend.**

A 200% stock dividend has been declared, payable at once on the outstanding \$500,000 Capital stock (par \$100) of record Dec. 22 1920.

We are informed that another stock dividend of \$1,000,000 is expected to be declared early this year.

Company's offices are at 332 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**Loft, Inc. (Candy), N. Y.—Initial Dividend—Earnings.—**

An initial dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding 650,000 shares of Capital stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 15.

Quarter ending Dec. 31—	1920.	1919.	Increase.
Sales.....	\$2,342,073	\$2,112,191	\$229,882

—V. 111, p. 1570, 1188.

**Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Stock Application.—**

The California RR. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$1,000,000 of its 6% pref. stock, proceeds to be used to improve and extend its system.—V. 110, p. 2081.

**McCrary Stores Corp.—December Sales.—**

1920—Dec.—1919.	Increase.	1920—12 Mos.—1919	Increase.
\$2,282,771	\$2,048,410	\$234,361	\$14,369,327
			\$12,081,741
			\$2,287,586

—V. 111, p. 2430.

**(W. H.) McElwain Co.—Common Dividend Omitted—**

Status and Outlook—Wages Reduced.—

The dividend usually paid Feb. 1 on the outstanding \$3,500,000 Common stock, par \$50, will, it is announced, be omitted. In Nov. 1920 a quarterly dividend of 1½% was paid, compared with 3% each paid in Feb., May and Aug. 1920.

The regular dividend of 1¾% has been declared on the First Pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Both the Common and 2d Pref. stocks are not publicly held to any great extent, the 1st Pref. stock being the only issue in which there is general public investment.

**Statement Made by President J. F. McElwain.**

The worst in the shoe industry seems to have passed. It was among the first industries to be affected by the depression and therefore should be among the first to recover.

The fact that hides and leather have been liquidated to an extremely low point is the basis for sound values, increased activity and restored confidence. As soon as this is fully reflected down the line to the consumer it is bound to rise in greater activity.

In spite of this fact and of substantial surplus account which would justify the ordinary distribution to Common stockholders at this time, the directors have deemed it wise to take the conservative course and conserve such resources by deferring action on Common dividend.

Announcing a general wage reduction (effective Jan. 10 1921), the company in a statement to its employees says in substance: "The shoe manufacturing business is nearly at a standstill and we must for each other's protection and welfare do all that we can to break this deadlock at the earliest moment. Confidence in values prevailing during the period of high prices has been destroyed, resulting in the most drastic decline in prices in the history of the shoe business. Under present conditions the farmers and other consumers cannot and will not buy shoes freely unless shoe prices show a marked decline. The demand will not be adequate to assure normal production on medium grade shoes during the spring season of 1921. Manufacturers who can meet the public's requirement are the ones who will secure the available business. We intend to be in this class."—V. 111, p. 1570.

**Mackay Companies.—Cable Control.—**

Pres. Clarence H. Mackay before the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee in regard to legislation controlling cable landings, stated that American cable companies have been making rapid strides in the past 20 years, until at the present time the total cable mileage owned and controlled by American companies is 70,943 miles. British companies own and control 128,976 miles, and 23,859 miles are owned and controlled by companies of all other nationalities.—V. 112, p. 167.

**Manhattan Shirt Co.—Annual Report.—**

Years end. Nov. 29—	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917
Total net.....	\$845,896	\$1,695,102	\$1,076,776	\$992,964
Deduct—				
Interest.....	\$156,800	\$43,799	\$50,732	\$28,838
Federal taxes.....	115,000	526,000	365,000	175,000
Pref. dividends (7%).....	112,000	112,000	112,000	120,750
Common dividends—(7%).....	350,003 (6¼)	312,500	(4)200,000	(4)200,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$112,093	\$700,802	\$349,041	\$468,376

V. 112, p. 67.

**Manicopy Typewriter Co.—Registrar.—**

The Columbia Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed registrar of an issue of \$2,000,000 Pref. stock and 85,000 shares Common stock no par value.

**Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co., Ltd.—Bond Offering.—**

Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston, &c., and Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 97½ and int. (payable in Canadian funds) \$500,000 7% 25-Year Ref. Mtge. bonds, due 1945.—V. 111, p. 2048.

**Marland Oil Co. of Delaware.—Plan Effective.—**

The consolidation of the Marland Refining Co. and the Kay County Gas Co. was declared effective Jan. 3. It was officially announced that over 92% of the stock of both companies has been deposited under the consolidation plan.

Because of requests from many stockholders who were unable to deposit their stock on or before Dec. 26 1920, it was decided that stock of Marland Refining and Kay County Gas companies would be accepted upon the same terms if sent to W. H. McFadden, care of Marland Refining Co. at Ponca City for exchange during the month of January.—V. 111, p. 2234.

**Marland Refining Co.—Plan Effective.—**

See Marland Oil Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2234.

**Marlin-Rockwell Corp.—Decision.—Sells Rad. Business.**

The U. S. Court, New Haven, Conn., has handed down a decision in the case of New Departure Mfg. Co., Bristol, Conn., vs. Marlin-Rockwell Corp. et al., which provides that the defendants are enjoined from manufacturing, using or selling double-row ball bearings, which infringe New Departure patents; that an account be given the New Departure company as to profits, and that the defendant pay the costs of the suit. The action brought was to restrain the defendants from an infringement of a patent for improvements in anti-friction bearings." ("Iron Age," Dec. 30).

The company, it is stated, recently disposed of its radiator business and sold its radiator department equipment at auction Dec. 17.—V. 111, p. 1477

**Maxwell Motor Co., Inc.—Plan Operative—Over 87% of Stocks Deposited.—**

The managing and reorganization committee, Walter P. Chrysler, Chairman, under date of Jan. 12 1921, declaring the plan (V. 111, p. 1375) for the reorganization and merger with the Chalmers Motor Corp. operative, states:

In view of the deposit under the plan of all but a comparatively small percentage of unsecured notes and claims exceeding \$5,000 which it is intended to deal with under the plan and of over 87% of the outstanding shares of the above companies, the committee has declared the plan operative. Steps will now be taken to organize and vest in the new company the title to the properties it is to acquire.

The time to make deposits of stock and of unsecured notes and claims with Central Union Trust Co. of N. Y., depository, has been extended, without penalty, until Feb. 1 1921.

Initial payments required upon the exercise of minimum rights of purchase conferred by the plan may be made to the depository until Feb. 1 1921, but only upon the payment of a penalty equal to 1 1/2% of the amount of the initial payments.

The time to file the forms of application attached to application certificates for new stock in excess of the minimum rights of purchase and to make the initial payment of an amount equal to \$10 in respect of each share of Class A stock so applied for, has been extended, without penalty, until Feb. 8 1921. It is anticipated that notice of allotment of stock so applied for will be given about Feb. 10 1921.

**Statement by J. R. Harbeck, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.**

The new company is now placed in an extremely fortunate position to face the conditions confronting the automobile industry. The net outstanding obligations of the Maxwell and Chalmers companies have been reduced, through liquidation, by approximately \$11,000,000, largely through the sale of cars in dealers' hands, resulting in a reduction of the companies' obligations arising from the discounting of dealers' notes, paper, &c. The merchandise and bank creditors are to be amply protected through substantial cash payments and the funding of the balance of the obligations upon a one, two and three-year serial note basis.

The new company's current balance sheet shows net current assets of about \$41,000,000, after depreciation, and net current liabilities of about \$6,000,000, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities being approximately seven to one. Inventories have been substantially written down so that the reorganized company will not be handicapped by having to take into 1921 operations, losses chargeable to previous years.

An analysis of the balance sheet, after excluding good-will and allowing \$100 per share for the "A" shares, which are preference shares, shows a book value for the "B" stock of approximately \$30 per share.

The reorganized company may be regarded as being upon a sound basis for profitable operation on the basis of reduced sale prices. During the reorganization period points of contact with the public have been more than doubled through establishment of additional selling agencies and branches, and the sales prospects are now considered to be as good as those of any company in the industry.—V. 111, p. 2144.

#### Memphis Gas & Electric Co.—Valuation.—

1. The report of the valuation of the properties made by Hagenack & Erickson, Chicago, on behalf of the company, shows the following figures:

(a) Historic cost of the property, \$9,513,542, to which was added \$600,000 working capital, and \$1,250,000 as a reasonable valuation to be placed on the fact that the company was a going concern, thus bringing the total value of the property at present, based on its historic cost, to \$11,363,541.

(b) Cost of replacement of property computed upon an average extending over five years, \$9,711,741, without taking into account depreciation of the property, and at \$7,814,019 allowing for depreciation. This, with the items listed above providing for a working capital and value as a going concern, brought the total, without depreciation, to \$11,561,741; with depreciation to \$9,664,019.

(c) Cost of replacement figured for the year 1919-20 without depreciation, \$11,871,364; with depreciation, \$9,519,713. Adding the items for working capital and value of a going concern the totals are \$13,721,364 and \$11,369,713, respectively.

2. The report of F. G. Proutt, expert on behalf of the city shows the historic cost and the replacement cost on both a five-year average and on the average for the two past years. That is the historic cost, \$9,513,542; the replacement cost on a 5-year average with no account taken for depreciation, \$9,711,741, and with depreciation, \$7,814,019, and the replacement cost without depreciation on the 1919-20 basis, \$11,871,364, and with depreciation, \$9,519,713.

On the basis of historic cost Proutt does not think the items of working capital and value of a going concern should be added; whereas, he thinks an item of over \$600,000 in superseded property should be deducted. On the basis of replacement on the 5 and 2-year bases, instead of adding \$600,000 for working capital and \$1,250,000 for value of a going concern, places these two items at \$468,841 and \$276,000.

This brings his total estimate of the value of the property on the basis of historic cost to approximately \$8,913,541, or \$2,450,000 less than that of Hagenack. On the basis of replacement cost on a 5-year average Proutt's figures for the total valuation of the property, taking no account of depreciation, are \$10,456,555, and \$8,558,860 with depreciation, or \$1,105,186 less than Hagenack's, with no account taken of the item of \$600,000 in superseded property.

Taken on the cost of replacement estimated for the years 1919-20, Proutt's figures for the total valuation without depreciation are \$12,616,205; with depreciation, \$10,264,554.

3. The Tennessee P. U. Commission has fixed \$9,300,000 as the valuation of the properties for rate making purposes.—V. 111, p. 1857.

#### Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—Profits English Co.—

The Linotype & Machinery, Ltd., taken over by the American company during the year 1919-20, subject to the debenture indebtedness (some £556,000 4 1/2% Class A and £573,000 4 1/2% class B) reports for year ending June 30 1920: Profit after deducting reserves and depreciation (including £18,351 for income tax and corporation profits tax), £101,697 as compared with £103,639 in year 1918-19. Deduct £74,787 was absorbed in providing for interest on Debenture stock, payments to the trustees for the Debenture stockholders, and the guaranteed dividend on leased company's shares leaving a profit of £26,910 which, added to the £253,748 brought forward, makes a total credit balance of £280,658 to be carried forward.—Compare V. 111, p. 2224.

#### Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Report.—Dividends.—

The American Exchange National Bank, N. Y. City, is paying the dividend coupons from the Ordinary and Preference shares. The dividend is at the rate of \$2 6865 per share and includes a final dividend of 49% for the year ending June 30 1920 and an interim dividend of 5% for the current year.

See also "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.—V. 112, p. 167.

#### Mid-Colombia Oil & Development Co.—Incorporated.—

Incorporated under Delaware laws Jan. 12 1920 with 1,600,000 shares of no par value capital as a subsidiary of the Transcontinental Oil Co. The new company, it is stated, will take over from one of Transcontinental's subsidiaries more than 1,000,000 acres of land in Columbia on which development work is under way.

F. B. Parriott, President of the Transcontinental, is quoted as saying: "The Transcontinental, through its subsidiary, will own 1,200,000 shares of the new company and 200,000 of its shares will remain in the Mid-Colombia's treasury. The remaining 200,000 shares will be offered for subscription to Transcontinental stockholders for \$5 a share. The offering has been underwritten and the underwriting group has agreed to pay for all stock not subscribed for at \$5 a share, without commission or compensation. The purpose of the plan was to proceed with the immediate and rapid development of these Colombian properties."

#### Middle States Oil Corp.—Additional Stock Underwritten

The stockholders of record Jan. 18 are given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 1, at \$11 per share, for 250,000 shares of capital stock (par \$10), being at the rate of one share of new stock for each four shares held.

Payment of the subscription price must be made at office of corporation, 347 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, in New York funds, either in full or 50% thereof at the time of making subscription, before Feb. 1, and 50% thereof before Mar. 1.

The above shares have been underwritten at \$11 per share free from any commission, expense or other charge.

#### Extracts from Statement by President P. D. Saklatvala, Jan. 8.

For the last few months the management have found unusual favorable opportunities for the acquisition of well-known proven producing oil properties and interests in properties, where your company was already part owner, and acquiring ownership in such property where, through the holding of security for loans, we have converted such loans into purchases of the interests so held as security.

In addition to the acquisition of additional properties in subsidiaries not already completely owned, we have since June 30 1920 increased our ownership in the Texas Chief Oil Co., Dominion Oil Co., and Ranger Texas

Oil Co. \$2,701,723, and other producing properties and interests in properties already acquired or held under option, make it desirable to complete these additions to company's producing areas and income by the proceeds of the above 250,000 shares additional stock, which the directors have authorized to be issued and allotted by preference first to the stockholders.

**Capitalization and Earnings—Dividends Paid.**—Chairman Charles N. Haskell, in an advertisement, says:

Middle States Oil Corp began business in March 1917, with a capital of \$610,000, and the first three months' income was \$10,294. For the three months period from July to October 1920, the capital stock was \$8,000,000 and the three months' income was \$2,524,157. The value of assets Sept. 30 1920 was \$31,849,496, with no debt of any kind and a substantial cash balance in the bank. In the past two years the corporation has distributed to shareholders holding \$1,000 of stock, \$1,921 additional stock and \$475 70 in cash dividends.

**Imperial Oil Corp.**—This company was organized by the same interests which have made Middle States such a success. In addition to producing crude oil, of which it has a large settled production, the company will operate casinghead gasoline plants, refineries, pipe lines and storage plants.

Cash dividends on its stocks were inaugurated in Oct. 1920, and since continued at 2% quarterly on the preferred and 1% monthly on the common. The same provisions for occasional free stock allotments apply to Imperial as to Middle States.

Both of the above-named corporations have no bonds, notes, bank loans or other obligations ahead of their stocks, and have ample cash resources for all needs.—V. 112, p. 167, 67.

#### Minerals Separation North American Corp.—Dividend.

The directors recently decided to distribute to the voting trustees as registered shareholders the equivalent of \$1 per share in United States 4 1/2% Victory Loan Notes, of which 75 cents per share represents return of capital assets and 25 cents per share earnings. The distribution was made to all registered holders of voting trust certificates of record Dec. 20—V. 109, p. 1084.

#### Mississippi River Power Co.—New Debenture Issue.—

The company, it is reported, has sold \$3,600,000 15-year 7% sinking fund gold debentures to a syndicate of New York and Boston bankers, and will be offered for public subscription at an early date. Compare V. 112, p. 167.

#### National Ice & Coal Co., Inc.—Controlling Interest Acquired.—

See Ice Service Co., Inc., above.—V. 110, p. 1855.

#### Nash Motors Co.—Larger Common Dividend.—

A dividend of \$10 per share has been declared on the outstanding 54,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. In Aug. last \$6 per share was paid, compared with \$10 in Feb. 1920, \$6 in Aug. 1919, \$10 in Feb. 1919, \$15 in May 1918 and \$6 per share in Feb. 1918.—V. 111, p. 1284.

#### National Lead Co.—Obituary.—

Secretary Charles Davison died Jan. 8 in Atlantic City.—V. 110, p. 1524.

#### National Supply Co., Toledo.—Acquisition.—

The company, it is stated, has acquired the interest owned by the Union Oil Co. of California in the Union Tool Co., which operates a chain of oil well supply stores in California. The consideration is said to approximate \$5,000,000. The Union Tool Co. also does a large business in Japan and throughout the Orient.—V. 110, p. 1093.

#### Nebraska (Bell) Telephone Co.—Merger.—

See Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. below.—V. 107, p. 1842.

#### New River Co.—Accumulated Dividends—Coal Output.—

The directors have declared Pref. div. No. 37 of \$1.50 per share (due it is understood Aug. 1 1915) payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. This distribution will reduce back dividends to \$31.50 per share. On Jan. 1 last a div. of \$1.50 per share was paid on account of accumulations.

Coal Output in 1920—	Dec.	Nor.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.
Tons produced.....	170,000	170,000	189,000	168,000	180,000

—V. 111, p. 2331.

#### New York Air Brake Co.—Results for 1920.—

The following has been officially confirmed for the "Chronicle": Sales for 1920 with December billings partly estimated, will be over \$6,500,000 against \$3,551,668 in 1919.

Inventories, amounting to \$5,937,763 a year ago, have been reduced approximately 33% and now stand in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. The inventories for the most part are not of a character affected materially by fluctuations in commodity prices. They consist of some raw material and brakes and repair parts ready for delivery. These are carried at cost.

The cash position is strong, cash on hand and in banks being about \$1,000,000, which is ample for all requirements. Earnings for 1920, it is estimated, will be nearly double dividend requirements of \$10 a share.

[The company has announced a 10% reduction in wages effective immediately and also the distribution of approximately \$33,000 in bonuses to the employees.]—V. 111, p. 2049.

#### N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—No Extra Div.

The usual quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared on the outstanding capital stock, payable Jan. 28 to holders of record Jan. 18. Dividend record for 1920: Jan., April, July and Oct., regular dividends of 3% each were paid, together with extras of 2%; total, 20%. An extra of 2% was also paid in Jan. 1919.—V. 111, p. 2528, 1571.

#### Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co.—Control.—

A substantial block of common stock which carries the controlling interest has been sold to a group of Buffalo and New York bankers. The stock was purchased from the Albright interests who are credited with controlling the company for many years. The purchase is understood to have been made for the account of General Electric Co., the Aluminum Co. of America and the Schoellkopf interests of Niagara Falls, the General Electric Co. taking the largest interest. ("Wall Street Journal").—V. 110, p. 1978.

#### (Charles F.) Noble Oil & Gas Co.—Contract—Output.—

The company, it is reported, has closed a contract for the sale of 880,000 gals. of absorption gasoline at 21 1/2c. per gallon, f. o. b., Quay, Okla.; thus making 110 carloads to be delivered at the rate of 10 carloads per month until contract is filled. The casinghead gasoline plant at Quay at present has a capacity of 5,000 gals. per day, which is one-tenth of the capacity of the Burburnett plant.—V. 111, p. 2049.

#### North Butte Mining Co.—Copper Production (in Lbs.).—

1920—Dec.—1919.	Decrease.	1920—12 Mos.—1919.	Increase.
485,686	750,840	265,154	16,597,140
			14,331,067

—V. 111, p. 2331.

#### Northern Sulphite Mills of Can., Ltd.—Bonds.—

See Imperial Paper Mills of Can., above.—V. 108, p. 274.

#### Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Merger—Bonds Sold.

—The bankers named below this week offered and sold at 96 1/2 and int., yielding over 7.30%, \$30,000,000 First Mtge. 20-year 7% bonds, Series "A." (See advertising pages).

**Bankers Making Offering.**—J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., First National Bank, National City Co., Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co.

Dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1941. Interest payable F. & A. in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c\*&r\*, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red. as a whole only, on any int. date upon 60 days' notice, at 107 1/2 and int.

Data from Letter of President W. B. T. Belt, Jan. 7 1921.

**Company.**—Is a recent successor of several important companies of the Bell Telephone system, operating a comprehensive network of lines in Iowa, Neb., Minn., South Dakota and North Dakota. [The companies merged are evidently (a) Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co., operating in N. Dak., S. Dak. and Minn.; outstanding capital, \$16,150,000. (b) Iowa Telephone Co., operating in Iowa, outstanding capital \$15,000,000; and (c)

Nebraska Telephone Co., operating in Nebraska, outstanding capital \$11,000,000.—Ed.] The several companies now included in the present Northwestern company had been operating successfully in their respective fields for many years, the oldest having begun operations in 1883. As a part of the general Bell Telephone System, the Northwestern company has the benefits afforded by connection with the system's companies operating throughout the U. S. and in Canada.

Although about half of company's stations are located in cities having a population of 50,000 or over, including Davenport, Sioux City and Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Neb., and Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., the territory served is primarily an agricultural one. The business has grown steadily, as has been reflected in the number of stations in operation at the close of the calendar years as follows: 1910, 210,000 stations, 1915, 337,000 stations; 1920, 465,000 stations.

**Purpose.**—The property has been developed largely through the issuance of stock, but in order to satisfy the greatly increased demand for telephone facilities during the last few years, considerable sums have been advanced by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for construction purposes. It is to repay advances and to provide funds for new construction that the company is issuing these bonds.

**\*Net Earnings (After Depreciation and Taxes) Available for Int. (Cal. Years).**  
 1913-----\$2,241,151 | 1916-----\$3,228,368 | 1919-----\$4,299,463  
 1914-----2,674,517 | 1917-----3,336,415 | 1920 (Decem-  
 1915-----2,946,415 | 1918-----3,706,231 | ber est.)---3,738,000

\* Net earnings from the property now operated by the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., including earnings from its investments and the rental received from the United States Government for the use of the company's plant in 1918 and 1919.

**Rate Increase, &c.**—In Nebraska a 10% increase in exchange service rates has been allowed, effective Dec. 1 1920, and applications providing for a substantial advance in rates are now pending in several States in which company operates. These advances, if granted, should result in a further considerable increase in net earnings. Company expects that the increased rates will yield a net return of not less than \$5,500,000 per annum.

**Valuation.**—The appraised value of the plant, the only valuation that may be used in rate making—is largely in excess of the book cost, which amounts to over \$73,000,000. During the last seven years, sums aggregating nearly \$9,000,000 have been added to the depreciation reserves. Company has surplus and reserves aggregating \$14,500,000.

**Security.**—Bonds will cover as a first lien (subject to junior purchase money debt which will be paid or provided for by July 1 1921 out of the proceeds of this issue), the entire physical property constituting the telephone plant in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska. Company also covenants not to create any mortgage or other lien upon its telephone plant in North Dakota (in which State the investment is about \$4,000,000) unless such mortgage or lien shall specifically secure these bonds in priority to any other obligations.

**Additional Bonds.**—Additional bonds of other series may be issued for additional property (including stocks and securities) acquired in connection with the Telephone company's business, but not in excess of 75% of the actual cash cost thereof, provided: (1) The bonds outstanding under this mortgage shall not exceed the outstanding fully paid capital stock and surplus, and the bonds issued for stocks and securities shall not exceed in amount 10% of the outstanding bonds; and (2) the annual net earnings after depreciation and taxes shall be not less than 1 3/4 times the annual interest charge on the outstanding and proposed bonds.

Additional bonds issued may be in different series, with such interest rates and maturity dates (not earlier than Feb. 1 1941 nor later than Feb. 1 2020), &c., as directors may determine.

**Sinking Fund.**—Company will pay into the sinking fund for this series \$300,000 p. ann. in semi-annual installments on Aug. 1 and Feb. 1, beginning Aug. 1 1921, to be applied to their purchase in the market at or below par if so purchasable. If bonds are not so purchasable, the moneys held for 6 months in the sinking fund in excess of \$300,000 may be withdrawn by the company for capital expenditures. Bonds purchased by such sinking fund will continue to draw int., which int. will be added to the sinking fund.

**Capitalization.**—Company now has outstanding capital stock of \$42,150,000, equal to the aggregate of the formerly outstanding stock of the companies whose properties are now owned (see above). The amount of the dividends paid on such stocks since 1914 has averaged approximately 6%.

**Control.**—The present outstanding capital stock is entirely owned by American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

**Northwestern (Bell) Telephone Exchange Co.—Merger.**  
 See Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. above.—V. 108, p. 274.

**O-Cedar Mills Co.—Bonds Offered.**—

W. G. Souders & Co., Chicago, are offering the unsold portion of serial 1st Mtge. Bonds at prices to yield 8%. See "Bank & Quotation" Section Jan. 8, p. 9, and compare V. 110, p. 2082; V. 111, p. 994, 2431.

**Oppenheim, Collins & Co.—Stock Dividends by Five Allied Corporations—Status—New Construction.**—The official statement cited in part last week further says in substance:

"Five of the Oppenheim, Collins & Co. corporations on Dec. 31 1920 increased their Common stock, and out of this increase have paid Common stock dividends as follows: holders of record on Dec. 31 1920:

Increase in Common Stock and Dividends Declared Payable in Common Stock.	
Add. Common Auth.	Dividend Payable Therefrom
\$2,000,000 New York	350% on \$500,000 Com. stock
1,000,000 Brooklyn	1250% on 60,000 Com. stock
500,000 Buffalo	500% on 50,000 Com. stock
250,000 Cleveland	50% on 225,000 Com. stock
150,000 Philadelphia	60% on 150,000 Com. stock

\$3,900,000 Total (x Inserted by Ed.) \$2,952,500

Preferred Stock Outstanding Dec. 31 1920 (No Change).	
New York-----\$2,200,000	Buffalo-----\$700,000
Philadelphia (incl. Pittsb'g) 1,245,000	Cleveland-----450,000
	Brooklyn-----250,000

"This Preferred stock was issued at various times between 1911 and 1919. The New York company on moving to 34th Street, purchased its real estate in 34th St. then assessed at about \$1,000,000, but has increased its holdings of real estate by various subsequent purchases in 34th St., and 35th St. and by the erection of additional buildings, so that now the value of its real estate exceeds \$3,500,000, and includes the building and additions on 34 and 35th Street, and a garage on 32nd St.

"The Brooklyn Company had an original exceedingly small capitalization of \$60,000. Common stock, which has remained unchanged since 1906, although in the meantime, the company purchased the real estate occupied by it in Brooklyn and erected its present building. The assessed valuation of its property is over \$1,000,000 and the company is about to erect an additional building, which will cost over \$500,000.

"The Buffalo company in 1919 purchased the property which it had occupied under a lease since 1905, and its original capitalization of \$50,000. Common stock was not increased until the present increase.

"The Philadelphia and Cleveland companies occupy leased premises, and their increase of Common stock was not so large.

"It is contemplated that the increase of capital stock not yet issued will be utilized for the purpose of paying stock dividends in the future, as additional resources are accumulated."—V. 112, p. 168.

**Owl Drug Co., San Francisco.—Dividends—Business.**—

The regular semi-annual dividend of 4% on the Preferred stock was paid Jan. 1 together with a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the Common stock.

Volume of business for the year ended Dec. 31 1920 amounted to about \$10,000,000. New stores have been opened in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Chicago, and a new laboratory has been installed in San Francisco. ("San Francisco Chronicle.")—V. 109, p. 483.

**Pacific Coast Co.—Common Dividend Omitted.**—

The quarterly dividend of 1% due Feb. 1 on the outstanding \$7,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, will be omitted on that date. The regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the First Pref. and 1% on the Second Preferred stocks were declared payable Feb. 1.

An official statement says: "In view of the business depression which in the State of Washington includes coal production and sales, no dividend was declared on the Common stock."—V. 111, p. 1657, 1667.

**Packard Motor Car Co.—No Common Dividend.**—

The directors on Jan. 14 decided to defer action on the quarterly dividend on the Common stock because of existing general business conditions,

although, it is stated, the accumulated surplus cash position would justify a declaration of dividend in more normal times.

Quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were paid on the Common stock in 1920, making a total for the year of \$1 per share, as compared with \$1 1/2 paid in 1919.—V. 111, p. 2136.

**Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Bonds.**—

The Columbia Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, announces that temporary 1st Lien 10-Year Marine Equip. 7% Conv. gold bonds may now be exchanged for bonds in definitive form.—V. 111, p. 2331.

**Paragon Refining Co.—Acquisitions, &c.**—

See Gilliland Oil Co. above.—V. 111, p. 2431.

**Pathe Freres Phonograph Co.—Tenders.**—

The Liberty National Bank of N. Y., as trustee will until Jan. 26 receive bids for the sale to it of 3-year 8% sinking fund gold notes at not exceeding 101 1/2 and int. to an amount sufficient to absorb \$200,000.—V. 112, p. 168.

**Penn Iron & Steel Corp.—Receivership.**—

A despatch from Lancaster, Pa. states that a receiver has been appointed for this company, an Illinois corporation with a plant at Lancaster. Assets are given as \$385,000 and liabilities as \$347,000. A strike that lasted six months together with depreciation in prices, are given as the causes for the trouble.

**Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—New Chairman, &c.**—

A. P. Sloan, Jr., Vice-President of the General Motors Corp. and President of the United Motors Corp. has been elected a director.

President J. B. Warren, however denies the report that General Motors Corp. have acquired a substantial block of stock of the Penn-Seaboard Co.

Col. W. P. Barba, former Vice-President of the Midvale Steel & Ordnance has been elected Chairman, succeeding Rodney Thayer.—V. 111, p. 2331.

**Penn Traffic Co. of Philadelphia.—Extra Dividend.**—

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the capital stock, together with the regular semi-annual dividend of 3%, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. A like amount has been paid extra with the regular semi-annual dividend since Feb. 1918.—V. 111, p. 300.

**Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., Chicago.—Rates.**—

The Illinois P. U. Commission has denied the petition of the company for an increase in rates from \$1.15 a thousand cubic feet of gas to \$1.40. The company asked for new rates on the basis of a valuation of \$144,000,000. This figure was denied by the commission, the value being placed at \$85,000,000. The company has appealed to the Sangamon County Court from the Commission's decision.—See V. 111, p. 2145.

**Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Oil Shipments.**—

Month of Shipments (bbls.)	Dec. 1920	Nov. 1920	Inc.
	4,585,067	4,498,773	\$6,294

—V. 111, p. 2145, 2049.

**Precision Die Casting Co., Inc., Fayetteville, N. Y.**—

Hamilton Sanford, Syracuse, has been named receiver by order of Judge Ray of U. S. Court at Syracuse. This action was instituted, it is stated, to conserve company's assets during period when collection of accounts due from large automobile corporations is at a very low ebb. Assets exclusive of good will, are figured at \$347,243. Liabilities, \$215,064.

**Providence Gas Co.—Stock For Customers.**—

The company is offering its customers an opportunity to become stockholders on the following terms: Customers may purchase for themselves or members of their families, not more than 5 shares for any one person. The stock is offered at exact cost to the company, \$53 per share, payable in cash when the application is accepted or in equal payments on Feb. 1, May 2, Aug. 1 and Oct. 1 1921. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum will be allowed on all partial payments.—V. 110, p. 975.

**Rand Mines, Ltd.—"American" Shares Ready—Output.**

Bernhard, Scholle & Co., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City, announce that "American" shares and Ordinary (English) shares are now interchangeable in the ratio of two "American" shares for each five Ordinary shares upon payment to the Bankers Trust Co. or its agent in London of the charges provided in the deposit agreement.

Month of December	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Gold output (ozs.)-----	632,000	650,191	641,245	722,419

—V. 111, p. 2528.

**Replogle Steel Co.—"Week Marginal" Stock Taken Over.**

See "Chronicle" Jan. 8 109.—V. 111, p. 1571.

**St. Louis Coke & Chemical Co.—Blast Furnace.**—

The "Iron Age" of Jan. 6 contains a 7-page article on "Substantial construction, labor saving equipment, facilities for ore dust recovery and water conservation."—V. 111, p. 301.

**Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Regular Quarterly Dividend of 2%, Payable Feb. 5 in 6% Scrip.**—

The directors on Jan. 13 announced that the current quarterly dividend of \$2 per share (2%) on the Common stock will be paid in scrip Feb. 5 to shareholders of record Jan. 3. The scrip is due and payable on or before Aug. 15 1922, with interest at the rate of 6%. Cash dividends of 2% have been paid quar. on outstanding \$105,000,000 Common stock, par \$100.

**Statement Issued in Connection with Div. Declaration.**

After allowing for adequate depreciation, net profits for 1920 are about \$11,750,000. After payment of all dividends and expenses, surplus for the year will be about \$7,500,000, showing a net addition for the year to previous surplus of about \$4,000,000. In order to maintain cash resources the directors decided it would be more conservative to pay the February dividend in scrip.

The company's stock of merchandise, although large, is safely adjusted and is of a nature which makes it readily salable. The obligations on open account are extremely small and outstanding contracts for goods to be delivered are almost nil. This will permit substantial reduction in inventory and, together with accruing profits, will materially reduce the amount owing for borrowed money.—V. 112, p. 67.

**Selznick Corp.—Notes Offered.—Utica (N. Y.) Investment Co. is offering at 100 and int. \$2,000,000 10-year 8% Coll. Trust Sinking Fund Gold Notes.**

Dated Jan. 1 1921, due Jan. 1 1931. An adv. shows: Int. payable J. & J. without deduction on account of any normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Bank of America, N. Y., trustee.

**Company.**—Is one of the largest producers and distributors of motion pictures in the U. S. Owns outright through stock ownership Selznick Pictures Corp., Select Pictures Corp., Republic Distributing Corp., Select Pictures Corp., Ltd., of Can., Selznick Studios, Inc., and CKY Film Corp.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings, based on the accountant's audit from Jan. 3 1920 to Oct. 3 1920, after deducting adequate depreciation of cost of studio equipment, negatives and positives, amounted to \$1,155,319, which is more than 7 times interest requirements of this issue and at least 4 1/2 times such requirements after liberal provision for Federal and State taxes.

**Collateral.**—Notes will be secured equally and ratably by pledge of not less than 51% of the capital stock of Select Pictures Corp., Selznick Pictures Corp., Republic Distributing Corp., Selznick Studios, Inc., CKY Film Corp. and Select Pictures Corp., Ltd.

**(Walden W.) Shaw Corp.—Rights to Subscribe to Subsidiary Company's Class B Stock.**—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 28 on the following propositions:  
 (1) Authorize the directors to vote all of the shares of the capital stock of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. that are owned by Walden W. Shaw Corp. in favor of increasing and changing the capital stock of the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. from \$675,000 Common stock par \$100 to \$1,175,000. The 6,750 shares of now outstanding Common stock shall thereafter be known and designated as Class "A" stock, and 50,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each shall be authorized, designated and issued as Class "B".  
 (2) Authorize the directors to waive any rights to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire any of Class "B" stock, and to request the directors of

the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. to offer the 50,000 shares of Class "B" stock for sale at the rate of \$10 cash per share to the stockholders of record of Walden W. Shaw Corp., Feb. 10, in the ratio of one share of Class "B" stock to four shares of Walden W. Shaw Corp. stock.

The Class "A" stock shall be entitled to cumulative dividends at rate of 7% per annum, payable quarterly J., etc., and has preference over Class "B" stock in dissolution or liquidation to the extent of par and divs. Red. all or part on any div. day at par and div. Has equal voting power with Class "B" stock.

This corporation is the owner of all (except directors' qualifying shares) of the present \$675,000 capital stock of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co. (a Maine corporation). The business of the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. (the manufacture of taxicabs) has greatly increased and it has been deemed by its directors desirable to procure additional working capital through the issuance of the above Class "B" stock. The stockholders of record Feb. 10 of the Shaw Corporation are given the right to subscribe on or before March 19 to this Class "B" stock at par (\$10) in the proportion above stated. Subscriptions are payable at the office of First Trust & Savings Bank, Chic.

President John Hertz, Dec. 22 1920, says: "The business of the Yellow Cab Co. and the Yellow Cab Mfg. Co. for the last 6 months has been the best in the history of your corporation, and the Manufacturing Co. has no inventory to write off."—V. 111, p. 2040.

**Sheffield Farms Co., Inc., N. Y.—Business.—**

President Loton Horton, Dec. 29, wrote in substance:

Extensive alterations and improvements have been made in many of our city plants. During the year we have been able to complete our new Brooklyn station and we believe this to be absolutely the last word in milk handling and pasteurizing equipment. The United Dairies Co. which handles 80% of London's milk supply has selected this plant as their model, and our chief dairy engineer is now in London supervising the installation of this duplicate of our Brooklyn plant.

The year has seen an increase in milk prices to a point higher than New York has ever known. We are glad the peak has been passed, and that the return to normal conditions has definitely set in. Notwithstanding the price increases, the demand for Sheffield Service has been greater than our ability to provide equipment, therefore our increase of business alone represents a volume larger than the entire distribution of any other milk concern in New York excepting two.

To those who are interested in certified milk we want to announce the addition to our Certified Milk supply of two new farms owned and operated by ourselves. (a) at Pawling, N. Y., on the Harlem Division with accommodation for 250 cows; (b) the other at Pompton Plains, N. J., where we will eventually have 400 cows. The latter farm, only 22 miles away will permit working out some ideas we have for milk production near the city. There will be no railroad to reckon with. Motor trucks will be operated over the entire route. There will be no change in transport between Farm and City.

The Sheffield Stores have grown to an institution of over 200 stations where milk can be bought in your own container without the charges for bottling and delivery. This combination of store and wagon service has made New York's average milk bill lower per quart than any other city in the East.

A few years ago we had but 60 stores doing a business of about \$1,000,000 a year. Now there are over 200 and doing nearly \$10,000,000 a year. [A press report says that the distributors getting their milk from the Dairymen's League will continue to charge in Jan. 17 cts a quart for Grade B and 20 cts. for Grade A milk unless the drivers get their advance of \$10 a week in wages in which case milk will go up 2 cts. a quart to the consumer.—Ed.] V. 111, p. 79.

**Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Production.—**

The company produced 14,711,148 gals. of casinghead gasoline during 1920, compared with 10,643,669 gals. in 1919. The production in Dec. was reported to be the largest on record, averaging 52,700 gals. daily, or an increase over Dec. 1919 of more than 72%.—V. 111, p. 2332.

**Singer Manufacturing Co.—Cuts Production and Wages.—**

—The Company has issued the following statement:

"Orders we have been receiving do not warrant this factory working one day a week. Our stock of machines is already more than we should carry and was built at the highest cost. The company has decided to reduce selling prices at once in hope of stimulating sales. It is willing to put some more machines in stock in order to help its employees, but at lower cost. A schedule has been prepared for building sewing machines, which will give work for a little more than 25 hours a week. Therefore, commencing Jan. 17, this (Bridgeport) factory will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 hours a day, or 27 hours a week. Extra pay for overtime will be discontinued. Hourly rates will be reduced one-sixth, or 16 2/3%, and piecework earnings reduced the same amount by discontinuing adding percentages to piecework earnings allowed, due to war conditions."—V. 111, p. 2529.

**Southern California Edison Co.—Power Program, &c.—**

The company has applied to the California RR. Comm. for authority to issue \$10,000,000 in bonds and 100,000 Common stock, par \$100, to provide funds with which to finance hydro-electric power development on the San Joaquin and Kern Rivers and to make additions to its transmission and distribution systems. In connection with the stock application the company declared that the cost of its operative properties as of Oct. 31 last is \$102,394,923.

It is reported that the Federal Power Commission at Washington, D. C. has accepted the company's preliminary permit to develop 2,500,000 h.p. of electric energy from the Colorado River. The company, it is stated, plans to make the electric energy available in California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and Colorado.

President John B. Miller is quoted as saying "The storage basin will be more than 200 miles in length impounding more than 40,000,000 acre-feet of water. The total possible hydro-electric development of the Colorado River is more than 4,000,000 horsepower, which is equal to one-half the total hydro-electric power now generated in the entire United States."—V. 111, p. 1190.

**Southern Ohio Power Co.—Incorporated.—**

Incorporated Dec. 16 1920, in Maine with an authorized capital of \$1,500,000 common stock and \$2,500,000 Preferred, par \$100.

Directors: Ernest L. McLean, S. L. Fogg, Frank E. Southard, E. M. Leavitt, L. E. Haskell.

The Corporation Trust Co is the company's Maine representative

**Southwestern Power & Light Co.—Notes Offered.—**

Bonbright & Co., and Halsey, Stuart & Co. New York, are offering at 97 and int., to yield about 8.30%, by advertisement on another page, \$1,250,000 20-year 8% Bond Secured gold notes, Series "B."

Dated Jan. 1 1921, due Jan. 1 1941. Int. payable J. & J. in New York, without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%. Tax refund in Penn. Bank of America, N. Y., trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Red. all or part on 60 days' notice, on any int. date, at 105 up to and incl. Jan. 1 1926; thereafter at 1/2% less each two years up to and incl. Jan. 1 1940; and on July 1 1940 at 101.

Data from Letter of Pres. F. G. Sykes, New York, Jan. 10.

Company.—Owns or controls a number of operating companies, furnishing a diversified public utility service in 122 communities, including many important cities such as Fort Worth, Waco, Wichita Falls, El Paso and Galveston, situated in the richest and most rapidly growing sections of Texas. Total population served estimated in excess of 700,000.

Capitalization after This Financing—	Authorized.	Outst'g.
20-Year 8% Series "B" (this issue)	\$5,000,000	\$1,250,000
5-Year 8% notes, Ser. "A," due 1925 (V. 111, p. 699)		2,000,000
1st Lien 30-Year 5% gold bonds, due June 1 1943	x	y3,797,000
Preferred stock, 7% cumulative	12,000,000	4,387,000
Common stock	20,000,000	15,125,000

x Authorized issue limited by restrictions, trust deed. y Not including \$3,250,000 pledged to secure Bond Secu.d notes.

Note.—(a) Company has issued \$2,000,000 Gen. Lien bonds, due Aug. 1 1925, which are pledged to secure the \$2,000,000 5-Year 8% Bond Secured gold notes, Series "A," and will issue \$1,250,000 Gen. Lien bonds due Jan. 1 1941, which will be pledged as security for Series "B" notes.

(b) Texas Power & Light Co. has outstanding in hands of public \$10,205,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due June 1 1937, and \$4,000,000 7% Cum. Pref.

stock, and Fort Worth Power & Light Co. has outstanding in hands of public \$3,490,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, due Aug. 1 1931, \$1,476,300 7% Cum. Pref. stock and \$181,700 Common stock.

Security.—Secured by \$1,250,000 1st Lien 30-Year 5% gold bonds due June 1 1943 and \$1,250,000 Gen. Lien bonds due Jan. 1 1941 (with the right of the company to deposit cash in whole or in part, in lieu of 1st Lien 30-Year 5% bonds).

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds for extensions and improvements to properties of the subsidiary companies and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings 12 Months ended Nov. 30.

	x1919.	x1920.	y1920.	Total 1920.
Gross earnings	\$1,693,948	\$2,931,431	\$6,300,763	\$9,232,191
Net, after oper. exp. & taxes	\$517,350	\$973,413	\$2,389,797	\$3,363,210
Int. & div. on bonds and stock of sub. cos. in hands of public			1,286,944	1,286,944
Annual int. on \$3,797,000 1st Lien 30-Year 5% bonds and \$3,250,000 8% Bond Secured gold notes		449,850		449,850

Balance \$523,563 \$1,102,853 \$1,626,416  
x Properties of companies all of whose securities are owned and pledged under First Lien bonds. y Properties controlled through stock ownership and having bonds and stock in hands of public.

Net earnings for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1920 of the companies, all of whose outstanding securities are pledged under the 1st Lien Mtge., were \$973,413, as compared with annual int. charges on the 1st Lien bonds and Bond Secured notes aggregating \$449,850. Total earnings (incl. those of the controlled companies) applicable to these interest charges, \$2,076,266.

Management.—Operation under direction of the Electric Bond & Share Co. Compare offering of \$2,000,000 8% Series "A" notes in V. 111, p. 699.

**Spartan Mills, Spartanburg, S. C.—Capital Increased.—**

The stockholders voted Dec. 15 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$1,000,000 (all outstanding) to \$3,000,000, par \$100. Of the additional stock only \$1,000,000 is being issued, "which is pro-rated among the present stockholders, and none of which is offered for sale."—V. 111, p. 1957.

**Spring Valley Water Co.—To Vote on Sale.—**

The stockholders were to vote Jan. 10 (a) on accepting valuation of \$37,000,000 placed upon the company's property by the California RR. Commission desired by the city of San Francisco; and (b) on selling the company's distributing system and certain of its property to the city of San Francisco.—V. 111, p. 2332.

**Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.—Capital Inc.—**

The stockholders voted Jan. 13 to increase the common stock from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000 and to offer 5,000 shares of common stock and 1,000 shares of preferred to employees for subscription at \$125 a share for common stock and \$110 for the preferred.

The company has an authorized issue of \$8,000,000 7% non-cumulative pref. stock, of which about \$4,480,000 is outstanding.—V. 112, p. 68.

**Steel & Tube Co. of America.—Bonds Offered.—**

Dillon, Read & Co. (formerly Wm. A. Read & Co.) this week offered and sold at 95 1/4 and int., to yield about 7.40%, \$10,000,000 Gen. Mtge. Sinking Fund 7% gold bonds, Series C. (See advertising pages.)

Dated Jan. 1 1921. Due Jan. 1 1951. Int. payable J. & J. in New York and Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (C\*). Red. all or part on any int. date at 107 1/2 and int. Co. agrees to pay the Federal normal income tax deductible at the source up to 4%, and to refund, 4-mill tax to holders resident in Penn. Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Wm. P. Kopf, Trustees. Annual sinking fund will retire all Series C Bonds by maturity. Auth. \$50,000,000 outstd. \$16,000,000.

**Data from Letter of Pres. A. A. Schlesinger, Chicago, Jan. 10**

Company.—Is one of the three largest manufacturers in the United States of steel pipe and other tubular steel products. Properties and their operation include every requirement and process from raw materials to finished products, including iron ore, coal, zinc and limestone, and manufacture of coke, pig iron and finished steel products.

Security.—Secured by direct mortgage lien upon the entire physical property now owned or hereafter acquired (including stocks of subsidiaries owned, and also including leases of iron ore properties in so far as a mortgage of the company's interest in such leases may be lawfully made and enforced without violating the terms and conditions of such leases)—subject only to \$7,674,000 underlying obligations together with \$1,299,812 mortgages assumed on recently acquired properties, and \$605,000 equipment trust certificates.

Earnings Calendar Years.

	1920:	1919.	1918.	1917.
Profits before int. Fed. eral taxes & deprec.	\$12,460,180	\$5,969,912	\$10,510,054	\$9,103,383
Annual int. on present underlying bonds, &c. amounts to	584,849	584,849	584,849	584,849

Annual int. on \$16,000,000 Gen. M. bonds \$1,060,000

For the calendar year 1920 profits were 7 1/2 times the present aggregate interest indicated.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet, Nov. 30 1920, after giving effect to this issue.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property account	Preferred stock
Investm. & sink. fund	Common stk. (972,628 1/4 shares, \$2 par value)
Miscellaneous assets	Capital surplus
Inventories	Fund, dt., incl. this issue
Accounts receivable	Mtges. on recently acquired properties
Cash	Equipment tr. certfs.
Securities	Minority stockholders int.
Deferred charges	Current liabilities
	Res for deprec. & dep
	Miscellaneous reserves
Total (each side)	Profit & loss surplus

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of Series C bonds will be utilized in redemption of \$5,000,000 3-Year notes due July 1 1921, and to reimburse company for expenditures made.

Equity.—Followed by \$17,500,000 7% Preferred stock and 972,628 shares of Common stock, representing an equity of approximately \$67,000,000. Compare V. 109, p. 180.

[Chairman Ferdinand Schlesinger died at Las Vegas, N. Mex., Jan. 3.]—V. 111, p. 2529.

**Steinway & Sons, New York.—To Increase Capital.—**

The stockholders will vote Feb. 15 on increasing the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Company manufactures pianos. Principal plant at Astoria, L. I. City.

**(John B.) Stetson Co.—New Secretary.—**

William H. Schneider has been elected Secretary to succeed the late H. E. Depny.—V. 110, p. 2663.

**Stevens-Duryea, Inc.—Pref. Stock Offering.—**

H. W. Dubiske & Co., Chicago, &c., are offering an additional \$2,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) stock, par \$100. Bankers state:

Capital before this Financing (No Bds. or Mtges.)	Authorized.	Outstand'g.
Preferred stock (par \$100)	\$5,000,000	\$3,001,900
Common stock (no par value)	Class A	30,000 shs. 30,000 shs.
	Class B	70,000 shs. 66,337 shs.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to liquidate current debt and to furnish additional working capital, &c. Compare V. 110, p. 1297.

**Superior & Boston Copper Co.—Assessment No. 10.—**

The directors have called an assessment (No. 10) of 50 cents per share, payable Feb. 15 by holders of record Jan. 25. In August last an assessment of \$1 per share was made.

An official statement says: "This action is made necessary by the decrease in the market value of ore shipments owing to the sharp drop in the price of copper at a time when it is highly desirable to continue a steady and well defined although moderate development program. It is the desire of the directors to take advantage of decreasing development costs in exploring for larger and more permanently profitable ore bodies than any thus far encountered. A large assessment is not necessary, as we shall probably have for some time a substantial revenue from the silver and copper ores of the Footwall vein."—V. 111, p. 1286.

**Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.—Sulphur Statistics.—**

See Union Sulphur Co. below. When this company decided to develop its new sulphur property at Matagorda, Tex., a contract was awarded to the J. G. White Engineering Corporation for the erection of the entire industrial unit embracing three main buildings, comprising warehouse, machine shop and power plant complete, with two brick stacks each 200 feet in height, 10,000 h. p. boilers and oil-fired furnaces; steam turbo-generators and four steam-driven air compressors; also, one mile from the plant, a townsite with a group of unusually attractive and thoroughly up-to-date homes erected for the housing of workmen. The engineers recently issued a pictorial circular regarding this development.—V. 109, p. 2272.

**Timken-Detroit Axle Co., Mich.—Dividends.—**

A dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 10. The directors also have declared a 7% cash dividend on the Preferred stock, payable in quarterly installments of 1 3/4% each on March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 to holders of record ten days prior to the date of payment.—V. 111, p. 1286.

**Transcontinental Oil Co.—New Subsidiary, &c.—**

See Mid-Columbia Oil & Development Co. above.—V. 112, p. 169.

**Union Oil Co. of California.—Usual Dividends.—**

The regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share (2%) together with an extra dividend of \$1 per share (1) has been declared on the capital stock, payable Jan. 22 to holders of record Jan. 12. (Like amount was paid extra, in Oct. last, in addition to a quarterly dividend of 2%. Regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share (1 1/2%) have been paid from Jan. 1916 to July 1920. Extras of \$1 per share have also been paid quarterly since April 1917.—Ed.)—V. 111, p. 1573, 1480, 996, 396, 196; V. 110, p. 2574, 2083, 1533, 1195.

**Union Oil Co. (of Dela.).—Statistician.—**

Frank H. Taylor, well known in the oil industry for nearly half a century as "statistician, oil scout, publisher, editor and geologist," has been appointed in charge of the Union's statistical department and Statistical Editor of the "Union Oil News," a new publication designed primarily to furnish the company's stockholders with facts concerning its business and methods. To accept the appointment, Mr. Taylor resigned his post as Statistician and Oil Editor of the "Oil City Derrick" of Oil City, Pa.—V. 111, p. 2333.

**Union Sulphur Co.—Assessment Affirmed.—**

Judge W. G. Jack of the U. S. Court at Lake Charles, La., on Dec. 14 decided the tax case of the company in favor of the tax collector of Calcasieu Parish and the State Board of Affairs. Judge Jack held that the parish assessment of between \$30,000,000 and \$31,000,000 was correct. He held that at the time the assessment was made the records showed that the mine had produced during the past 11 years 5,000,000 tons of sulphur at a profit of more than \$55,000,000. Judge Mack in his ruling said:

"With over 4,500,000 tons of sulphur still in the ground, the valuation placed by the mine owners at \$4,000,000 places further promise in glaring disproportion to past performance. Furthermore, that valuation does not square with plaintiff's action in claiming and receiving in settlement of its income tax with the Federal Government, a depletion allowance of \$2.80 for each ton of sulphur taken from the mine. At this rate the sulphur mine would be worth \$11,000,000, which with the value of the machinery would aggregate a figure in excess of \$12,000,000, as against \$4,000,000 now urged as a fair assessment for the property." ("Oil Trade Journal.")

The "Engineering & Mining Journal" of Dec. 25 (p. 1242) said: The three principal operating sulphur companies in the United States are the Union Sulphur Co., the Freeport Sulphur Co. and the Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., the last named being organized during the war, but did not begin to produce until after the armistice was signed. Sulphur is found in the Gulf section about 1,000 feet below the surface, impregnated in limestone, and is recovered by the Frasch concentric pipes, through which superheated water is forced, melting the sulphur, after which it is raised to the surface by air pressure, deposited in a bin, and readily solidifies after exposure to the atmosphere.

The pre-war consumption of sulphur in the United States amounted to about 350,000 tons, but in 1918, at the time the armistice was signed, the United States was using at the rate of 1,350,000 tons per annum and even now the consumption is still much larger than before the war, owing to the fact that the fertilizer companies are utilizing this mineral instead of pyrites in making sulphuric acid.

The United States must also supply the deficit abroad, as Sicily is turning out only about half the quantity mined in pre-war days. The lack of labor in Sicily has reduced the output, and the cost of production has increased, owing to higher wages; in fact, the price at Sicilian mines is much higher than present quotations here. The Japanese output, during the first half of 1920, was estimated at 21,000 tons, most of which was used locally.

Prior to the war, the price was \$20 per long ton at the mines and \$22 at Eastern seaboard, say New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore; whereas present quotations are \$16 at the mines and \$20 to \$22 at seaboard. When the current value of the dollar is considered, sulphur to-day is selling at practically half of its pre-war price.

**23 Uses of Sulphur & Sulphuric Acid.**—(1) Manufacture of sulphuric acid; (2) sulphurous acid; (3) chemical reduction of wood in the pulp mills; (4) warfare gases, gunpowder and other explosives; (5) fuses and matches; (6) as a fumigant, fungicide and germicide; (7) fertilizers; (8) bleaching; (9) rubber manufacture; (10) drugs; (11) various colors; (12) vulcanized oil; (13) used by malt companies; (14) preservative for beef; (15) evaporating apples; (16) used by glue and photographic-film companies; (17) in certain processes of smelting and precipitation; (18) bedding heavy machinery; (19) in storage batteries; (20) carbon disulphide; (21) sulphur chloride; (22) carbon tetrachloride; (23) other chemicals.—V. 111, p. 2333.

**United Cigar Stores Co.—Sales.—**

See United Retail Stores Corp. below.—V. 112, p. 169.

**United Cigar Stores, Ltd., Toronto.—Unqualified Denial that the Co. Has Sold Any of Its Properties.—**

It was recently reported that stores of this company had been purchased in the joint interest of two companies doing business in the United States. President W. B. Reid, under date of Jan. 11, writes: "We herewith make an unqualified denial to any statements or inferences to the effect that the United Cigar Stores, Ltd., of Canada, has sold, traded or otherwise disposed of any of its assets or stores to any one or any company or corporation in the world of a similar name or to any company operating retailcigar stores." [The company is now operating over 170 stores in Canada.—Ed.—V. 109, p. 1280.]

**United Drug Co.—New Treasurer.—**

W. C. Watt, formerly Vice-President of the Louis K. Liggett Co., has been elected Treasurer, succeeding James C. McCormick.—V. 111, p. 2432.

**United Dyewood Corp.—New Officer.—**

Augustus S. Blagden, formerly President of the Air Reduction Co., has been elected Vice-President, Gen. Mgr. and a director.—V. 110, p. 568.

**United Fruit Co.—Listing—Earnings.—**

The N. Y. Stock Exch. has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15 1921 of \$49,683,500 additional capital stock (authorized \$150,000,000), par \$100, on official notice of issuance as a distribution of stock, making the total amount applied for \$100,000,000. For consolidated income account for 11 months ended Nov. 30 1920 and balance sheet as of that date, see under reports above.—V. 111, p. 2529.

**United Gas Improvement Co.—Notes Sold.—**Drexel & Co., Phila., and Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y., announce the sale at 99.45 and int., to yield about 8.30%, by advertisement on another page of \$7,500,000 8% 2-Year Coupon Gold notes.

Dated Feb. 1 1921, due Feb. 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable F. & A. at office of Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Red. on 30 days' notice, all or in amounts not less than \$250,000 on Aug. 1 1921 and Feb. 1 1922 at 102 and int. and on Aug. 1 1922 at 101 and int. Company agrees to pay normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2% p. a., and also to pay interest, free of present Penna. State tax. Company covenants that while notes are outstanding it will not pledge or dispose of any of its capital assets except to retire notes of this issue or to acquire other capital assets.

Capitalization after this Financing—

	Authorized.	Issued.
8% Two-Year Gold notes (this issue)	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
7% Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$50)	15,000,000	6,103,000
Common stock (par \$50)	61,072,800	61,029,800

**Data from Letter of Samuel T. Bodine, President of the Company.**

**Company.**—Organized in 1882. Operates and manages electric light and power and gas properties, and has large interests in securities of electric light and power, gas and other utility companies. Engages through a controlled subsidiary company in construction and general engineering work of electric, hydro-electric and gas properties.

**Assets.**—Net assets (excl. proceeds of this issue) were valued by company as of Dec. 31 1920, at more than \$95,000,000, which is more than \$12,500 for each \$1,000 par value of notes.

**Purpose of Issue.**—Proceeds will be applied to the payment of a like amount of notes maturing Feb. 1 1921.

**Earnings.**—Net income for the past 10 years has averaged more than \$5,250,000 p. a., and in no year during that period has the net income applicable to payment of the \$600,000 interest on this issue of notes been less than 1 1/2 times that amount.—V. 111, p. 2333.

**United Retail Stores Corp.—President Whelan Optimist on Tobacco Industry This Year—Looks for Record Earnings for Current 12 Months.—**President George J. Whelan says:

I am an optimist on the tobacco industry for this year. The tobacco trade is peculiar in that it thrives on business depression and unemployment and requires very little readjustment. When a man works 8 hours in a factory or place of business he cannot smoke, but if he is out of work he can smoke 24 hours. The whole history of the tobacco business shows that in bad times, even in those of greatest depression, the cigarette business constantly grows.

The cigarette end of the tobacco industry should show a tremendous increase should hard times come. On the basis of the present population in the United States the consumption of cigarettes this year should approximate 112 billions.

Even if business does show curtailment, the total turnover of the United Cigar Stores, which did a business last year of about \$80,000,000, should grow to approximately \$96,000,000. If there is not a depression in business, the United Cigar Stores earnings should grow to about \$104,000,000 the current year.

Expansion of our stores would proceed on a greater scale were it not for the high rents now being demanded. Should there be a readjustment in rents the United Cigar Stores should open up a thousand more small stores. Rents are higher than they should be.

The tobacco companies have not raised prices within the last year, but they cannot reduce, owing to the steady increase in taxes, which more than offset whatever decline may occur in the cost of raw material and labor. The cost of leaf has declined, but owing to the nature of the tobacco business, the companies can only obtain one-third of the benefit of the reduced cost of raw material because of the large crops which have to be carried and the fact that the new crop cannot be used for more than a year.

Experience in the tobacco business has shown that the consumer does not reap any benefit from a reduction in prices of cigarettes from 20 to 18 cents a package, as the decrease in wholesale price is absorbed by the retailer, who continues to charge the old price of 20 cents a package. The business has proved that the only time the consumer receives the benefit of a reduction is when the price is reduced in units of 5 cents, say from 20 to 15 cents for a package of cigarettes or from 15 to 10 cents, &c.

One of the chief aims of the tobacco manufacturers this year will be toward enlarging their export sales and their efforts will probably be accompanied with success. If general business contracts in the United States every one will be making an effort to finance foreign trade, which is now in a difficult way because of the huge discount at which foreign exchange is quoted.—V. 111, p. 2333.

**United States Glass Co.—No Extra Dividend.—**

The usual quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$3,200,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 15. Dividend record:

'04.	'05.	'06.	'07.	'08-'09.	'10.	'11.	'12-'16.	'17.	'18-'19.	'20.	Jan.'21.
Reg'r—2%	4%	2%	4%	1% p.a.	4%	2%	None.	2%	4% p.a.	4%	1%
Extra										1 1/2	

—V. 111, p. 1480.

**U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Earnings to Dec. 31—**

Net Income after Expenses and Bond Interest (Before Deducting Taxes).

1920—Dec.—1919.	Increase.	1920—8 Mos.—1919.	Increase.
\$599,741	\$29,184	\$570,557	\$1,703,205
		\$470,269	\$1,232,936

—V. 111, p. 2433.

**United States Rubber Co.—Tenders—Usual Dividends.**

The Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y., will, until 11 o'clock a. m. Jan. 28, receive bids for the sale to it of First & Refunding Mgtg. gold bonds due Jan. 1 1947, Series "A" and "B," at not exceeding 105 and int. and 110 and int., respectively, to amounts sufficient to absorb \$690,391 and \$250,000.

The directors have declared from net profits a quarterly dividend of 2% on the First Pref. stock and a quarterly dividend of 2% on the Common stock, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 112, p. 169, 68.

**United States Steel Corporation.—Record of Welfare Work.—**

The company's Bureau of Safety, Sanitation and Welfare, 71 Broadway, N. Y., has issued a pamphlet of 95 pages, with nearly 600 pictures, descriptive of the welfare work at the various plants. This pamphlet (Bulletin No. 8) summarizes the activities in part as follows:

Total of \$81,162,943 Expended for Employees' Benefit as Below from Jan. 1 1912 to Sept. 30 1920.

Welfare	\$14,011,487	Stock subscription plan	\$11,246,859
Sanitation	14,724,964	Permanent pension fund	8,000,000
Accident prevention	7,538,241	Payments in excess of	
Relief for injured men, &c.	23,662,627	income from said fund	1,978,765

The pensions have aggregated \$5,408,597 and additional benefit payments and administration cost, \$321,364, not included in total.

The facilities provided for the use of employees included on Sept. 30 1920: 26 churches, 50 schools, 19 clubs, 73 restaurants and lunch rooms, 260 rest and waiting rooms, 138 playgrounds, 11 swimming pools, 3,016 showers, 103 athletic fields, 105 tennis courts 20 band stands, 28,260 dwellings and boarding houses constructed and leased to employees at low rental rates.

Also 25 base hospitals, 297 emergency stations, 62 first-aid and rescue stations, 258 company surgeons, physicians and internes, 101 outside surgeons (on a salary), 217 nurses (including nurses in training), 75 visiting nurses, 215 teachers and instructors, 30 sanitary inspectors, 117 safety inspectors, spending entire time on work, etc.

**Foreign Holdings—Unfilled Orders.**—See under "Current Events" and "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.—V. 112, p. 169.

**Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.—Decision.—**

By decision of the Third District Court, Salt Lake City, "intangible assets" amounting to \$10,000,000 levied against company by County Assessor, will be wiped off the books. First of these "intangible" assessments were levied in 1918, calling for tax payment of \$198,000; and unpaid levies since aggregate \$728,000. By the decision of Judge Brown, all these liabilities have been canceled. Case will be carried up to the Supreme Court of the State. County Assessor takes stand sugar company has assets valued at \$26,000,000 and was assessed only \$9,000,000 on tangible assets. ("Wall Street Journal").—V. 111, p. 2433.

For Other Investment News, see page 271.

## Reports and Documents.

### CENTRAL AGUIRRE SUGAR COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR 1920.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS  
CENTRAL AGUIRRE SUGAR COMPANY.

*Aguirre, Porto Rico, Dec. 20 1920.*

The Directors submit the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Central Aguirre for the fiscal year ending July 31 1920.

The crop harvested for the season 1919-20 was the largest in the history of the enterprise, amounting to 51,011 tons.

We were fortunate in being able to ship our sugar almost as fast as it was made, with the gratifying result that when the severe shrinkage in values took place, our crop had already been marketed.

In January 1920, Luce & Co. S. en C. purchased of Messrs. A. Hartmann & Co. who were liquidating their business, controlling interest in the Central Machete, a sugar mill, situated within five miles of Aguirre together with sufficient land to yield from 70|80,000 tons of cane. These lands adjoin property already held by Luce & Co., and may be easily and economically managed. The Central Machete grows no cane of its own but has contracts with colonos, insuring its profitable operation. In 1920 it made 12,097 tons of sugar.

During the past year deflation reserve has been set up, reducing the cost of lands owned by Luce & Co. to pre-war value. A reserve has also been set up, sufficient to adjust all rentals to the expiration of the leases in a like manner.

Extensive improvements have been made in both the Aguirre and Machete factories, for the purpose of increasing the recovery of sugar and reducing the cost of manufacture, and the management expect to make a reasonable profit on the lower price of sugar.

The Aguirre mill began grinding Dec. 5 1919, and finished July 17 1920.

Condensed Balance Sheet showing the condition on July 31 1920, with a certificate of the auditors, will be found below.

For the Directors,

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*President.*

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#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that, after an audit of the books and accounts of the Central Aguirre Sugar Company and the Ponce & Guayama RR. Co. and Luce & Co., S. en C., for the twelve months ended July 31 1920, the annexed Consolidated Balance Sheet is in accordance with the books and in our opinion represents true conditions as at July 31 1920.

W. T. WOODBRIDGE & CO., *Public Accountants.*  
Per W. T. WOODBRIDGE,  
*Member American Institute of Accountants.*

### CENTRAL AGUIRRE SUGAR COMPANY—LUCE & COMPANY, S. en C., PONCE & GUAYAMA RAILROAD COMPANY—CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT JULY 31 1920.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
<b>Current Assets:</b>	<b>Current Liabilities:</b>
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....\$1,209,609 23	Accounts Payable.....\$909,936 68
Accounts Receivable.....\$3,190,528 92	Sundry Accruals.....21,882 61
Less—Reserve for Doubtful Ac- counts.....19,401 93	Reserve for Income and Excess Profits Taxes 3,859,171 88
3,171,126 99	\$4,790,991 17
Bills Receivable.....8,859 99	<b>Deferred Credits:</b>
Sugar on Hand.....284,278 41	Unearned Discounts.....\$7,588 32
Molasses on Hand.....19,891 87	7,588 32
<b>Investments,</b>	<b>Reserves:</b>
Bankers' Acceptances and Certificates of Deposit.....\$2,308,033 21	For Restoration of Property on leased Lands \$10,000 00
P. R. 4% Irrigation Bonds (Par Value \$80,000) Cost... 78,400 00	For Reduction of Rentals.....300,000 00
Central Machete Co. Stock (5,800 shares).....580,000 00	For Revaluation of Properties.....56,885 37
2,966,433 21	For Insurance Fund (see contra) .....8,012 27
Carlota Purchase Deposit.....140,000 00	374,897 64
Insurance Fund (see contra).....8,012 27	<b>Capital Stock:</b>
\$7,808,211 97	Common—
<b>Deferred Assets:</b>	Authorized, \$6,000,000.
Growing Crops.....\$811,643 92	Issued 149,750 Shares of \$20 each.....\$2,995,000 00
Construction and Improvements (Not Com- pleted).....131,694 90	Reserved for exchange for shares of old Company still outstanding, 250 Shares... 5,000 00
Material and Supplies and Store Merchandise for Resale.....609,136 01	3,000,000 00
Deferred Charges to Operating.....37,064 28	<b>Surplus:</b>
1,589,539 11	Balance Aug. 1 1919.....\$3,373,762 46
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	Add—Balance from Profit and Loss State- ment attached (Exhibit "B").....9,178,491 49
Real Estate, Roadway and Track, Mill, Buildings and Water Supply.....\$4,849,898 31	\$12,552,253 95
Less—Reserve for Depreciation.....615,168 06	<b>Deduct—Dividends declared and paid.....\$2,463,887 50</b>
\$4,234,730 25	<b>Reserve for Income and Excess Profits Taxes.....3,233,672 10</b>
Rolling Stock, Portable Track, Steam Plows, Live Stock, Carts, Implements, &c.....\$858,807 39	Reserve for Doubtful Accounts... 19,401 93
Less—Reserve for Depreciation 213,884 94	Reserve for Insurance Fund... 8,012 27
644,922 45	Reserve for Deflation of Prop- erty Values.....423,353 50
4,879,652 70	Reserve for Reduction of Rentals... 300,000 00
\$14,277,403 78	6,448,327 30
	6,103,926 65
	\$14,277,403 78

### CENTRAL AGUIRRE SUGAR COMPANY—LUCE & COMPANY, S. en C., AND PONCE & GUAYAMA RAILROAD COMPANY—CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT JULY 31 1920.

Sugar Made.....	\$15,294,727 21
Sugar Sales.....\$15,010,448 80	
Sugar on Hand.....284,278 41	
Molasses Made.....	70,942 81
Molasses Sales.....\$51,050 94	
Molasses on Hand.....19,891 87	
Cane Sales (To Central Machete Co.).....	1,668,359 73
Miscellaneous Income.....	236,289 81
Agricultural, Manufacturing and General Operating Expenses.....\$7,887,594 72	
Administration and Miscellaneous Expenses.....330,619 85	
\$17,270,319 56	
Less—	
Provision for Depreciation on Roadway and Track, Mill, Buildings, Pump Stations and Equipment.....	163,613 50
\$8,888,491 49	
Add—	
Dividends Received—Central Machete Co. Stock.....	290,000 00
\$9,178,491 49	

MANATI SUGAR COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31 1920.

112 Wall Street,  
New York, December 31 1920.

To the Stockholders of Manati Sugar Company:

The Board of Directors hereby submits its Annual Report of the business of the Company for the seventh fiscal year ended October 31 1920.

Grinding operations started December 15 1919 and finished on June 9 1920. Drought during the growing season of the cane caused a decrease in our production as compared with last year. This condition was general throughout the Island of Cuba.

The Company's total production was sold, delivered and paid for previous to the month of August, with the exception of a small quantity of sugar reserved for local consumption.

CANE GROUND.

The total quantity of cane ground this crop, as compared with previous crops, is as follows:

1913-1914	15,084,788	arobas, or 168,357 tons of 2,240 lbs.
1914-1915	24,424,795	" 272,598 "
1915-1916	30,240,929	" 337,510 "
1916-1917	43,332,198	" 483,618 "
1917-1918	44,406,976	" 495,613 "
1918-1919	53,948,516	" 602,104 "
1919-1920	38,658,614	" 431,458 "

SUCROSE CONTENT IN THE CANE.

The sucrose content of the cane this crop was .316 of a pound more, per 100 lbs. of cane ground, than in the case of the previous crop and is the highest that has been attained, with the single exception of the crop of 1915-16. The sucrose content of the cane for the past seven crops has been as follows:

1913-1914	13.535	lbs. of sugar per 100 lbs. of cane ground
1914-1915	11.928	" " " "
1915-1916	14.487	" " " "
1916-1917	13.994	" " " "
1917-1918	13.428	" " " "
1918-1919	14.061	" " " "
1919-1920	14.377	" " " "

LOSSES IN MANUFACTURING.

The losses in manufacturing during the seven crops may be seen by the following figures:

1913-1914	2.447%
1914-1915	2.019%
1915-1916	2.982%
1916-1917	2.933%
1917-1918	2.597%
1918-1919	2.529%
1919-1920	2.522%

YIELD OF 96-DEGREE CENTRIFUGALS.

Due to the higher sucrose content of the cane, the yield this crop is the highest attained by the Company in its seven years of operation. The yield of 96-degree centrifugal sugar during the seven crops has been as follows:

1913-1914	11.550	lbs. of 96-degree sugar per 100 lbs. of cane ground
1914-1915	10.322	" " " "
1915-1916	11.934	" " " "
1916-1917	11.522	" " " "
1917-1918	11.282	" " " "
1918-1919	12.013	" " " "
1919-1920	12.349	" " " "

RATES PAID TO COLONOS FOR THEIR CANE.

According to your Company's contract with the colonos, they are paid 5 lbs. of sugar for every 100 lbs. of cane delivered by them. Liquidation of these sugars is made at the average price of the sales of sugar effected by the Company.

CROPS MADE BY THE COMPANY.

The following tabulation shows the output of raw sugar during the seven years of the Company's operation:

	Bags.	Tons of 2,240 lbs.
1913-1914	134,757	or 19,607
1914-1915	199,545	" 28,459
1915-1916	280,050	" 41,134
1916-1917	385,313	" 56,587
1917-1918	394,297	" 56,145
1918-1919	507,366	" 70,422
1919-1920	374,700	" 53,196

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS PER POUND OF SUGAR.

For the purpose of comparing the f.o.b. price per pound obtained during the seven years, the proceeds from "Molasses" and "Other Earnings" are included in the following:

1913-1914	2.34c.	per lb.
1914-1915	3.634c.	per lb.
1915-1916	4.017c.	per lb.
1916-1917	4.618c.	per lb.
1917-1918	4.758c.	per lb.
1918-1919	5.645c.	per lb.
1919-1920	9.403c.	per lb.

COST OF PRODUCTION.

The cost of producing sugar on an f.o.b. basis per pound for the seven years during which your Company has been in operation, is as follows:

1913-1914	1.523c.	per lb.
1914-1915	2.359c.	per lb.
1915-1916	2.373c.	per lb.
1916-1917	2.847c.	per lb.
1917-1918	3.315c.	per lb.
1918-1919	4.035c.	per lb.
1919-1920	6.232c.	per lb.

The greater portion of the increases in cost of production is due to the higher cost of cane. The cane is paid for in sugar, which subsequently is liquidated by the Company with the colonos at the average price obtained by the Company for its sugar crop, so that the higher cost of cane is offset by the higher price obtained for these sugars.

Since the cost of the raw material, Cane, is based on the price obtained for the final product, Sugar, it follows that, in so far as the cost of cane is concerned, the cost of production varies in the same proportion as the price obtained for the final product.

The best way to state the actual increase in the cost of production is to exclude the cost of cane. On this basis the cost of manufacturing and delivering the sugars on board steamers, would be as follows:

1913-1914	0.658c.	per lb.
1914-1915	0.864c.	per lb.
1915-1916	0.878c.	per lb.
1916-1917	1.045c.	per lb.
1917-1918	1.404c.	per lb.
1918-1919	1.670c.	per lb.
1919-1920	2.131c.	per lb.

The increase in cost of manufacture, per pound of sugar, this year is largely due to the lower production attained, the overhead expenses being spread over a smaller production than last crop.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR ENDED OCT. 31 1920.

<i>Receipts</i> —(Production, 374,700 Bags).			<i>Per Bag.</i>
Sugar Sales, F.O.B. Basis	\$10,871,611 32		\$29.014
Molasses Sales	120,219 68		.321
Other Earnings	212,625 93		.567
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$11,204,456 93</b>		<b>\$29.902</b>
<i>Expenses</i> —			
Cost of Cane (Per 100 arrobas, \$12.641)	\$4,886,795 2		\$13.042
Dead Season Expenses (Salaries and Wages, Materials and Supplies, Repairs and Renewals)	\$916,619 18		\$2.446
Crop Expenses (Salaries and Wages, Materials and Supplies, Fuel, Maintenance, Administration—Cuba and United States)	\$1,111,972 61		\$2.968
Fiscal Year Charges:			
General Insurance	\$18,599 44		\$.049
Cuban Taxes on Sugar	45,202 60		.121
Cuban Taxes on Molasses	7,521 85		.020
Cuban Taxes on Real Estate	32,707 21		.087
Legal Expenses	41,451 01		.111
<b>Total Fiscal Year Charges</b>	<b>\$145,482 11</b>		<b>.388</b>
Sugar Expenses:			
Sugar Bags and Packing	\$179,475 76		.479
Sugar Shipping Expenses	29,732 00		.079
Sugar Insurance	17,530 03		.047
Selling and Landing Expenses	138,789 51		.370
<b>Total Sugar Expenses</b>	<b>\$365,527 30</b>		<b>.975</b>
<b>Total Expenses F.O.B.</b>	<b>\$7,426,396 44</b>		<b>\$19.819</b>
<b>Operating Profit for the Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$3,778,060 49</b>		<b>\$10.083</b>
This compares with an Operating Profit last year of	\$2,537,661 50		
and a Profit per bag of			\$5.002

PROFIT ON OPERATIONS.

The Operating Profits for the seven fiscal years are as follows:

1913-1914	\$360,612 12
1914-1915	812,226 39
1915-1916	1,514,388 41
1916-1917	2,244,596 32
1917-1918	1,815,663 30
1918-1919	2,537,661 50
1919-1920	3,778,060 49

The earnings for the year ended October 31 1920 are gratifying, especially in view of the lower production and the increased cost of labor, materials, bags, fuel and other items that enter into the production and delivery of sugar.

There has been expended during the past fiscal year in Renewals and Repairs the sum of \$810,502 37, which, as customary, has been charged to Operating Expenses.

## LANDS.

The total area of land owned by the Company has been increased during the year by purchases of 2,581 caballerias (86,060 acres) and the area leased has been increased by new leases covering 360 caballerias (12,000 acres), so that the total area now stands as follows:

	Caballerias.	Acre.
Owned.....	6,210 equivalent to	207,027
Leased.....	940	31,333
Controlled by the Company.....	1,131	37,700
	8,281	276,060

In addition to the above lands, there are about 1,500 caballerias (50,000 acres) owned by outsiders, which are situated within the area covered by your railroads, so that the total zone aggregates 9,781 caballerias (326,060 acres), giving sufficient land to produce more than triple the present output of your Company.

The map appended to this report shows the position of the lands of Manati, bounded on the north by the sea, on the east by the Cuban American Sugar Company, on the south by the Cuba Railroad Company and very close to the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation properties on the west.

## INCREASE IN PRODUCTION.

Your Board of Directors has approved plans for increasing the production of the estate. Large tracts of land have been cleared for this purpose and the capacity of the mill is being increased so that in the course of two or three years the production of the Company will be around 700,000 bags of sugar a year.

The \$1,194,866 94 which appear on the Balance Sheet as Contingent Liability on Contracts and Orders represent largely the purchases of machinery to be installed in 1921 and 1922 for the above mentioned increase in production.

## RAILROAD.

The railroad now consists of 223 kilometers (139 miles) connecting the mill with the Company's dock at tidewater and with the Cuba Company's railroad at Manati Junction, and extending in all directions into the Company's cane fields.

In addition to the above 223 kilometers of 36-inch gauge railroad line, the "Ferrocarril de Tunas" is now constructing about 60 kilometers (37 miles) of standard gauge railroad through the lands of the Company, which, in conjunction with existing railroad lines, will connect Manati Bay with Victoria de las Tunas. This railroad will haul cane to our mill as well as transport merchandise from the Port of Manati to the inland portions of this section of the Island of Cuba.

The rolling stock consists of:

36-inch gauge	29 locomotives,	163 flat cars,
	700 cane cars,	6 passenger cars,
	25 tank cars,	4 auxiliary cars,
	10 box cars,	4 cabooses,
Standard gauge	4 locomotives,	80 flat cars.

## PROPERTY AND PLANT ACCOUNT.

The expenditure on property and plant account during the past fiscal year was as follows:

Lands (See under LANDS above).....	\$1,429,385 47
Sugar Mill and Equipment.....	246,576 92
Rolling Stock.....	281,265 89
Railroad Lines and Stations.....	281,167 88
Shipyards, Railroad Repair Shop, Buildings at Wharf and Miscellaneous Improvements.....	178,130 77
	\$2,416,526 93
Less—Sale of Live Stock.....	\$2,965 00
Administration Cane Account written off.....	138,614 14
	141,579 14
Total.....	\$2,274,947 79

## DIVIDENDS.

Regular quarterly dividends of 1¾% have been paid on the preferred stock of the Company since its issue, and on the common stock 2½% has been paid quarterly beginning December 1 1916.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The Operating Profits this year are.....	\$3,778,060 49
Adding—Interest on Current Accounts.....	42,871 33
	\$3,820,931 82
Deducting—Taxes (United States and Cuba).....	\$566,800 42
Dividend on Preferred shares.....	245,000 00
	811,800 42
leaves a Balance of.....	\$3,009,131 40
This is equal to about \$30.09 per share on the 100,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company outstanding before making allowance for Depreciation.	
After deducting: Reserve for Depreciation.....	586,000 00
there remains a Balance of.....	\$2,423,131 40
equal to about \$24.23 per share on the Common Stock outstanding.	

## CAPITALIZATION.

In accordance with action taken at the Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company held on the 9th day of June 1920, the authorized capital stock of the Company was increased from \$13,500,000, consisting of \$3,500,000 7% cumulative preferred stock and \$10,000,000 of common stock, to \$20,000,000, consisting of \$5,000,000 7% cumulative preferred stock and \$15,000,000 of common stock.

The Board of Directors of the Company were authorized from time to time at their discretion to issue and sell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the additional capital stock of the Company in such manner as they shall deem advisable.

There has been no additional preferred or common stock issued during the year against such authorized increase in capital stock.

## LABOR.

The scarcity of labor is still an important problem, but your Company continues to provide for its needs by importing laborers from Haiti.

## SALE OF SUGAR.

Your Company has sold over 10% of the coming crop at much higher prices than those ruling at present.

## STATEMENTS.

Attention is called to the annexed Balance Sheet as at October 31 1920 and the Profit and Loss and Surplus Accounts for the year ended that date, certified by the Company's Auditors, Messrs. Marwick, Mitchell & Co. There is also appended a Comparative Financial Statement for the seven years of the Company's operation.

Acknowledgment is made of the loyal co-operation of all officers and employees during the year.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Directors.

R. TRUFFIN, President.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT OCTOBER 31 1920.

ASSETS.	
Property and Plant.....	\$16,189,573 51
Investments—Advance to Ferrocarril de Tunas.....	146,833 41
Current Assets and Advances to Colonos:	
Material and Supplies on Hand.....	\$1,478,190 86
Advances to Colonos.....	2,325,345 17
Accounts Receivable.....	273,075 24
Company Sugar on Hand, Estimated.....	11,960 00
Cash in Banks:	
United States.....	\$727,028 69
Cuba.....	57,433 23
	784,461 92
Deposits with Cuban Custom Houses.....	4,873,033 19
Deferred Charges:	
Unexpired Insurance.....	\$28,163 62
Advance Payments.....	11,558 80
Items in Suspense.....	7,018 07
	46,740 49
	\$21,342,702 65
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Preferred Stock 7% Cumulative:	
Authorized \$5,000,000 00, Issued.....	\$3,500,000 00
Common Stock:	
Authorized \$15,000,000 00, Issued.....	10,000,000 00
Purchase Money Mortgages on Cuban Lands*.....	1,175,107 72
Current and Accrued Liabilities:	
Acceptances against Crop 1920-1921.....	\$500,000 00
Drafts Payable.....	318,083 14
Accounts Payable.....	344,233 58
Salaries and Wages Accrued, Cuba.....	65,387 96
Federal Income Tax withheld.....	219 04
Dividend on Common Stock Scrip.....	60 00
	1,227,983 72
Reserves:	
For Federal, State and Cuban Taxes.....	750,000 00
For Depreciation.....	1,750,000 00
	2,500,000 00
Surplus.....	2,939,611 21
Contingent Liability on Contracts and Orders for Material and Supplies not yet Delivered!.....	\$1,194,866 94
	\$21,342,702 65

\* These are Purchase Money Mortgages on lands recently acquired, payable over a period of years from 1920 to 1933 inclusive.

## CERTIFICATE OF AUDITORS.

We have audited the accounts of the Manati Sugar Company for the year ended October 31 1920, and hereby certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet and the accompanying Profit and Loss Account and Surplus Account are in agreement with the books, and in our opinion correctly represent the financial position of the Company as at October 31 1920 and the results of the operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

(Signed) MARWICK, MITCHELL & COMPANY.

79 Wall Street, New York, December 17 1920.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31 1920.

Sales—Centrifugal Sugar, F.O.B. Basis.....	\$10,871,611 32
Molasses.....	120,219 68
	\$10,991,831 00
Miscellaneous Operating Income.....	212,625 93
Total Income.....	\$11,204,456 93
Operating Expenses—F.O.B. Basis.....	7,426,396 44
Profit on Operation.....	\$3,778,060 49
Add—Interest on Current Accounts.....	42,871 33
	\$3,820,931 82
Deduct—Tax on Capital Stock.....	\$13,692 00
Reserve for Taxes.....	553,108 42
Reserve for Depreciation of Plant.....	586,000 00
	1,152,800 42
Net Profit for Year.....	\$2,668,131 40
Less Dividends Paid:	
Preferred Stock:	
1¾% Paid, January 2 1920.....	\$61,250 00
1¾% Paid, April 1 1920.....	61,250 00
1¾% Paid, July 1 1920.....	61,250 00
1¾% Paid, October 1 1920.....	61,250 00
	\$245,000 00
Common Stock:	
2½% Paid, December 1 1919.....	\$250,000 00
2½% Paid, March 1 1920.....	250,000 00
2½% Paid, June 1 1920.....	250,000 00
2½% Paid, September 1 1920.....	250,000 00
	1,000,000 00
	1,245,000 00
Balance carried to Surplus Account.....	\$1,423,131 40

## SURPLUS ACCOUNT AS AT OCTOBER 31 1920.

Balance as at October 31 1919.....	\$1,524,652 38
Deduct—Balance of Sundry Items in Liquidation of Crop 1918-19.....	8,172 57
	\$1,516,479 81
Add—Balance of Net Profit for the Year ended October 31 1920, carried from Profit and Loss Account.....	1,423,131 40
Balance as at October 31 1920.....	\$2,939,611 21

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE SEVEN YEARS OF OPERATION—PROFIT AND LOSS AND SURPLUS ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Years—	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Production (Bags)-----	134,757	199,545	280,050	385,313	394,297	507,366	374,700
<b>Credits—</b>							
Operating Profits-----	\$ 360,642 12	\$ 812,226 39	\$ 1,514,388 41	\$ 2,244,596 32	\$ 1,815,663 30	\$ 2,537,661 50	\$ 3,778,060 49
Interest-----		70,478 20					42,871 33
Account Previous Fiscal Years-----							
<b>Total</b> -----	<b>360,642 12</b>	<b>882,704 59</b>	<b>1,514,388 41</b>	<b>2,244,596 32</b>	<b>1,815,663 30</b>	<b>2,537,661 50</b>	<b>3,820,931 82</b>
<b>Debits—</b>							
Interest-----	92,889 62	118,643 47	187,566 16	233,008 97	161,542 11	157,553 41	
Capital Stock Tax-----			3,250 00			10,310 00	13,692 00
Adjustments of Colonos Accounts-----					14,543 63	50,000 00	
Reserve for Depreciation-----			125,000 00	200,000 00	390,000 00	510,000 00	586,000 00
Reserve for U. S. and Cuban Income Taxes-----			28,000 00	350,000 00	375,000 00	550,000 00	553,108 42
Loss on U. S. Liberty Bonds-----						26,700 46	
Organization Expenses-----	70,478 20						
Discount on Bonds-----		35,000 00	178,333 33	13,333 33	13,333 34	160,000 00	
Account of Previous Fiscal Years-----			390 06	13,932 95	33,116 57	3,295 95	8,172 57
<b>Total</b> -----	<b>163,367 82</b>	<b>153,643 47</b>	<b>522,539 55</b>	<b>810,275 25</b>	<b>987,535 65</b>	<b>1,467,859 82</b>	<b>1,160,972 99</b>
Dividends on Preferred Stock—Cash-----		173,250 00	231,000 00	231,000 00	231,000 00	234,500 00	245,000 00
Dividends on Common Stock—Cash-----			639,000 00	639,600 00	432,112 54	720,619 76	1,000,000 00
Dividends on Common Stock—Stock-----			660,000 00			376,700 00	
Surplus for year-----	197,274 30	555,811 12	295,151 14	1,163,721 07	165,015 11	262,018 08	1,414,958 83
<b>Total</b> -----	<b>360,642 12</b>	<b>882,704 59</b>	<b>1,514,388 41</b>	<b>2,244,596 32</b>	<b>1,815,663 30</b>	<b>2,537,661 50</b>	<b>3,820,931 82</b>

BALANCE SHEET.

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets—</b>							
Property and Plant-----	7,072,945 16	8,855,870 56	10,207,157 15	11,412,189 18	13,417,821 88	13,987,733 63	16,189,573 51
Advance to Ferrocarril de Tunas-----							146,833 41
Cultivation Company Cane-----		15,017 95	7,450 11	2,453 38	8,810 84		
Materials and Supplies-----	402,751 34	358,939 69	613,340 48	790,432 00	596,884 37	678,757 61	1,478,190 86
Advances to Colonos-----	421,465 02	617,004 42	904,851 35	1,153,408 07	2,014,324 03	1,912,767 45	2,325,345 17
Sugar on hand-----		221,811 21	609,365 65	136,015 35		207,500 00	11,960 00
Molasses on hand-----					35,000 00	7,000 00	
Accounts Receivable-----	36,070 49	61,376 54	33,411 99	112,840 93	80,649 78	187,841 15	273,075 24
Cash-----	557,307 72	81,244 63	286,096 62	104,064 94	115,899 85	453,610 50	784,461 92
Deposit for Bond Interest-----	75,000 00	75,090 00	120,060 00	120,654 00	104,115 78	1,530 00	
Special Deposits with Cuban Custom Houses-----	34,386 09	18,771 86	62,110 63	40,028 17	20,445 43	11,843 71	86,522 05
Special Deposit with Syndicate Managers-----	982,500 00						
United States Liberty Bonds-----					625,260 00	4,235 00	
Deposit for Sinking Fund-----				200,000 00	407,779 36		
Deferred Charges:							
Insurance, Rents and Taxes paid in advance-----		15,143 85	14,769 34	26,868 68	25,573 23	11,569 56	28,163 62
Items in Suspense-----	11 99					5,572 60	7,018 07
Discount on Bonds-----		140,000 00	186,666 67	173,333 34	160,000 00		
Account of Future Operations-----	145,240 47	53,642 83					11,558 80
<b>Total</b> -----	<b>9,727,678 28</b>	<b>10,513,913 54</b>	<b>13,045,279 99</b>	<b>14,272,288 04</b>	<b>17,612,564 55</b>	<b>17,469,961 21</b>	<b>21,342,702 65</b>
<b>Liabilities—</b>							
Capital Stock:							
Preferred Stock, 7% Cumulative, issued-----	3,300,000 00	3,300,000 00	3,300,000 00	3,300,000 00	3,300,000 00	3,500,000 00	3,500,000 00
Common Stock issued-----	3,300,000 00	3,300,000 00	3,300,000 00	3,960,000 00	5,077,100 00	10,000,000 00	10,000,000 00
First Mortgage Bonds outstanding-----	2,500,000 00	2,500,000 00	4,000,000 00	4,000,000 00	2,922,900 00		
Purchase Money Mortgages on Cuban Land-----					198,500 00	267,885 00	1,175,107 72
Bankers' Acceptances-----		200,000 00	200,000 00		2,000,000 00		500,000 00
Loan against U. S. Liberty Bonds-----					600,000 00		
Drafts Outstanding-----	48,980 11	15,000 00	266,322 10	336,025 07	231,203 48	171,316 82	318,083 14
Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges-----	238,230 88	314,726 67	191,963 61	249,628 00	256,723 29	217,490 40	409,900 58
Accrued Interest on Mortgage Bonds-----	75,000 00	75,090 00	120,060 00	120,684 00	88,905 00	1,530 00	
Accrued Interest on Current Accounts-----					16,917 99		
Deferred Earnings-----	20,453 04	8,271 50					
Stock Dividend on Common Stock-----			660,000 00				
Cash Dividend on Common Stock-----			639,000 00				
Reserves:							
Taxes-----			28,000 00	359,295 62	418,644 33	562,086 61	750,000 00
Depreciation-----			125,000 00	325,000 00	715,000 00	1,225,000 00	1,750,000 00
Cane Field Depreciation-----	47,739 95	47,739 95					
Surplus-----	197,274 30	753,085 42	257,934 28	1,621,655 35	1,786,670 46	2,524,652 38	2,939,611 21
<b>Total</b> -----	<b>9,727,678 28</b>	<b>10,513,913 54</b>	<b>13,045,279 99</b>	<b>14,272,288 04</b>	<b>17,612,564 55</b>	<b>17,469,961 21</b>	<b>21,342,702 65</b>

a Decrease in Surplus due to declaration of stock dividend. b Declared Oct. 5 1916, but paid during the following Fiscal Year. c 1% Red Cross Dividend. d Includes value of a large amount of Machinery and Equipment purchased for increase in plant and not installed on October 31st 1920.

**(Charles) Warner Co.—No Par Value Stock—Dividends.**—The stockholders on Nov. 17 1920 authorized the creation of 200,000 shares of no par value new Common stock. The conversion privilege was extended to all stockholders as follows:

Present \$100 Shares—	Will receive in exchange New Common of no par value.
First preferred stock, 8,306 shares-----	37,377 shares, 4½ for 1
Second Preferred stock, 4,428 shares-----	17,712 shares, 4 for 1
Common stock, 15,063 shares-----	37,657 shares, 2½ for 1

Extra dividends of 25 cents per share have been declared on both the old \$100 and new no par value Common stocks, in addition to a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on both stocks, payable Jan. 17 to holders of record Dec. 31.—V. 107, p. 2482.

**Washington (D. C.) Gas Light Co.—Notes Authorized.**—

The Washington (D. C.) P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$2,000,000 of 5-year 7½% gold notes and the sale of \$1,200,000 of the issue at this time. Proceeds are to be used to reimburse the company for the costs of new construction, extensions, &c.

The notes are to be dated Jan. 1 1921, and are red. on any interest date at 103 if redeemed within three years, at 102 if redeemed within four years, and 101 if redeemed within five years. Denom. of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000.

The capital expenditures which the proceeds of the bonds are to replace include \$120,000 used to purchase the stocks and bonds of the Rosslyn Gas Light Co., \$383,887.50 to purchase the stock of the Georgetown Gas Light Co. (V. 102, p. 1374), \$413,549 covering additions to capital during 1919, and \$310,890 covering capital additions during the first ten months of the current year.—V. 111, p. 2433.

**Wayagamack Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.—Capital Inc.**

Supplementary letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, dated Dec. 20 1920, converting the 50,000 shares of capital stock, par \$100 each, into 100,000 shares of no par value, and allotting to each holder of fully paid Common shares of \$100 each two fully paid Common shares without par value and increasing the capital stock from 100,000 shares of no par value to 250,000 shares of no par value. Stated capital \$5,000,000. See V. 111, p. 2433; V. 112, p. 60.

**Western States Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Authorized.**

The California Railway Commission has authorized the company to issue \$264,000 of its 1st & ref. mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1941, proceeds to be used to reimburse company for expenditures made.—V. 111, p. 2532.

**Western Union Telegraph Co.—Dividends.**—

See American District Telegraph Co. of N. J. above.—V. 112, p. 169.

**Will & Baumer Candle Co., Inc.—Name Changed.**—

The corporate name of the Will & Baumer Co. has been changed to that of Will & Baumer Candle Co., Inc., and the certificate of organization amended in accordance with the action of stockholders March 9 1920.—V. 111, p. 80.

**Wilson & Co., Inc. (Packers), Chicago.—Regular Quarterly Common Dividend, 1¼%. To Be Paid in Common Stock.**—

The directors on Jan. 13 declared a 1¼% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Jan. 27. This dividend is payable in lieu of the customary quarterly cash payment of \$1 25 per share, which has been paid since the initial distribution on Nov. 1 1919.

President Thomas E. Wilson says: "Pending a return of more settled conditions in the commercial and financial world, the directors decided to declare at this time in place of the usual cash dividend a stock dividend. The packing industry has passed through the period of readjustment

probably in advance of all other industries and the indications are that these adjustments have now virtually run their course."—V. 112, p. 169.

**Wire Wheel Corp. of America.—Dividends Deferred.**—

The payment on Jan. 1 1921 of a 2% dividend on account of accumulations on the Preferred stock has been postponed although the company's condition was very favorable. It was considered advisable to conserve cash resources, at least for the present.—V. 110, p. 1858.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Estate Appraised at \$27,205,283.**

The transfer tax appraisal of the estate of F. W. Woolworth, who died April 8 1919, was filed at the Surrogate's office at Mineola on Jan. 10. The net value of the estate is \$27,205,284.—V. 112, p. 169.

**Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co.—Capital Increase, &c.**

See Walden W. Shaw Corporation above.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Merrill Lynch & Co. recommend for investment purposes the purchase of seasoned long-term bonds of American corporations. This firm are advertising on another page in today's issue a list of Railroad Bonds which are legal investments for New York Savings Banks and Trust Funds yielding from 5.05 to 5.70% also other well secured issues of Railroad Bonds yielding from 6.20 to 8.05%. They also offer an attractive list of Industrial Bonds yielding from 5.35 to 8.00%. All of these Bonds offered are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

—At a meeting of the directors of Middendorf, Hartman & Co., Inc., of Baltimore, on Dec. 27, it was decided to change the name of the corporation to Hartman & Co. J. Ransom Hartman, the head of the old corporation, will continue as President. The change in name occurs as a result of the retirement of J. William Middendorf, Jr., and Harry S. Middendorf, who will be identified with the new investment concern of Brinkmann & Co., Inc.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed transfer agent and registrar of stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co., and also transfer agent of the Pref. stock of the Ward La France Truck Corp., of the Common and Preferred stocks of the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., and of the stock of the Garland Steamship Corp., N. Y.

—Clark, Dodge & Co., investment bankers, New York, in an advertisement in this issue of the "Chronicle," emphasize the fact that bond prices always move contrary to commodity prices. A circular containing a selected list of bonds which the firm offers to send on request should interest the discriminating investor.

—Charles S. Carr, formerly with the sales department of A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., has become associated with Rutter & Co., 14 Wall St., in a similar capacity.

—Paine, Webber & Co. announce that L. Brooks Leavitt has been admitted to general partnership in their firm as of Jan. 1 1921.

—W. E. Hutton & Co. announce that Leo Volgmuth has been appointed Manager of their bond and unlisted securities department.

—The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. has been appointed Transfer Agent of the Capital stock of the Canada Copper Corp., Ltd.

—The Liberty National Bank of N. Y. has been appointed registrar of the Preferred stock of Ward La France Truck Corp.

# The Commercial Times.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 14 1921.

Trade is gradually improving. Not that there is any great increase as yet. But some branches of American trade have reached the bend in the lane. They promise to broaden out as time goes on. The situation is not without its unfavorable features by any means, for iron and steel are dull and more or less depressed. The sales of lumber, coal and coke have fallen off, and there is no use blinking the significance of this fact. Another thing which cannot be ignored altogether is the fact that the business failures for the week ran up to the highest toll for half a dozen years, namely 521 as against 422 last week, 128 in the same week of 1920, 137 in 1919, 238 in 1918, and 335 in 1917. This is the consequence, of course, of a prolonged period of dullness of trade and declining prices. Cancellations no doubt have something to do with it. But the tendency is to leave these conditions behind, and in the main the tone of commercial life in the United States is more cheerful. Business in clothing shows a very noticeable improvement. Larger sales of cotton goods here and at Fall River attract wide attention. Big cotton mills at the South and also in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine and New York have resumed full time. One big company in Maine has withdrawn its recently reduced prices, under the spur of a rising trade. Another fact of signal interest is the downward tendency of money rates. On call money has been as low as 4% over the counter, although the regular rate has not been below 6. But renewals have been at 6%, which is something new, and there is a noticeable tendency towards an easing of time loan rates, all of which is very encouraging. Not only is there some increase in various lines of wholesale trade, but it is a fact that advances in prices for the first time in many months exceed the number of declines. This encourages the hope and the belief that the country has turned the corner, even if some of its trades like iron and steel, etc., still lag behind. It is believed that they will come up later in the year, for there is undoubtedly a vast amount of construction to be done in this country. And with easier rates for money, brought about by a widespread decline in prices, construction ought to take on new activity as the year advances.

Even as it was the amount of building in 1920, despite some sinister drawbacks, which promise to be dealt with in the courts, exceeded the amount done in 1919. A sharp rise in sterling exchange recently had a favorable effect in more than one branch of business. Most of the buying for wholesale is in comparatively small lots, and it is true that the remarkable mild winter hurts retail trade, especially as retailers are not in all cases marking down their prices to the basis of replacement costs. They do not seem to grasp the fact that they must give up some of their big war profits in order to get trade started again. But that is what they have got to do, and the sooner they toe the mark and do it the better for themselves. In parts of the West retail prices have been cut deeply, but this is far from being the case as a rule in the East. Collections it must be recognized are not as a rule prompt; in fact, for the most part they are slow. Exports of wheat continue on a much larger scale than those of last year, this country being favored just now on European buyers in preference to Argentina, owing to higher rates for exchange and the export tax demanded, it is understood, by the Argentine Government of 12 cents per bushel. Recently, too, exports of corn have increased, and they are well ahead of the total a year ago for the season.

One of the events of the week was the resumption of full time in about one-half of the B. B. & R. Knight mills in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The company controls 17 mills in those two States and is one of the largest cotton cloth manufacturers in the world. The largest silk mill in Phillipsburg, N. J., will resume operations Monday, with a reduction in wages ranging from 10 to 25%. The Harmony Mills, at Cohoes, N. Y., will resume full operations on Monday next. The Coats, Ltd., Thread Mills of England have just gone on short time owing to over-production. Twelve textile mills located in or near Charlotte, N. C., have resumed operations on full time. The Anderson, N. C., Cotton Mills resumed work on full-time schedule and will work both day and night shifts. At Webster, Mass., the textile operatives laid off by the Intervale Mills, Inc., are following a new plan to tide them over the period of depression. The mill hands have turned salesmen of the cloth that they produce, the mills selling the product to them at cost and the operatives taking it to nearby cities and towns for sale for such profits as they can obtain. Success to date has been varied, but some families have been assisted materially. The Association Industries of Paterson, N. J., announce that a 48-hour week will be established in the silk mills there on Jan. 17. Paterson ribbon manufacturers also announce that they will put the 48-hour week in effect on the same date. The fight for the open shop is spreading over the United States. The Felters Co. Mills, Millbury, Mass., reopened on a 54-hour schedule and with a 15% wage cut. The New York Cotton Mills of Saco, Me., employing 2,800

hands, has resumed full time. Weavers must accept a cut of 25% in their wages by the Whittall Carpet Mills in South Worcester, Mass., one of the largest in the country, or they will be closed indefinitely. Work will be resumed in all the Reading Iron Co.'s mills on Jan. 18 at a reduction of 10 to 20% in wages. Some 50,000 men have been put back to work in Detroit, Mich., according to the Employers' Association, and indications are that a gradual improvement will continue until the automobile industry has reached its normal level.

A reduction of from 8 to 20% in the price of all horse-drawn implements is announced by the Oliver Chilled Plow Works of South Bend, Ind. Commodity prices declined less in December than in the two preceding months. During the last six months the price of food in New York City dropped 32%; male clothing, 32%; female clothing, 47%; furniture and furnishings, 8%, but it is regrettable to note that the cost of housing increased 33%; fuel and light increased 4%, and miscellaneous articles increased 17%.

Wages and salary cuts amounting to 12½% for factory hands, and 15 to 20% for clerks and factory supervisors have been announced by officials of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio. The cut affects 15,000 workers. The New Jersey Zinc Co. at Palmerton, Pa. announces a 10% cut in wages and the discontinuance of an 8% bonus system. The Dominion Iron & Steel Co. of Sydney, N. S., announces a 20% wage reduction affecting 5,000 employees. The Master Building Trades Alliance at Danbury, Conn., announced a reduction of 25% in wages, effective Jan. 17.

The American Woolen Co. has reduced wages 22½% for the operatives in the 50 mills of that company. In announcing the cut, President Wood declares the public will not pay the prices which the present wages involve and "we must all of us bow to the public will."

Weavers in several of the Philadelphia carpet mills went on strike on Wednesday following the notice of a 25% reduction in wages. Textile workers in Lawrence, Mass., declare they will fight wage reductions and announce that pitched battles of 1912 and 1919 will be resumed at the earliest convenience. A Buffalo report says the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co. has practically suspended operations owing to general conditions in the automobile industry. A 10% wage cut will go into effect next Monday in the plants of the John A. Roebling Sons Co. at Trenton, N. J. Sailors, firemen, oilers and stewards of American steamship companies operating on the Pacific Coast have been notified that a reduction in wages will take place in 30 days.

There is a tendency to reduce the acreage of the food and clothing crops like grain and cotton. But there are those who question the wisdom of any such course. Cutting down the output of food and clothing tends to raise prices, increase the cost of living, keep up wages, increase manufacturers' costs, eventually reduce consumption, reduce working time in the mills and factories, finally cause widespread unemployment, lower wages, and in short round out what might be called a vicious circle. It is believed to be better for farmers and everybody else to produce to the best of their ability and trust to the working out of economic laws for a proper adjustment of prices. In the end such a course works out to the advantage of everybody. All must contribute something to the well-being of society. If one member, as for instance the farmer, shirks his work, all suffer, and he among others in the end, for he must pay higher prices for what he is obliged to buy. Cutting down production is an attempt on the part of the producer to raise himself on his own boot-straps. Economic laws in regard to production and its effects on human society are as inflexible as any other natural law; they can be tampered with only to the injury, often to the serious injury, of society at large.

E. S. Butler, President of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, appeared before the House Agricultural Committee, urging that the present system of operations on the exchanges be left unchanged by Congressional action. It seems strange that the South should forget what happened in 1914, when on account of the war the country's cotton exchanges were closed for three months and a half and utter confusion in the trade prevailed for all that period. Exchanges are an essential part of the intricate and wonderful mechanism of modern commerce. It would be mere vandalism to destroy or cripple them.

At Yokohama the Bourse is still closed. The authorities refused to permit raw silk to be sold below the basis of 1,500 yen for Shinski No. 1, and it is surmised that the Bourse was closed to enforce this decision.

The weather has been in the main mild, though the temperature on the 13th inst. was down to 18 deg. above zero. A light snow fell to-day, changed to rain and it disappeared. There was a heavy snow fall on Jan. 13 in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma and rain and sleet in Arkansas. Famine is officially declared to exist in one of the districts of India, while there is a food scarcity in many other districts as the result of a lack of winter rains for the crops. More than 77,000 persons are already receiving relief.

LARD steady; prime western 14.15@14.25c.; refined to the Continent 15¾c.; South American 16c.; Brazil in kegs 17c. Futures declined for a time with hogs and big receipts of these and then rallied. Shorts did not always find it so

easy to cover. Offerings fell off. Packers, however, have sold to some extent. To-day prices fell and they end at a decline for the week of 15 to 18 points. The Cincinnati "Price Current" says hog cholera is below normal for the period. The percentages of hogs being fattened for market compared with last year are as follows: Ohio 90, Indiana 86, Illinois 75, Missouri 77, Iowa 80, South Dakota 84, Nebraska 71, Kansas 74, and Oklahoma 56. Hog slaughterings in the West last week were estimated at 649,000 against 601,000 in the previous week and 1,018,000 a year ago. The percentages of cattle being fattened for market compared with a year ago are: Ohio 80, Indiana 72, Illinois 58, Missouri 58, Iowa 64, South Dakota 69, Nebraska 55, Kansas 66, and Oklahoma 53.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	13.15	13.00	13.12	13.25	13.25	13.12
May delivery	13.90	13.70	13.85	14.02	13.95	13.82

PORK quiet; mess \$29@30; family \$40@44; short clear \$33@38. January closed at \$24.30 the same as a week ago. Beef steady; 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 dull; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 18 3/4@19 1/2; pickled bellies 10 to 12 lbs. 18@19. Butter, creamery extras 54 1/2@55c. Cheese, flats, 20@28 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras 75c.

COFFEE on the spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 7@7 1/4c.; No. 4 Santos, 9 3/4@10 1/4c.; fair to good Cucuta, 10 1/2@11 1/4c. Futures have advanced on a better spot demand, higher cables and new long buying. Brazilian and European buying has been a feature. At one time there was a good deal of hedge selling against the actual coffee, but it fell off later. To-day prices advanced and closed 20 to 23 points higher for the week.

Spot (unofficial) cts 6 1/4-7 | May cts. 7.02@7.03 | Sept. cts. 7.79@7.8  
 March cts. 6.59@6.61 | July cts. 7.42@7.44 | December cts. 8.12@8.15

SUGAR steady; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, Cuban and Porto Rican, 5.52c.; granulated, refined, 7.75c. Futures advanced for a while. Refiners bought nearby Cuban sugar and operators early in the week took new crop for the second half of January shipment at 4.50c. cost and freight. Renewed activity in spot sugar sprang up later at a somewhat higher basis, i. e., 49-16c. cost and freight. Still later it died out. Receipts of new crop at Cuban ports last week were 23,673 tons, against 4,671 in the previous week and 90,149 last year. So that the season is undoubtedly very late. The exports from Cuba last week were 4,342 tons of new crop, against 44,763 last year; stocks, 37,051 tons, against 17,720 a week previous and 130,080 a year ago. Exports of old crop from Cuba last week were 28,044 tons, bringing the stock down to 168,114 tons. The number of centrals grinding now is stated at 78, an increase within a week of 48. But a year ago 156 were at work, and two years ago 136. The weather in Cuba has been unsettled. Refined fell later to 7.75c. for granulated. To-day futures declined slightly, ending rather irregular for the week, January being a trifle lower and March a few points higher. Closing prices:

Spot (unofficial) cts. 4.52 | February cts. 4.64@4.65 | May cts. 4.82@4.84  
 January cts. 4.59@4.63 | March cts. 4.69@4.70 | July cts. 4.94@4.96

OILS—Linseed steady; Jan. earloads 77c.; less than earloads 80c.; five bbls. or less 77c. Coconut, Ceylon bbls. 11 1/2@12c.; Cochin bbls. 12 1/2@13c. Olive \$2.50. Cod, domestic 60@62c.; Newfoundland 65@68c. Cottonseed oil, spot 8.70@8.90c bid and asked. Sales to-day 17,000 closing with Feb. 8.90@8.95c.; March 8.94@8.99c.; May 9.31@9.33c.; July 9.61@9.64c. Spirits of turpentine 72@75c. Common to good strained rosin \$8.50@9.00.

PETROLEUM steady; refined, in barrels, 24.50@25.50c.; bulk, 13.50@14.50c.; cases, 26.50@27.50c. Gasoline remains at 33c. for steel barrels, 41c. for wood barrels and 50c. for gas machine. There are reports of negotiations going on for large quantities of refined petroleum for export. Well No. 48 in the Hull pool, Liberty County, Tex., which was brought in recently, is flowing at 1,000 barrels. Field advices state that interest centres largely on the shutdown movement in Oklahoma, which has affected nearly every field north of Carter and Stephens counties. Though Southern fields have not slackened any, a change is expected there soon.

Pennsylvania	\$5 75	Indiana	\$3 83	Strawn	\$3 00
Corning	3 75	Princeton	3 77	Thrall	3 25
Cabell	4 21	Illinois	3 77	Healdton	2 75
Somerset, 32 deg.		Plymouth	3 48	Moran	3 00
and above	2 25	Kansas & Okla-		Henrietta	3 00
Ragland	4 25	homa	3 50	Caddo, La., light	3 25
Woolter	4 05	Corsicana, light	3 00	Caddo, crude	2 50
North Lima	3 73	Corsicana, heavy	1 75	De Soto	3 40
South Lima	3 63	Electra	3 50		

RUBBER—Higher on the strength of sterling. Smoked ribbed sheets were quoted at 19 1/2c.; first latex crepe 20c.; brown crepe thin clean 14c. Factory interests are still holding aloof. And on the other hand sellers are scarce. The unsettled financial affairs of one of the largest tire manufacturing concerns has adversely affected sentiment. Paras quiet; up-river fine 17c. Centrals inactive; Corinto 13@14c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have remained dull and to all appearance more or less depressed. They are so low, however, that some think a turn for the better cannot be far off. Conditions at Havana are unchanged and many vessels refuse to accept cargo for Cuba. Melbourne, Australia cabled that the deadlock in the shipping strike continues and is having serious effect.

Charters included coal from Virginia port to French Atlantic port \$4 75 prompt; from Atlantic range to West Italy \$6 prompt; from Virginia to Rosario 33s. 9d. prompt; from Atlantic range to West Italy \$6 50 prompt; to River Plate \$5; from Virginia to Santos 32s. 6d.; apples from Boston to United Kingdom \$1 50; from Halifax to United Kingdom \$1 50; grain from a Gulf port to United Kingdom 25,000 quarters, 8s February; tobacco from Norfolk to United Kingdom \$1 per 100 pounds; 22,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to Hamburg or Bremen 20c. per 100 lbs. Jan. 25; coal from Atlantic range to Rotterdam \$1 25. Sugar from Cuba to north of Hatteras, 20c.; coal from Philadelphia to Genoa \$6; from Atlantic range to West Italy \$6.

TOBACCO has been dull and more or less nominal if not a trifle depressed. Recent sales at Lexington, Ky., were of course very disappointing with such prices as 1/2c. to 6/4c. per pound and an average of around 25c. for burley. There is said to be a plan of the Burley Growers' Association to offer the tobacco to British and Japanese buyers. Resolutions have been passed at a meeting of farmers from Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana not to grow any burley tobacco in 1921. Lexington, Ky., wired Jan. 13: Loose leaf tobacco warehousemen throughout the burley district were released to-night from promises to keep their markets closed. Warehouses shut down for over a week because of low prices, are expected to open Jan. 17. Decision to allow opening of the markets was reached at a meeting here attended by 42 of the approximately 70 warehouse owners in the district, held in connection with meetings of growers and bankers endeavoring to obtain a satisfactory price for the 1920 crop.

COPPER stronger at 13c. for electrolytic. Export demand has been better. And the higher exchange rate helped. There is a better feeling in the trade. Tin slightly lower on the decline in London. Spot was quoted at 38c. The market as a rule is quiet. Lead firm on the advance in London, higher exchange and light imports. Spot New York 4 3/4@5c. Zinc steady at 5.50c. for spot St. Louis. The market is quiet.

PIG IRON has been dull. Offerings have been larger at \$30 or less. But consumers hold coolly aloof. In England and Scotland prices are down. A Central Penn. foundry was offered, it seems, at \$30, without buyers. The Valley resale basic has been \$25; malleable \$28 60 delivered. There is a story afloat that a deal involving 200,000 tons of iron and steel and crop is pending, but on a basis of barter, i. e., so much iron and scrap to be offered certain mills in exchange for new steel piled up and hard to sell. This report is given for what it is worth.

STEEL has remained very dull and more or less nominal at some reported average decline for the week on iron and steel i. e. 61 cents compared with last week and 70c. compared with December prices. Reports of resumption of work by automobile concerns has no echo in actual business in steel. Some mills shut down in Dec. have not yet reopened. In fact requests from consumers on delay in shipments of are a feature. The biggest makers of cheap cars are included in the list of those who want shipments of material halted for a time.

WOOL has been rather steadier, though not at all active; far from it. Actual business has in fact been only moderate, if not small. The finer grades are scarce and the most firmly held. Inferior grades are plentiful enough and are not so well sustained as the higher grades. But the general feeling is more cheerful. The woolen trade is believed to be looking up. Australian wool sales are scheduled for Feb. 2 at Perth, and for Feb. 11 at Adelaide. At each 10,000 bales will be offered. On Jan. 11 in London the series of Government colonial wool auctions opened. Total offerings were 67,000 bales of Australian and 13,000 bales New Zealand, also 58,500 bales privately owned Australian, Puntas and Cape. The offerings were 10,000 bales, but, though there was a large attendance, the Government limits being much above the present ruling prices, the buying was restricted and barely 2,000 bales were sold. Prices were nominally 10s. below those of December. At the Wanganui, New Zealand, wool sales on Saturday last the United States was a big buyer of good and superfine quality crossbreds. The bulk of the offerings was of Bradford top-making sorts. Compared with previous rates greasies were 1/2d. higher. Greasy crossbred lambs of fine quality were in quick demand at 10d. to 11d. American sorts quoted 36s to 40s., 4 1/2d. to 11d., 40-44s 6d. to 8d. and 44-46s 8 1/4d. to 10 1/2d. In London on Jan. 12 auction sales were well attended. Government reserve prices were considered very high. Barely 2,000 bales were sold from offerings of more than 10,000 bales. The sales included: Sydney, 3,420 bales, fair supply, greasy merino ranged from 13 1/2d. to 34d.; Queensland, 1,120 bales, greasy merino, 10 1/2d. to 21d.; scoured 35d. to 43d.; Victoria, 1,413 bales greasy comeback, 15 1/2d. to 21 1/2d.; Tasmania, 504 bales greasy comeback, 24d. to 26 1/2d.; Adelaide, 648 bales greasy merino 10 1/2d. to 16 1/2d.; New Zealand, 2,867 bales, about 250 bales sold, slipe merino, 17d. to 20d.; greasy crossbreds 11 1/2d. to 14 1/2d. In London on Jan. 13 10,500 bales were offered consisting entirely of free wools, of which 6,500 bales were Australian. Most offerings were sold. Combing merinos taken mostly by the home trade were generally 10% below December prices. Pieces with a brisk foreign demand were unchanged. Greasy merinos ranged from 13 1/2d. to 32d. Cape wools, 1,942 bales, were a poor selection, offered at high limits and mostly unsold. Puntas, 1,000 bales; Falklands, 909 bales. Greasy merino crossbreds sold well at December prices; best lots were 12 1/2d. and 13d., respec-

tively. Boston advices say that the new year has brought a more hopeful feeling to the wool trade and prospects for the future are brighter than they have been for many weeks.

**COTTON.**

Friday Night, Jan. 14 1921.

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 124,468 bales, against 127,152 bales last week and 143,230 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1920 3,683,836 bales, against 4,235,761 bales for the same period of 1919-20, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1920 of 551,925 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	9,401	5,943	17,017	6,439	11,734	5,360	55,894
Port Arthur, &c.						48	48
New Orleans	9,553	5,737	5,937	7,971	5,294	9,309	43,801
Mobile	21	192	601	47	522	264	1,647
Savannah	1,295	2,522	1,854	2,271	1,432	1,993	11,367
Charleston	59	137	381	312	241	197	1,327
Wilmington	32	316	132	140	46	37	703
Norfolk	958	697	2,242	588	1,087	632	6,195
N'port News, &c.						28	28
New York		1,593					1,593
Boston		75	100	125	4		304
Baltimore						1,531	1,531
Philadelphia			30				30
Totals this week	21,319	17,212	28,294	17,893	20,360	19,390	124,468

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1920 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to January 14.	1920-21.		1919-20.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1919.	1921.	1920.
Galveston	55,894	1,785,234	68,574	1,387,342	366,942	275,938
Texas City, &c.		14,417	12,062	211,866	2,088	79,778
Houston		255,575		44,891		
Port Arthur, &c.	48	39,490	367	19,831		
New Orleans	43,801	839,946	40,156	700,747	459,621	474,505
Mobile	1,647	57,114	8,600	201,053	21,940	27,439
Pensacola				12,020		
Jacksonville		1,131	35	9,177	1,471	5,779
Savannah	11,367	379,516	37,993	891,476	161,555	283,080
Brunswick		8,874	11,000	111,800	2,499	5,731
Charleston	1,327	44,395	4,859	189,021	243,918	57,096
Wilmington	703	53,010	4,170	107,239	37,987	52,817
Norfolk	6,195	149,557	14,518	237,257	78,349	95,647
N'port News, &c.	28	1,106	243	2,497		
New York	1,593	9,894	235	12,986	35,088	60,254
Boston	304	18,222	1,242	12,170	12,349	5,444
Baltimore	1,531	22,011	4,376	70,890	3,978	6,801
Philadelphia	30	4,344	644	13,498	5,962	11,760
Totals	124,468	3,683,836	209,074	4,235,761	1,433,747	1,442,069

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.	1916.
Galveston	55,894	68,574	71,297	24,302	73,652	42,624
Texas City, &c.	48	12,429	1,681	10,140	5,038	20,528
New Orleans	43,801	40,156	32,788	35,499	17,971	32,673
Mobile	1,647	8,600	5,126	1,138	1,339	2,291
Savannah	11,367	37,993	25,637	21,149	8,625	16,705
Brunswick		11,000	2,500	1,500	1,000	5,000
Charleston	1,327	4,859	5,027	8,352	1,938	3,360
Wilmington	703	4,170	2,381	208	761	4,063
Norfolk	6,195	14,518	7,826	8,909	5,055	10,726
N'port N., &c.	28	243		143	248	7,482
All others	3,458	6,532	7,686	19,143	8,302	10,337
Total this wk.	124,468	209,074	161,949	130,483	123,929	155,789
Since Aug. 1	3,683,836	4,235,761	3,081,150	3,840,353	5,013,722	4,532,162

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 95,156 bales, of which 31,194 were to Great Britain, 210 to France and 63,752 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1920 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Jan. 14 1921. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1920 to Jan. 14 1921. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	19,197		29,393	48,590	523,716	210,385	649,608	1,383,709
Houston					127,259	44,111	84,205	255,575
Texas City			200	200	8,980	2,709	6,573	18,262
Port Arthur					650			650
San Antonio							10,907	10,907
El Paso							572	572
Port Nogales							1,150	1,150
New Orleans	10,000		11,689	21,689	170,295	54,213	262,937	487,445
Mobile					15,797	4,325	3,193	23,315
Jacksonville					701			701
Savannah		2,100	2,100	4,200	89,427	35,206	102,996	227,629
Brunswick					7,428			7,428
Charleston					7,499		4,000	11,499
Wilmington		6,400	6,400	12,800			46,600	46,600
Norfolk	1,716			1,716	34,527		10,575	45,102
New York		210	1,530	1,740	6,215	7,391	31,059	44,665
Boston			491	491	2,554	119	5,301	7,974
Baltimore			200	200	349	1,246	2,629	4,224
Philadelphia							559	559
Los Angeles					2,697			2,697
San Fran.			10,168	10,168			27,191	27,191
Seattle			1,581	1,581			17,881	17,881
Tacoma							7,800	7,800
Total	31,194	210	63,752	95,156	998,094	359,705	1,275,736	2,633,535
Total '19-20	137,437	19,971	112,266	269,674	1,781,013	352,558	1,239,269	3,372,840
Total '18-19	55,505	1,000	26,309	82,814	1,140,328	316,059	708,679	2,165,066

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.

Jan. 14 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	28,524	12,964	26,073	17,294	4,000	88,855	278,087
New Orleans	19,926	783	6,352	30,528	904	58,493	401,128
Savannah		3,000	3,000	2,800		8,800	152,755
Charleston					1,000	1,000	242,918
Mobile	1,439	2,375		48,596		12,410	9,530
Norfolk	4,000				900	4,900	73,449
New York*	300	100	100	500		1,000	34,088
Other ports*	4,000		3,000			7,000	59,394
Total 1921	58,189	19,222	38,525	59,718	6,804	182,458	1,251,289
Total 1920	126,151	24,093	16,821	106,413	16,780	290,228	1,151,841
Total 1919	109,899	30,106		60,570	6,400	206,975	1,242,255

\* Estimated. a 8,000 for Japan and China.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been rather more active, at an advance in prices, especially on January. At times this month had monopolized attention. Early in the week it ran up to a premium over March of 145 points. But on Thursday it fell to 112. Still the fact remains that January has been at a very suggestive premium. It was a year ago. At that its price reached 38.86 cents. Of late there has been a rather large short interest in January, and apparently large Southern spot interests have represented the "long" end. The price has run up in spite of rather free issuance notices. Then came reports that something like 50,000 to 70,000 bales will be shipped to New York for delivery on January contracts, and at the same time there were rumors that there would not be enough warehouse space to accommodate this cotton. The authorities of the New York Cotton Exchange made arrangements for additional space in warehouses here, and they wish any member or firm in need of warehouse room to notify the Exchange. At one time on the 12th instant prices advanced on a report that most warehouses were refusing to accept any further quantity of cotton for storage. But this, as we have just seen, was remedied by the action of the Exchange here. Other things which contributed to the early advance were the greater activity in cotton goods, reports of a better demand for spot cotton, including the low grades, and a rise in stocks and sterling exchange. Liverpool on the 13th instant reported a better demand for spot cotton, including the low grades for export. And on that day its spot sales reached the unusually large total for these times of 10,000 bales. Not for many months past had such a total been reached there. Mills are starting up on full time in parts of New England, New York and the South. The big Amoskeag Co. of Manchester, N. H., has withdrawn its recently reduced prices, and Boston comments on this as a very inspiring bullish factor. The basis on low grades in the Southwest has at times been stronger. Apparently, too, the Continent has been buying low grades in Liverpool. And it is believed that after the indemnity which Germany is to pay is finally fixed, Germany will become a large buyer of American cotton. Its textile industries seem on the whole to be in a rather promising condition. Hamburg has been shipping hosiery to New York. German mills have been taking the better grades of cotton. In pre-war times they bought a good deal of low-grade American cotton. But for some time past they have had a good market for the higher grades of cotton goods at very profitable prices. It is said, too, that textile mills at Roubaix and Turcoing, France, are shipping goods to different parts of Europe, namely Poland, Rumania and Greece and also to Canada. So that it would seem that the French textile industry is looking up. Latterly, too, Manchester has reported a rather better trade. In a word, the world is slowly but surely, it is believed, moving back to something like a normal or pre-war basis.

And the talk is persistent to the effect that there will be a big reduction in the American acreage this spring. The work of preparing the soil for the next crop begins in southern Texas about Jan. 15, and in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana about Feb. 1. It is supposed that banks will join in putting pressure on the Southern farmer to reduce his area and not let him resort to the old-time plan of "letting the other fellow do it." There would seem to be some danger of this, judging from the loud campaign that is being carried on. In such circumstances the farmer is apt to think that his neighbor is going to cut the acreage and any cutting on his own part can be dispensed with.

Liverpool has bought the near month here quite freely, if it has sold July. Wall Street, and it is intimated Palm Beach, Fla., have at times bought for long account. Some of the Wall Street operators in stocks and cotton are now in Florida. But many houses have branch offices all over that winter resort. There has been more or less "calling" by the mills, moreover, and a good deal more of it remains to be done, according to close observers. Mills, it is pointed out, are buying here rather more freely because they know the inspection at New York is along Government requirements and is very severe. It is so severe that recently it is stated something like 33 1-3% of the arrivals within a stated period were rejected by the inspectors. The cotton that the mill receives at New York is certain to be up to grade. The Southwest at times has been a buyer of July on quite a liberal scale. New Orleans has now and then been a buyer also.

On the other hand, Southern stocks are very large, the certificated stock here is steadily rising, being more than double that of a month ago and moreover the South is a steady seller on advances. A good deal of cotton is said to be coming here for delivery on January contracts. There will be plenty of warehouse room for it. Most of the time Manchester has been dull. It was rumored early in the week that the December consumption in this country was only 262,000 bales. That caused selling. Exports in the main have been small. In Liverpool there has been a good deal of selling on rallies. Famine is reported in the Bombay district of India, and rioting fomented by Bolsheviks has occurred in different parts of India. Silver has further declined. Lately sterling exchange has shown less of an upward tendency and the stock market has had a reaction. Recently, too, cotton has had a rise of 300 points on most months and 400 on January. This is considered by many as discounting anything at all bullish in the situation. Moreover the short interest has been reduced on the big rise. To-day prices were irregular, closing steady at a small net decline after advancing early. January was a sustaining factor, although it closed at 116 points over March, in contrast with nearly 150 at one time. Manchester reported a better business. Fall River's sales of print cloths for the week are said to have been 300,000 pieces at a rise of 1/4c. to 1/2c. These are the largest sales for many months past. But the January deal is being contested. Strenuous efforts are being made to bring large quantities here for delivery on January contracts. Trading in January ceases on the 25th instant. Just at the moment sentiment in favor of a reaction is pretty general, irrespective of opinions as to the ultimate course of prices. The four Knight mills at Providence, R. I., have just resumed full time, and the Harmony Mills at Cohoes, N. Y., will on Monday. Prices end higher for the week here. Spot cotton closed here at 17.65c., a rise for the week of 90 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 8 to Jan. 14—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands	17.10	18.25	17.50	18.10	17.65	17.65

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan. 14 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1921 c.	17.65	1913 c.	13.00	1905 c.	7.20	1897 c.	7.31
1920	39.25	1912	9.65	1904	13.80	1896	8.19
1919	30.90	1911	14.90	1903	8.85	1895	5.75
1918	32.60	1910	14.45	1902	8.25	1894	8.25
1917	18.05	1909	9.60	1901	10.00	1893	9.62
1916	12.50	1908	11.65	1900	7.69	1892	7.56
1915	8.05	1907	10.80	1899	6.06	1891	9.50
1914	12.70	1906	11.95	1898	5.88	1890	10.44

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	Steady, 35 pts. adv.	Very steady			
Monday	Steady, 115 pts. adv.	Very steady		2,600	2,600
Tuesday	Quiet, 75 pts. dec.	Easy		1,400	1,400
Wednesday	Steady, 60 pts. adv.	Barely steady		500	500
Thursday	Quiet, 45 pts. dec.	Steady		2,100	2,100
Friday	Quiet, unchanged	Steady			
Total				6,600	6,600

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 8.	Monday, Jan. 10.	Tuesday, Jan. 11.	Wed'day, Jan. 12.	Thurs'day, Jan. 13.	Friday, Jan. 14.	Week.
January—							
Range	16.25-65	16.50-75	17.00-50	16.75-60	17.15-60	17.02-30	16.25-60
Closing	16.60	17.65-75	17.00-18	17.60	17.15	17.08	
February—							
Range	15.57	16.45	15.77	16.25	16.10	15.95	
Closing	15.57	16.45	15.77	16.25	16.10	15.95	
March—							
Range	15.13-65	15.43-25	15.60-02	15.35-35	15.90-60	15.76-30	15.13-60
Closing	15.47-50	16.20-25	15.74-79	16.18-22	16.03-08	15.92-93	
April—							
Range	15.50	16.20	15.78	16.10	16.00	15.92	
Closing	15.50	16.20	15.78	16.10	16.00	15.92	
May—							
Range	15.10-63	15.42-27	15.65-08	15.45-35	15.88-58	15.70-15	15.10-58
Closing	15.51-55	16.22-27	15.82-88	16.10-14	16.00	15.91-93	
June—							
Range	15.60	16.30	15.90	16.20	15.95	15.95	
Closing	15.60	16.30	15.90	16.20	15.95	15.95	
July—							
Range	15.34-75	15.54-35	15.85-22	15.60-45	15.95-62	15.83-20	15.34-62
Closing	15.62-65	16.33-35	16.00-03	16.25-30	16.07-10	16.04-05	
August—							
Range	15.72	15.75-15	16.10	16.20	16.05	16.02	15.75-10
Closing	15.72	16.40	16.00	16.20	16.05	16.02	
September—							
Range	15.75	15.90-15	15.85-22	16.50	16.25-30	15.85-50	
Closing	15.75	16.45	15.95	16.22	16.09	16.13	
October—							
Range	15.32-85	15.65-40	15.84-23	15.72-40	15.93-50	15.85-25	15.32-50
Closing	15.79-80	16.40	15.93-95	16.18-20	16.05	16.08	
November—							
Range	15.79	16.40	15.90	16.20	16.05	16.05	
Closing	15.79	16.40	15.90	16.20	16.05	16.05	
December—							
Range	15.70	15.85	15.90-95	16.20	15.97-32	15.85-32	
Closing	15.70	16.40	15.90-95	16.20	16.07	16.04	

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.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Stock at Liverpool	1,037,000	905,000	447,000	441,000
Stock at London	5,000	11,000	17,000	22,000
Stock at Manchester	102,000	126,000	71,000	68,000
Total Great Britain	1,144,000	1,042,000	535,000	531,000
Stock at Ghent	39,000			
Stock at Bremen	139,000			
Stock at Havre	201,000	224,000	66,000	139,000
Stock at Rotterdam, &c.	16,000	2,000	1,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona	116,000	80,000	26,000	47,000
Stock at Genoa	52,000	129,000	23,000	27,000
Stock at Trieste				
Total Continental Stocks	563,000	435,000	116,000	217,000
Total European stocks	1,707,000	1,477,000	651,000	748,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	70,000	73,000	30,000	43,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	385,226	765,661	317,282	242,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur'e.	58,000	107,000	48,000	139,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	206,000	243,000	392,000	328,000
Stock in Bombay, India	928,000	556,000	*555,000	*512,000
Stock in U. S. ports	1,433,747	1,442,069	1,449,230	1,365,718
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,743,905	1,318,693	1,489,037	1,297,609
U. S. exports to-day	31,863	33,014	25,195	15,160
Total visible supply	6,563,741	6,015,437	4,956,744	4,688,487
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock	654,000	672,000	291,000	274,000
Manchester stock	91,000	82,000	32,000	24,000
Continental stock	490,000	361,000	*86,000	*184,000
American afloat for Europe	385,226	765,661	317,282	242,000
U. S. port stocks	1,433,747	1,442,069	1,449,230	1,365,718
U. S. interior stocks	1,743,905	1,318,693	1,489,037	1,297,609
U. S. exports to-day	31,863	33,014	25,195	15,160
Total American	4,829,741	4,674,437	3,689,744	3,402,487
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	383,000	233,000	156,000	167,000
London stock	5,000	11,000	17,000	22,000
Manchester stock	11,000	44,000	39,000	44,000
Continental stock	73,000	74,000	*30,000	*33,000
India afloat for Europe	70,000	73,000	30,000	43,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	58,000	107,000	48,000	139,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	206,000	243,000	392,000	328,000
Stock in Bombay, India	928,000	556,000	*555,000	*510,000
Total East India, &c.	1,734,000	1,341,000	1,267,000	1,286,000
Total American	4,829,741	4,674,437	3,689,744	3,402,487
Total visible supply	6,563,741	6,015,437	4,956,744	4,688,487
Middling uplands, Liverpool	10.85d.	28.66d.	19.04d.	23.25d.
Middling uplands, New York	12.65c.	39.25c.	29.10c.	31.75c.
Egypt, good saket, Liverpool	24.00d.	68.50d.	30.79d.	31.95d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	16.00d.	45.00d.	37.00d.	45.40d.
Braoh, fine, Liverpool	9.75d.	24.85d.	18.42d.	22.05d.
Tinnevelly, good, Liverpool	10.25d.	25.00d.	18.67d.	22.30d.

\* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 100,000 bales. The above figures for 1921 show an increase over last week of 4,477 bales, a gain of 548,304 bales over 1920, an excess of 1,606,997 bales over 1919 and a gain of 1,875,254 bales over 1918.

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 Jan. 14 1921.			Movement to Jan. 16 1920.		
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Receipts.		Shipments.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Eufaula	7,630	1,101	5,493	215	5,146	362
Montgomery	443	45,422	466	32,590	1,129	61,682
Selma	277	28,962	114	17,421	392	34,837
Ark., Helena	1,501	31,323	1,378	16,761	468	25,422
Little Rock	4,484	127,729	3,450	63,558	4,443	148,881
Pine Bluff	3,649	87,720	3,237	76,022		22,330
Ga., Albany	154	10,144	13	6,574	56	9,137
Athens	1,614	98,607	2,600	60,870	3,765	114,169
Atlanta	1,261	77,602	3,907	27,230	5,475	178,555
Augusta	5,074	254,588	5,707	160,601	13,441	411,735
Columbus	3,032	29,360	460	29,585	532	33,503
Macon	678	29,721	1,137	19,131	6,658	186,673
Rome	639	22,188	795	8,399	1,000	44,716
La., Shreveport	939	67,166	1,105	60,289	2,376	64,612
Miss., Columbus	112	7,206	1,281	3,428	40	14,457
Clarksdale	2,000	89,399	1,726	90,000	2,500	105,580
Greenwood	1,065	81,190	1,890	63,173	2,000	95,438
Meridian	333	19,528	300	13,044	1,633	30,317
Natchez	500	18,738	500	8,734	175	24,492
Vicksburg	339	10,852	160	14,337	307	15,303
Yazoo City	941	24,696	389	21,320	292	31,793
Mo., St. Louis	26,942	308,970	27,186	20,467	22,652	451,102
N.C., Gr'nshoro	1,214	9,540	701	7,275	1,710	31,273
Raleigh	58	2,901	101	302	395	8,888
Okl., Altus	3,346	38,305	3,298	15,774		
Chickasha	2,684	32,484	1,573	10,664		14,035
Hugo	300	17,500	500	6,634	521	22,136
Oklahoma	2,976	39,972	3,098	8,643		23,451
S. C., Greenville	1,200	33,125	1,224	15,000	3,942	97,087
Greenwood	463	14,828	463	12,724	218	14,269
Tenn., Memphis	23,781	476,677	21,382	385,241	37,056	661,952
Nashville		916		1,332		1,313
Tex., Abilene	391	93,449	699	3,019	2,194	38,254
Brenham	76	9,782	53	4,288	40	5,796
Clarksville	100	22,300	300	12,400	264	35,229
Dallas	814	31,877	526	17,456	1,185	52,770

**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:

January 14— Shipped—	1920-21		1919-20	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	27,186	301,321	23,055	245,733
Via Mounds, &c	3,973	115,066	14,406	276,227
Via Rock Island	1,596	10,579	1,415	11,717
Via Louisville	2,996	31,862	3,482	50,255
Via Virginia points	3,892	56,086	5,891	94,840
Via other routes, &c	15,781	130,728	17,208	201,998
<b>Total gross overland</b>	<b>55,424</b>	<b>645,642</b>	<b>65,457</b>	<b>1,090,770</b>
<b>Deduct Shipments—</b>				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c	3,458	54,471	6,497	109,544
Between interior towns	883	10,750	8,268	46,360
Inland, &c., from South	15,239	108,761	19,724	135,841
<b>Total to be deducted</b>	<b>19,580</b>	<b>173,982</b>	<b>34,489</b>	<b>291,745</b>
<b>Leaving total net overland*</b>	<b>35,844</b>	<b>471,660</b>	<b>30,968</b>	<b>799,025</b>

\* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Revised.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 35,844 bales, against 30,968 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregated net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 327,365 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1920-21		1919-20	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 14	124,468	3,683,836	209,074	4,325,761
Net overland to Jan. 14	35,844	471,660	30,968	799,025
Southern consumption to Jan. 14 <sup>a</sup>	48,000	1,494,000	73,000	1,667,000
<b>Total marketed</b>	<b>208,312</b>	<b>5,649,496</b>	<b>313,042</b>	<b>6,701,786</b>
Interior stocks in excess	164	883,964	*29,803	516,646
<b>Came into sight during week</b>	<b>208,476</b>		<b>283,239</b>	
<b>Total in sight Jan. 14</b>		<b>6,533,460</b>		<b>7,218,432</b>
Nor. spinners' takings to Jan. 14	49,572	885,197	50,364	1,562,536

\* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

**Movement into sight in previous years:**

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1919—Jan. 17	261,549	1918-19—Jan. 17	6,606,283
1918—Jan. 18	245,028	1917-18—Jan. 18	7,840,487
1917—Jan. 19	237,718	1916-17—Jan. 19	9,127,715

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph this evening from the South indicate that rain has been quite general during the week and that at some points the rainfall has been rather heavy.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Abilene, Texas	2 days	0.34 in.	high 74	low 20	mean 47
Brownsville	2 days	0.66 in.	high 80	low 40	mean 60
Dallas	3 days	2.67 in.	high 76	low 30	mean 53
Corpus Christi	2 days	0.26 in.	high 78	low 42	mean 60
Palestine	3 days	1.58 in.	high 66	low 32	mean 49
San Antonio	2 days	0.22 in.	high 80	low 36	mean 58
Del Rio		dry		low 28	
Galveston	2 days	2.02 in.	high 68	low 44	mean 56
New Orleans, La	1 day	0.03 in.			mean 58
Shreveport	4 days	3.26 in.	high 76	low 32	mean 54
Selma, Ala	3 days	2.40 in.	high 69	low 26	mean 47
Mobile, Ala	2 days	0.23 in.	high 72	low 37	mean 54
Savannah, Ga	1 day	0.03 in.	high 72	low 39	mean 53
Charlotte, N. C.		2.94 in.	high 60	low 26	mean 46

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Jan. 14 1921.	Jan. 16 1920.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	8.4
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	10.8
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	13.2
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	15.3
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	20.7

**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 January 14.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed'day.	Thurs'd'y.	Friday.
Galveston	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
New Orleans		14.75	14.75	15.00	15.00	15.00
Mobile	13.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Savannah	15.50	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.50	
Charleston		16.25				
Norfolk	15.25	16.00	15.75	16.00	16.00	16.00
Baltimore		16.00	16.50	16.50	17.00	17.00
Philadelphia	17.35	18.50	17.75	18.35	17.90	17.90
Augusta	14.50	15.25	14.88	15.25	15.25	
Memphis	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Dallas	13.95	14.70	14.20	14.60	14.60	14.35
Houston	14.25	15.00	14.60	14.60	14.45	14.50
Little Rock	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Fort Worth		14.70	14.25	14.50	14.25	14.25

**NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.**—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 8.	Monday, Jan. 10.	Tuesday, Jan. 11.	Wed'day, Jan. 12.	Thurs'd'y, Jan. 13.	Friday, Jan. 14.
January		15.32-35	15.05	15.40	15.19	15.08
March		15.34-38	15.12-16	15.40-50	15.25-27	15.15-19
May		15.53-56	15.25-28	15.40-50	15.26-29	15.20-26
July	HOLIDAY	15.67-70	15.40-44	15.63-68	15.40-44	15.33-38
October		15.75	15.45	15.67	15.50	15.40
December		15.70	15.40	15.62	15.45	15.35
Tone		Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Quiet.	Steady.
Spot		Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	B'ly st'y.	Steady.
Options		Steady.	Steady.	Steady.		Steady.

**CENSUS BUREAU'S REPORT ON COTTON GINNING.**—The Division of Manufactures in the Census Bureau completed and issued on Jan. 10 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Jan. 1, the present season, and we give it below, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of the three preceding years:

	Counting Round as Half Bales—			
	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Alabama	634,927	680,265	750,985	482,695
Arizona	77,562	47,202	29,519	14,651
Arkansas	959,854	716,366	849,150	858,321
California	46,593	41,154	46,757	37,265
Florida	18,220	17,027	26,688	46,408
Georgia	1,366,238	1,636,692	1,952,787	1,768,315
Louisiana	370,024	290,190	524,341	600,349
Mississippi	820,884	822,025	1,049,859	908,099
Missouri	55,139	48,282	51,045	44,749
North Carolina	754,060	787,165	768,948	543,782
Oklahoma	964,621	787,114	541,750	888,117
South Carolina	1,454,290	1,400,337	1,395,765	1,145,620
Tennessee	261,416	240,676	282,045	200,427
Texas	3,752,003	2,469,373	2,479,472	2,975,001
Virginia	13,711	21,050	20,171	16,265
All others	9,688	4,002	4,581	3,788

	Statistics of round bales, and sea island cotton included in the report:			
	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
United States	11,559,230	10,008,920	10,773,863	10,434,852
Round bales	202,276	110,373	145,712	184,104
Sea Island	1,559	6,710	36,270	86,935
Egypto-American included this year			amounted to 63,964 bales.	

**WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.**—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1920-21.		1919-20.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 7	6,559,264		5,909,163	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,956,257		4,792,018
American in sight to Jan. 14	208,476	6,533,460	283,239	7,218,432
Bombay receipts to Jan. 13	690,000	751,000	95,000	993,000
Other India shipm'ts to Jan. 13	63,000	128,000	14,000	178,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 12	620,000	384,000	26,000	600,000
Other supply to Jan. 12*	69,000	131,000	4,000	99,000
<b>Total supply</b>	<b>6,889,740</b>	<b>12,883,717</b>	<b>6,331,402</b>	<b>13,880,450</b>
<b>Deduct—</b>				
Visible supply Jan. 14	6,563,741	6,563,741	6,015,437	6,015,437
<b>Total takings to Jan. 14<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>325,999</b>	<b>6,319,976</b>	<b>315,965</b>	<b>7,865,013</b>
Of which American	221,999	4,688,976	243,965	5,744,013
Of which other	104,000	1,631,000	72,000	2,121,000

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,494,000 bales in 1920-21 and 1,667,000 bales in 1919-20—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 4,825,976 bales in 1920-21 and 6,198,013 bales in 1919-20, of which 3,194,976 bales and 4,077,013 bales American. b Estimated.

**BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.**—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay for the week ending Dec. 23 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Dec. 23. Receipts at—	1920.		1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	73,000	543,000	80,000	693,000	46,000	549,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1920		33,000		33,000	11,000	272,000	137,000	420,000
1919	12,000		38,000	50,000	32,000	189,000	573,000	794,000
1918						61,000	89,000	150,000
Other India <sup>a</sup>								
1920		1,000		1,000	17,000	78,000	26,000	111,000
1919	1,000	3,000	7,000	11,000	14,000	55,000	77,000	146,000
1918								
<b>Total all—</b>								
1920		34,000		34,000	18,000	350,000	163,000	531,000
1919	13,000	3,000	45,000	61,000	64,000	244,000	650,000	940,000
1918						61,000	89,000	150,000

\* No data for 1918.

**ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENT.**

Alexandria, Egypt, December 22.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	119,421	162,729	188,343
Since Aug. 1	2,013,293	3,833,525	3,028,446

Exports (bales)—	1920.		1919.		1918.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	5,466	44,421	4,310	159,778		110,440
To Manchester, &c	5,086	36,634	8,440	87,333	16,834	63,804
To Continent and India	1,760	45,407	1,021	59,082	8,188	39,277
To America	2,420	13,628	19,836	119,873		11,792
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>14,732</b>	<b>140,090</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>426,066</b>	<b>25,022</b>	<b>225,313</b>

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Dec. 22 were 119,421 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,732 bales.

**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is steady for both yarns and cloths. The demand for cloth is improving. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison

	1920-21.						1919-20.					
	32s Cop Twist.		8½ lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's		32s Cop Twist.		8½ lbs. Shrtngs, Common to Finest.		Cot'n Mid. Upl's	
Nov. 19	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.
26	@ 35	@ 35	@ 27 6									

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 95,156 bales. The shipments in detail as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

	Total bales.
NEW YORK—To Havre—Jan. 6—Roman Prince, 10—Jan. 13—	
Algeria, 200	210
To Hamburg—Jan. 8—Ipswich, 65—Jan. 12—Manchuria, 140	205
To Genoa—Jan. 12—Pesaro, 250	250
To Piraeus—Jan. 7—Masillon Bridge, 1,075	1,075
GALVESTON—To Manchester—Jan. 13—Pilar de Larrinaga, 19,197	19,197
To Bremen—Jan. 8—Caroline, 6,614	6,614
To Barcelona—Jan. 11—Mar Blanco, 11,447	11,447
To Genoa—Jan. 12—Lamington, 11,332	11,332
TEXAS CITY—To Mexico—Jan. 7—Labe Pickaway, 200	200
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Jan. 12—Logclan, 10,000	10,000
To Bremen—Jan. 7—Saco, 1,708	1,708
To Anwerp—Jan. 7—Chickasaw, 1,662	1,662
To Gotherburg—Jan. 13—Erken, 650	650
To Oporo—Jan. 13—Pipestone County, 4,316	4,316
To Barcelona—Jan. 14—Tampa, 1,300	1,300
To Japan—Jan. 8—Kaisho Maru, 1,803	1,803
To Bilbao—Jan. 13—Pipestone County, 250	250
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—Jan. 10—Mar de Irlanda, 2,050	2,050
To Ghent—Jan. 10—Mar de Irlanda, 50	50
WILMINGTON—To Genoa—Jan. 13—Fagernes, 6,400	6,400
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Jan. 8—Rexmore, 1,716	1,716
BOSTON—To Manchester—Jan. 29—Caledonian, 281	281
To Hamburg—Dec. 31—Western Plain, 491	491
BALTIMORE—To Ghent—Jan. 7—Auburn, 200	200
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Jan. 7—Persia Maru, 3,793	3,793
Jan. 8—Ecuador, 1,712—Jan. 10—Anyo Maru, 4,654	10,159
To China—Jan. 8—Ecuador, 9	9
SEATTLE—To Japan—Jan. 4—Lima Maru, 1,356—Jan. 9—	
Wheatland Montana, 225	1,581
Total	95,156

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, .60c.	Stockholm, 1.00c.	Vladivostok, 1.00c.
Manchester, .60c.	Trieste, 1.00c.	Gotherburg, 1.00c.
Antwerp, .60c.	Flume, .—	Bremen, 1.00c.
Ghent, via Antwerp, .60c.	Lisbon, .90c.	Hamburg, 1.00c.
Havre, .50c.	Oporto, .90c.	Piraeus, 1.00c.
Rotterdam, .60c.	Barcelona, direct, .90c.	Salonica, 1.00c.
Genoa, .75c.	Japan, 1.00c.	Ilga.
Christiania, 1.00c.	Shanghai, 1.00c.	Reval.
	Bombay, 2.50c.	

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 14.
Sales of the week	8,000	12,000	13,000	32,000
Sales, American	6,000	9,000	11,000	21,000
Actual export	3,000	10,000	2,000	4,000
Forwarded	34,000	45,000	47,000	46,000
Total stock	974,000	1,012,000	1,034,000	1,037,000
Of which American	59,000	629,000	643,000	634,000
Total imports	83,000	97,000	58,000	63,000
Of which American	77,000	77,000	40,000	61,000
Amount afloat	252,000	216,000	184,000	—
Of which American	196,000	167,000	146,000	—

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.		Moderate demand.	More demand.	Quiet.	Good demand.	Fair business doing.
Mld. Upl'ds		10.56	10.78	10.27	10.47	10.85
Sales	HOLIDAY	4,000	5,000	4,000	10,000	6,000
Futures, Market opened		Firm, 37@47 pts. advance.	Quiet, 27@34 pts. advance.	Quiet, 11@16 pts. decline.	Steady, 19@24 pts. advance.	Quiet, 16@25 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.		Very st'dy, 44@56 pts. advance.	Barely st'y, 10@14 pts. decline.	Quiet, 24@30 pts. decline.	Very st'dy, 53@69 pts. advance.	Steady, 3@18 pts. decline.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 8 to Jan. 14.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12 1/4 p. m.	12 1/2 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	1 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	1 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	1 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	1 p. m.	12 1/4 p. m.	1 p. m.
January	d.	d.	10.56	10.61	10.78	10.51	10.27	10.22	10.74	10.91	10.85	10.73
February			10.56	10.61	10.77	10.51	10.25	10.21	10.72	10.89	10.83	10.72
March			10.65	10.66	10.82	10.56	10.31	10.26	10.77	10.92	10.86	10.77
April			10.67	10.69	10.83	10.58	10.33	10.29	10.78	10.92	10.87	10.80
May			10.71	10.72	10.86	10.61	10.37	10.32	10.81	10.95	10.90	10.81
June			10.73	10.74	10.87	10.62	10.39	10.31	10.82	10.96	10.91	10.80
July			10.76	10.77	10.88	10.64	10.41	10.36	10.85	10.98	10.94	10.90
August			10.73	10.74	10.85	10.61	10.38	10.34	10.83	10.94	10.90	10.87
September			10.68	10.70	10.81	10.57	10.35	10.32	10.80	10.89	10.85	10.85
October			10.61	10.65	10.75	10.51	10.29	10.27	10.75	10.84	10.81	10.81
November			10.57	10.62	10.72	10.48	10.26	10.24	10.71	10.79	10.76	10.76
December			10.57	10.62	10.72	10.48	10.26	10.21	10.61	10.74	10.71	10.71

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 14 1921.

Flour has been rather firmer at times, owing to the advance in wheat. But the fact remains that buyers have supplied themselves mostly from the stocks of resellers. Mill trade has been slow. Millers have been firm. In fact, they have been inclined to advance their prices. As for selling much, however, they are not doing it. Also, although export inquiries are by no means lacking the question of credits is a bar to business. The would-be foreign buyers cannot pay cash and terms cannot be arranged on any other basis. Meanwhile resellers are offering flour at below the mill's prices. Naturally they get the business. Rye flour is very firm, being scarce and responding to the strong prices ruling for rye grain. Mills, moreover, are not offering rye flour at all freely. At times there has been a fair jobbing business. Latterly trade has been dull and prices have shown some weakness. Buyers are plainly loath to buy at all freely.

Wheat advanced partly on buying by Great Britain. Besides the question of the Argentine sur-tax has not yet been settled. This to some extent has put Argentina out of the running in the European market for the time being. At any rate, of late British buyers have preferred to buy in this country rather than in Argentina. On the 11th instant the British commission bought some 800,000 bushels. It was also said that Germany bought some 200,000 bushels or more on that day. This put spurs to prices. The net gain within forty-eight hours amounted to 6 to 8 cents. Offerings have fallen off at times quite noticeably. And a sharp advance in sterling exchange certainly did no harm. On the 10th instant there was a rise in wheat of 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents from the low point of the morning. Reports of a famine in India have had more or less effect; also news of agrarian troubles in parts of India. Bolshevism is said to be rife there in different parts of that country. Another factor was a reduced estimate of the Argentine exportable surplus. It was said mistakenly to be only 92,000,000 bushels.

In Chicago there has occasionally been keen buying by houses with seaboard connections. On the other hand, Southern offerings have increased somewhat, and this at times has had a more or less unsettling effect. Still the tone on the whole has been firmer. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 1,881,000 bushels. That brings it down to 41,183,000 bushels, against 70,961,000 a year ago. On Thursday it was announced that the official Argentine estimate of its exportable surplus was 120,000,000 bushels. This causes selling. British buying has latterly fallen off. Reports of the winter wheat condition are almost uniformly favorable. The reported percentages of wheat acreages compared with last year as follows: Ohio 89, Indiana 79, Illinois 88, Missouri 90, Nebraska 87, Kansas 95 and Oklahoma 92. Percentages of farm wheat surplus marketed are as follows: Ohio 66, Indiana 86, Illinois 84, Missouri 74, Iowa 78, South Dakota 83, Nebraska 67, Kansas 61 and Oklahoma 70.

Liverpool cabled: "In the Province of Bombay, India, a famine is prevailing in one district and extension is feared owing to continued drought. However, exports continue from that country and fresh charters are reported. About 1,000,000 bushels are expected to clear from India. Controlled flour in the United Kingdom has been further reduced 1s. per sack of 280 lbs. Stocks of wheat in Liverpool now amount to almost 8,000,000 bushels and in addition there are about 161,000 bbls. of flour available, which figures bear evidence of the large quantities of breadstuffs now on hand in the different ports of the United Kingdom."

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	203 1/2	205 1/2	208 1/2	212	206	209 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	173 1/2	177	178	182	179 1/2	177 1/2
May delivery	166 1/2	168 1/2	168 1/2	172 1/2	170 1/2	170

Indian Corn has fluctuated within narrow limits, but on the whole has been somewhat firmer, partly in sympathy with wheat. Germany it is said will be a big buyer if it can arrange for the credits. Apart from this there has at times been considerable comment on export inquiries, though actual sales have been admittedly small. On the 11th instant, they were 40,000 bushels. On the 10th instant they were 125,000 bushels. But one important drawback has undoubtedly been the large receipts at the West. The visible supply increased last week 1,241,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of only 250,000 bushels. This makes the total 6,649,000 bushels against 3,171,000 bushels a year ago. The domestic cash demand has been light. Country offerings have been large. And it looks as though they will continue to be large. Today prices declined. They are a small fraction off for the week. The Cincinnati Price Current puts the percentage of corn husked as follows: Ohio 83, Indiana 94, Illinois 96, Missouri 90, Iowa 93, South Dakota 92, Nebraska 88, Kansas 87 and Okla. 89. It states the percentages of farm surplus marketed as follows: Ohio 18, India 17, Illinois 23, Missouri 37, Iowa 15, South Dakota 11, Nebraska 14, Kansas 24, and Okla. 22.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	94 1/2	93	93 1/2	94	92 1/2	93 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	74 1/2
July delivery	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	76	75 1/2	75 1/2

Oats, like corn, have moved within a very narrow compass. No striking features have distinguished the week. And changes in prices have been slight. The visible supply increased 183,000 bushels last week, against a decrease in the same week last year of 620,000 bushels. This brings the total up to 32,377,000 bushels, against 12,460,000 a year ago. The cash demand has been light. There has been no great pressure to sell, but the absence of aggressive demand has made the market a rather tame affair. Oats have been affected more or less by the sluggishness of corn, and the big receipts of that cereal. Of course, too, the fact that the visible supply being considerably more than double that of a year ago, has not been without its effect. It is a waiting market pending further developments. To-day prices declined and the end slightly lower for the week. The "Price Current" puts the percentages of farm oats

surplus marketed as follows: Ohio, 48; Indiana, 72; Illinois, 47; Missouri, 68; Iowa, 87; South Dakota, 49; Nebraska, 61; Kansas, 64, and Oklahoma, 55.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 1 white.....cts.	61	61	60½-61	60½-61	60½-61	60½-61
No. 2 white.....	60	60	59½-60	59½-60	59½-60	59½-60

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....cts.	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾
July delivery.....	48	48	48¾	48¾	48	47¾

Rye has been in steady demand and higher. Next to wheat it has been the strongest item on the list. In fact it has been at times quite as strong as wheat. And as with that grain the visible supply is much smaller than that of a year ago. That of rye increased last week it is true 370,000 bushels. But this raised it only to 3,606,000 bushels against 17,958,000 bushels a year ago. In other words the supply is light. At the same time there have been persistent reports of an export demand. Early in the week 100,000 bushels were purchased for foreign markets. Cash prices were strong with light offerings and this appeared to be a bar to actual business. Of late export inquiry has fallen off. To-day prices eased a little but ends higher for the week by 4 to 6c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....cts.	149¾	152½	153	155½	153¾	153¾
July delivery.....	131	135½	136½	138½	137½	137½

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.		FLOUR.	
Wheat—		Spring patents.....	\$9 50@10 25
No. 2 red.....	\$2 09½	Winter straights, soft	8 75@ 9 25
No. 1 spring.....	Nominal	Hard winter straights	9 50@ 10 00
Corn—		Clear.....	7 25@ 8 00
No. 2 yellow.....	\$0 93¾	Rye flour.....	9 10@ 10 00
Rye—		Corn goods, 100 lbs.:	
No. 2.....	1 87¼	Yellow meal.....	2 00@ 2 15
		Oorn flour.....	2 10@ 2 25
		Barley goods—Portage barley:	
		No. 1.....	\$6 75
		Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	7 00
		Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....	6 75@ 6 90
		Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	7 00
		Oats goods—Carload	
		spot delivery.....	6 70

For other tables usually given her, see page 229.

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS, PROVISIONS, COTTON AND PETROLEUM.—The exports of these articles during the month of November and the eleven months for the past three years have been as follows:

Exports from U. S.	1920.		1919.		1918.	
	November.	11 Months.	November.	11 Months.	November.	11 Months.
Quantities						
Wheat..bu.	26,035,147	192,383,961	15,116,167	138,566,764	16,086,927	86,093,560
Flour bois.	1,101,054	18,902,522	1,839,880	25,136,899	1,311,534	19,827,695
Wheat*bu.	30,989,890	277,445,310	23,395,627	251,682,810	21,988,830	175,318,187
Corn...bu.	1,829,398	14,720,333	961,530	9,666,544	1,709,758	33,908,169
Total bush.	32,819,288	292,165,643	24,357,157	261,349,354	23,698,588	214,226,356
Values.						
Breadstuffs	\$9,777,084	\$982,852,257	\$71,711,968	\$864,525,988	\$66,271,644	\$708,127,113
Provisions	39,211,997	481,107,919	61,745,198	1,097,411,736	71,442,235	853,796,080
Cotton	91,138,372	1,044,083,523	181,309,272	956,722,974	59,424,694	572,829,710
Petrol., &c.	47,332,738	486,927,688	32,571,042	310,446,377	30,937,693	315,238,085
Cot's'd oil	3,028,425	29,771,380	2,282,630	38,508,991	1,407,105	20,784,048
Total...	280,488,616	3,034,742,767	349,620,110	3,267,616,066	229,483,371	2,470,775,042

\* Includes flour reduced to bushels.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 14 1921.

The outstanding feature of the week in textile markets has been the presence of a much larger number of buyers than usual, representing all branches of the trade. With many jobbers and wholesale distributors ready to buy standard grades of merchandise in fairly large volume the tone of the markets has stiffened perceptibly. This has been more especially marked in cotton goods, the improvement in other lines being less pronounced. It is true that practically all of the interest seems to be centred in goods available at or close to the lowest price levels recently prevailing, and it is quite evident that it is much more difficult to pick up such bargains than it was a few weeks ago. The fact that some large shipments have been arranged by express or fast freight indicates that certain goods are in extremely scant supply in some quarters. This seems to be especially true of high-class branded merchandise. As a result buyers in some cases are displaying considerable anxiety, and while the higher views of sellers have checked business in some cases, there have been instances where buyers willingly met the advances in order to secure goods. In fact, it is stated that sellers in many cases refused orders from certain quarters, largely because of credit conditions. Owing to the scarcity of certain goods customers of long standing were given the preference. Among some of the buyers for the garment manufacturing trades a disposition was shown to place orders with the smaller producers rather than with the larger factors, it being asserted that prices asked by some of the latter were out of line with the prices that can be secured for the finished garments. The market for commercial paper continues active, with rates unchanged at 7¾% for short-term, high-grade notes and 8% for longer maturities. The lowering of the call money rate is regarded as a forecast of lower rates for business money in the near future.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Still greater activity and higher prices are reported in practically all quarters. Colored cottons have been the strongest item, as recent sales absorbed the bulk of mill stocks and resulted in placing of new orders for goods to be made. There was great improvement in the demand for wash fabrics and staple lines for early delivery, indicating that many jobbers were short of stocks. Some of the mill agents reported enough business in staple ginghams and chambray shirtings to keep their plants busy from two to three months. The new prices also quickened the demand for mercerized damasks materially, and much larger deals were closed for quilts and bedspreads. The new low prices named for denims, on a basis of 17 cents for 2.20s, were regarded as offering an excellent opportunity for makers of working clothes. Indeed, many of the buyers for this class were again in evidence and displaying interest. One of the largest agencies named a new price on bleached muslins, 17½ cents, or a half-cent over the figure fixed at the beginning of the month, at which basis large memorandum sales were confirmed. In spite of the advance, many new orders were placed. In some cases agents had no trouble in securing orders "at value." The fact that buyers in some cases were ready to enter orders for second-quarter delivery indicates the general confidence in the stability of prices. However, little of this forward business was closed, some of the large mills refusing to commit themselves beyond February, while the refusal to make contracts for delivery after March was quite general. The greater activity and broadening of demand has naturally been reflected in gray goods, also, many large and small converters, manufacturers and printers appearing for the first time in several months. Some of the sales were the largest seen since early in 1920. In small lots, also, there was a brisk call for lawns, pongees, voiles, silk-striped fabrics, organdies and dobby fancies. As a result some good gains in prices were established, causing some buyers to withdraw, and checking business somewhat. The better demand for twills and other lining material was regarded as indicating improvement in the garment trades. At the outset there was a steady demand for print cloths in small lots and it soon became evident that some constructions had been closely cleaned up at the low levels recently ruling. As a result, when larger orders appeared later in the week, an advance of about a quarter-cent was scored, forcing average levels from a half-cent to three-quarters-cent above the low marks of December. During the week 38½-inch, 64x60s rose from 8¼c. to 8½c.; 68x72s, from 9½c. to 9¾c.; 4-yard, 80 squares, from 11c. to 11¼c., and other numbers in about the same ratio. Sheetings were picked up more briskly by jobbers, converters and bag manufacturers. The latter were especially active, and some tried to cover second-quarter requirements, but found the mills reluctant. Some export inquiry was also noted for medium and heavy numbers.

WOOLEN GOODS.—In general the market shows further improvement in tone, and in some quarters much better business is reported. The number of buyers in attendance is the largest within a year and they are showing interest in many different kinds of goods, especially piece goods, when prices are low enough to assure a quick turn-over. The presence of wholesale buyers ahead of the usual date is significant of better things in the garment trades because of the early Easter and indications of a more reasonable attitude among needle-workers. It is much easier to sell small lots of dress goods for immediate shipment, but it is too early yet to expect large orders. Still, jobbers and cutters are buying more, especially the finer goods. Duplicate orders have been received for spring goods for men's wear. There has been a fair demand for broadcloths and some mills are disposed to pay more attention to Poiret twills, fine needle cords, and fine poplins. Some of them fear unfavorable speculative developments in tricotines, which have been the most active heretofore, largely because of the appearance of numerous irregular firms.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Demand for burlap was more active during the week, while holders were generally stronger in their views. It was evident that a great deal of the "distress" merchandise previously liquidated had gone into strong hands. Hence it was not surprising that the tone showed decided improvement, following the receipt of higher advices from Calcutta and claims that mills there would be operated only four days a week after Feb. 1, instead of five as at present. The latest quotations from Calcutta for nearby shipment, 5c. for light weights and 6c. for heavies, showed no material change, but the sharp rise in the rupee and sterling exchange greatly increases the cost of importation. As a result, spot quotations here advanced to 4.65@4.75c. for lights and 5.65@5.75c. for heavies. There was a fair call for 36-inch lights, but supplies are limited. Twelve-ounce stock is scarce and held at 6¾@7c. The advance was also caused partly by a report that raw jute in Dundee was about £4 sterling higher, being quoted at £42. In the linen market matters are still virtually deadlocked, with practically all concerned awaiting developments in Belfast. It is realized that the fixed minimum price there is too high to permit of business here, and hence there is no chance for fresh forward business before the agreement expires on March 31, unless the minimum is rescinded before that time.

# State and City Department

## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of December, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 177 of the "Chronicle" of Jan. 1. Since then several belated December returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$45,662,172. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in December was 299 and the number of separate issues 405.

### DECEMBER BOND SALES.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2541	Abbeville, So. Caro.	5½	1940	\$90,000		
79	Ada Co. S. D. No. 9, Ida.			1,000		
79	Ada S. D., Oblo.	6	1926	15,000	100	6.00
79	Adena Village S. D., Ohio	6	1922-1956	35,000	101	5.91
281	Adrian, Mich.	5		164,000	100	5.00
178	Altin Co. S. D. 39, Minn.	6½		40,000	100	6.50
2442	Alachua Co. Sp. Rd. & Bridge D. No. 1, Fla.	5½	1925-1950	310,000		
2541	Albany, N. Y. (2 issues)	5	1922-1941	360,000	100.2798	4.96
2541	Albany, N. Y.	5	1922-1936	19,500	100	5.00
2541	Albany, N. Y.	5	1922-1931	16,200	100	5.00
2541	Albany, N. Y.	5	1922-1933	12,000	100	5.00
2347	Albert Lea, Minn.	6	1930	91,000	100	6.00
79	Alma, Mich.	5½	1923-1938	80,000	99.043	5.64
2443	Alphoretta S. D., Ga.	6½	1931-1949	18,500		
2347	Alpine, Tex.	5½		20,000		
2541	Amarillo, Tex.			300,000	100	
178	Anaheim, Calif.	6	1921-1960	100,000		
178	Anderson County, Tenn.	6	1940-1943	100,000	101.01	5.92
282	Avilla Sp. Rd. Dist., Mo.	6	1923-1935	30,000		
2347	Avondale (Mun.) Irrigation Dist., Idaho	6½	1931-1940	50,000		
178	Avoca, Minn.	6		10,000	100	6.00
2443	Bartholomew Co., Ind.	4½	1922-1931	35,000		
2541	Bayfield, Wis.	6	1921-1940	20,000	100	6.00
282	Bellefleur, Ohio	6	1921-1924	8,000	100	6.00
79	Bellefontaine S. D., Ohio			84,000		
282	Bellefonte S. D., N. J.	5	1921-1960	90,000	100	5.00
79	Belmont Co., Ohio	6		18,000	100.166	
2347	Beltrami Co., Minn.	6	1930	250,000	100	6.00
79	Benson, No. Caro. (3 iss.)	6		155,000	100	6.00
79	Berea, Ohio (2 issues)	6	1921-1940	80,000		
2247	Bergen Co., N. J.	5½	1922-1938	628,000	101.379	5.32
2247	Bergen Co., N. J.	5½	1922-1950	269,000	103.179	5.20
2247	Bergen Co., N. J.	5½	1922-1949	49,000	102.381	5.25
2443	Berkeley Gram S. D., Calif.	5		203,000		
2443	Berkley High S. D., Calif.	5		218,000		
2443	Big Creek Dr. D., Tenn.		1940	250,000	100	
79	Big Pine U. H. S. D., Calif.	6	1921-1935	15,000	100.006	5.99
282	Big Tarkio Dr. Dist., Mo.	6		25,000		
2347	Biloxi, Miss.			350,000		
178	Binghamton, N. Y.			11,900	100	
178	Bladenboro, No. Caro.	6		10,000		
282	Blue Lake Dr. Dist., Miss.	6	1923-1940	140,000		
179	Boone Co., Ind. (3 issues)	4½	1921-1930	52,400	100	4.50
282	Broadwater Co., Mont.	6		100,000	100	6.00
79	Brockton, Mass. (6 iss.)	5		175,000	100	5.00
2347	Bronxville, N. Y.	6	1950	1,500	101.26	5.91
282	Buffalo, N. Y.	4	1921	20,686		
2542	Burlington, N. J.	5		85,000	100	5.00
179	Byron-Bethany Irr. D., Calif.	6		15,000		
2347	Calhoun Co., Ill.	6	1921-1930	110,000		
2347	Cedar Rapids I. S. D., Ia.	5	1940	500,000		
282	Celina, Ohio	6	1925 & 1928	21,000	100	6.00
2443	Center Sch. Twp., Ind.	6	1921-1930	95,000	101.071	5.62
179	Chadron, Neb.			50,000	100	
2347	Chappell, Neb.	6	d1925-1940	7,000		
2347	Cherryville, No. Caro.	6		90,000	100	6.00
2542	Chicopee, Mass.	5½	1921-1925	75,000	100.16	5.44
79	Citizens Twp. S. D., Ohio	5½	1922-1941	40,000	100	5.25
282	Clearcreek Sch. Twp., Ind.	5	1921-1935	15,000	100	5.00
2347	Cleveland Hts., O. (4 iss.)	6	1927-1931	120,500	100.448	5.93
2347	Clyde, Ohio	6	1924-1927	4,000	100	6.00
2443	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	6		9,000	100	6.00
2347	Coffee Co., Ala.			16,000		
79	Columbus, Ohio	5½	1928	137,000		
2347	Conneaut, Ohio (3 iss.)	6	1921-1930	3,140	102.165	5.52
179	Contra Costa Co. Recl'm'n Dist., Calif.			20,000	94	
179	Conway Sp. Rd. D. 2, Mo.			14,000		
2347	Cottonwood Co., Minn.	6		22,900		
2443	Cohn Central Con. Reclamation Dist., Calif.	6	1926-1930	118,000		
2443	Crookston, Minn.	6		2,658		
179	Crow Wing Co., Minn.	6	1930	70,000	100.71	5.91
2348	Curry Co., Ore.	6	1934	30,000	100	6.00
2542	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	6	a1946	55,000	102.06	5.84
2542	Dakota County, Minn.	5½	1925	250,000	101	5.51
2542	Dawson County, Mont.	6		200,000	100	6.00
2443	Decatur, Ga. (2 issues)	5		150,000		
179	Dearborn County, Ind.	5		23,100	100	5.00
2542	Dearborn County, Ind.	5	1922-1931	15,600	100	5.00
79	Decatur San. Dist., Ill.	5	1924-1938	200,000		
179	Del Norte, Colo.	6	d1930-1935	9,000		
79	Deshler, Neb.			8,000		
2443	Dickinson C. S. D., N. Y.	6	1921-1940	100,000	100.15	5.98
180	Dodge County, Minn.	5	1930	50,000	100	5.00
2542	Dover, Ohio	6	1922-1931	4,000	100	6.00
2542	Dublin, Ga.	5	1936-1950	55,000		
2348	Dubois County, Ind.	5	1922-1931	30,000	100	5.00
2443	Du Page Co. S. D. No. 33, Ill.	6	a1933	50,000		
2542	East Lake, Ga.	5½	a1940	35,000		
283	Easton S. D., Pa.	4½	1950	300,000	100	4.50
2444	East Palestine, Ohio	5	1925	10,000	100	5.00
2542	East Peoria H. S. D., Ill.	6	1923-1937	150,000		
80	Eau Claire, So. Caro.	6		40,000	100	6.00
2444	El Centro, Calif.	6	1921-1960	15,000	100	6.00
2542	Elizabeth Boro S. D., Pa.	5½	1939	35,000	103.25	5.20
2348	El Paso County, Tex.			10,000		
2542	Elvins S. D. No. 7, Mo.	6		80,000		
80	Enterprise, Ore.	6	d1921-1931	27,500	96.50	
2444	Escambia Co. Sp. Tax S. D. No. 16, Fla.	6	a1938	500,000	98.33	6.16
180	Euclid, Ohio (17 issues)	6	1923-1932	241,250	100	6.00
2543	Everett, Mass.	5½	1921-1926	18,000	100.41	5.37
180	Farely Lake Levee Dist., Ark.	5½	1931-1950	1,000,000		
180	Flndlay Twp. S. D., Pa.	5½	a1941	100,000	102.867	5.27
80	Flat Creek Sp. Rd. D., Mo.			30,000		
2444	Follett Ind. S. D., Tex.	5		25,000	100	5.00
180	Franklin County, Iowa	6	1931	70,000		
2348	Franklin County, Ohio	6	1924-1930	41,990	*	
80	Franklin County, Ohio	6	1921-1930	128,000	100	6.00
2444	Freewater, Ore.	6	1921-1930	31,349	100	6.00
283	Gainesville S. D., Mo.	6	1923-1936	16,500		
2348	Gallatin County, Ill.	6	1922-1925	57,000		
2543	Gallatin County, Mont.	6	1921	19,500	100	6.00
2543	Garden County, Neb.	6	1931-1940	27,000		
80	Garwood, N. J.	5	1921-1926	15,000	100	5.00

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2348	Gooding, Ida.	6		7,000		
181	Grand Rapids, Mich.	5	1940	100,000	100	5.00
2444	Grandview Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1960	90,000		
2543	Granis Pass Irr. D., Ore.	6	1930-1940	200,000	90	
181	Greene County, Tenn.	5½	a1942	310,000		
2444	Greenwood, S. C. (2 iss.)	6		200,000	98.06	
181	Grossmont Union High School Dist., Calif.	6		110,000	100.60	
80	Hantrancok S. D. 8, Mich.	5½	1935	150,000	101.65	5.35
80	Hanover Twp. S. D., N. J.	6	1921-1940	100,000		
283	Hardin Co., Ohio	6	1922-1925	80,000	100	6.00
2444	Hardin County, Iowa	6	1930-1940	48,000		
2348	Hardin County, Ohio	6	1921-1929	31,130	100.53	5.89
80	Harrison County, Ind.	4½	1922-1936	6,000	100	4.50
80	Haxtum, Colo.	6	1935	27,000		
2543	Helena, Mont.	6	1926-1935	200,000	100	
2543	Highland Park, N. J.	6	1926	275,000		
2444	Hill Co. Com. S. D. No. 19, Tex.	5		6,500	100	5.00
2444	Hilliards, Ohio	6	1922-1927	3,000	100	6.00
80	Hinds County, Miss.	6	1922-1946	200,000	101.125	5.89
181	Hocking Co., O. (4 issues)	6	1921-1930	284,100	100	6.00
2543	Holly, Colo.	6	1930-1935	20,000		
284	Humboldt, Kans.	6	1921-1930	44,159		
284	Humboldt, Kans.	5½	1921-1930	21,461		
2444	Indianapolis, Ind.	5½	1922-1941	40,000	100	5.25
80	Indianapolis, Ind.	6	1926	200,000	100.03	5.99
80	Island County, Wash.	6		27,000		
2348	Itasca County, Minn.	5½		250,000	101.18	
2444	Jalama S. D., Calif.	6	1921-1925	2,500	100.20	5.90
2444	Jamestown, Ohio	6	1921-1925	2,750	100	6.00
2249	Jefferson County, N. Y.	5	1923-1942	100,000	100.82	4.90
2444	Jefferson County, Wis.	5	1921	100,000		
2445	Jefferson Co. Dr. D. No. 1, Kans.	6	1926-1936	75,000		
80	Jefferson Co. S. D. No. 42, Ida.			10,000		
284	Jennings Co., Ind.	4½	1922-1931	14,550	100	4.50
2348	Jersey City, N. J.	6	1923-1926	1,271,000		
2445	Jersey City, N. J.	5½	1922-1956	847,000	102.009	5.33
2543	Jerome, Ida. (2 issues)	6	d1930-1940	22,000		
2445	Johnson's Corner S. D., Ga.	6	1940	11,000		
80	Kandiyohi County, Minn.	6	1926-1940	75,000	100	6.00
2348	Keoughton, Va.	6		12,500		
80	Knox Co., Ind. (2 issues)	5		30,600		
2543	Knoxville, Iowa	6	1929-1941	13,000		
2445	Lake Co. I. S. D. 3, So. Dak.	6	a1935	80,000	100	6.0

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2446	Rexburg Impt. D. 12. Ida	7	1921-1930	186,500	100	6.00	282	Clearfield, Pa. (Sept.)	5 1/4	d1940-1950	40,000	100	5.25
2485	Richland Co., Ohio	6	1922-1921	34,000	100	6.00	179	Clyde, Ohio (3 Iss.) (Apr.)	6	various	33,000	100	6.00
2545	Richland Twp. Rd. Impt.	6	1921-1910	220,000			179	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (5 issues) (Sept.)	6	various	117,500	100	6.00
2446	Riverside Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1960	50,000	100	5.00	179	Dayton, Ohio (15 issues) (Oct.)	5&6	1921	26,770	*100	7.50
2545	Roanoke, Va. (3 issues)	4 1/2	1949	650,000	84.26	5.60	2443	Derry Twp., Pa. (Aug.)	5 1/2	1924-1938	50,000	100	5.50
82	Rochelle Twp. H. S. D.	6	1923-1940	150,000			179	Dickinson S. D. No. 1, No. Dak. (September)	4		80,000	100	4.10
2545	Rock County, Minn.	5 3/4	1925-1940	60,000	101		283	East Cleveland, Ohio (2 issues) (Oct.)	6	1925	41,719	100	6.00
2446	Rock Hill, So. Caro.	6	1921-1940	100,000	100	6.00	283	East Cleveland, Ohio (2 issues) (Oct.)	6	1930	37,561	100	6.00
2447	Rockport, Ind.	6	1927	3,165	100	6.00	283	East Cleveland, O. (Oct.)	6	1922	4,000	100	6.00
285	Rogersville, Tenn.			25,000			180	East Liverpool, Ohio (1 issues) (July)	5	1921-1925	14,509	100	5.00
2545	Rosebud County, Mont.	6		60,000			180	East Youngstown, Ohio (July)	6	1925-1941	100,000	100	6.00
82	Routt Co. S. D. No. 2, Colo.	5 1/2	d1929-1934	60,000			180	Eaton, Ohio (July)	6	1922-1948	27,500	100	6.00
82	St. Edwards, Neb.	7	1921-1939	30,688			1391	Ecorse, Mich. (8 issues) (August)	6	1950	200,000	101.49	5.90
2447	St. Louis County, Minn.	5 1/2	1926-1940	18,000	101.03		180	Export, Pa. (Mar.)	5	1924-1939	10,000		
2447	St. Louis County, Minn.	5 1/2	1931-1940	5,000			283	Farmington Twp., Ohio	6	1922-1925	2,000	100	6.00
183	St. Louis County, Minn.	5 1/2	1930	250,000	100.64	5.41	283	Farmville Twp. Sp. T. S. D. No. 3, N. C. (Oct.)	6		40,000	100	6.00
82	Sac City, Iowa (2 issues)	6		33,000			2444	Fayetteville, No. Caro.	6	1922-1936	80,000	100.03	
82	Sac County, Iowa	5 3/4		40,000			2444	Fayetteville, No. Caro.	6	1922-1931	14,000		
183	Sacramento, Calif.	4 1/2	1921-1960	1,191,000	100	4.50	283	Finney Co., Kan. (Oct.)	5	1921-1940	40,000		6.00
183	Sanger S. D., Calif.	5		42,000			180	Fleming, Colo.	6	d1930-1935	40,000	95	
2545	Salem, Ind.	6		8,000	100	6.00	883	Fresno, Calif. (Apr.)	5		70,000	100	5.00
2350	Salt Lake City, Utah	5	1940	500,000	97.34	5.22	283	Fulton Co., Ohio (Oct.)	6	1922-1924	13,550	100	6.00
2350	Sacramento, Calif.			15,010			283	Gallipolis S. D., O. (Oct.)	6	1921-1928	33,000	100	6.00
82	Sarasota, Fla.			35,000	100		180	Garden Co. S. D. No. 44, Neb. (Oct.)	6	1922-1945	11,000		
2447	Satanta R. H. S. D., Kans.			70,000			2444	Gibbs S. D. 32, No. Dak. (September)	4	1940	7,000	100	4.00
82	Schuyler, Neb.	5 3/4		8,000			283	Glenmont R. S. D., Ohio	6	1941-1951	40,000		
82	Scotia, N. Y.	5 3/4	1941	3,600	100	5.75	181	Grand Rapids, Mich. (2 issues) (Sept.)	5	1940	100,000	100	5.00
2447	Scott County, Ind.	5		17,800	100	5.00	181	Grant Co. Rd. D. No. 9, Ark.	6	1921-1940	78,000		
183	Scott Valley Irr. D., Cal.	6		125,000	100	6.00	2444	Grenora Spec. S. D. No. 94, No. Dak. (Sept.)	4	1940	19,000	100	4.00
2447	Shaker Hts. VII S. D., Ohio	6	1928-1943	250,000			283	Hanford S. D., Calif.	6		48,000	103.90	
2252	Shelby Sep. S. D., Miss.	6		35,000			283	Holmes County, Ohio	6	1922-1926	14,000	100	6.00
2447	Shelby County, Ind.	5	1922-1931	38,920	100	5.00	2444	Hoople Con. S. D. No. 42, No. Dak. (Sept.)	4	1940	22,000	100	4.00
82	Sioux Falls Ind. S. D., Iowa	5	1941	300,000			284	Kenmore, Ohio	6	1924	5,000	100	6.00
183	Slayton, Minn.	6		98,300	100	6.00	2444	Kenyon Spec. S. D. No. 75, No. Dak. (Oct.)	4	1925	40,000	100	4.00
2350	Southington Twp. R. S. D., Ohio	6	1921-1925	5,000	100	6.00	2445	Lima, Ohio (Oct.)	6	1925	224,000	100	6.00
183	Springville, Utah	6	1940	15,000			2445	Linden Spec. Sch. Dist., No. Dak. (Oct.)	4	1940	60,000	100	4.00
2350	Springfield City S. D., Mo.	5	d1933	600,000			284	Logan Twp., Ohio (Aug.)	5	1921-1923	6,552	100	5.00
82	Springfield Twp. S. D., O.	5	1921-1940	60,000	100	5.00	181	Lorain, Ohio (3 issues) (Sept.)	6	1921-1930	143,235	100	6.00
2252	Stamford, Conn.	5	1925-1933	125,000	101.16	4.83	181	Lorain, Ohio (Sept.)	6	1923-1932	30,000	100	6.00
286	Stevens Co. S. D. No. 6, Wash.	5 3/4	d1921-1940	4,000	100	5.75	1494	Lovell, Wyo. (Sept.)	6	d1935-1950	50,000		
183	Stuyvesant Com. S. D., N. Y.	6	1922-1924	3,000	100.50	5.73	181	Lowell, Mass. (April) (2 issues)	5	various	120,000	100.719	
2350	Suinter County, Fla.	5		750,000	95		181	Lowell, Mass. (May)	5	various	30,000		
183	Sweetwater Un. H. S. D., Calif.	6	1926-1945	172,000	100.96		181	Lowell, Mass. (July)	5 1/2	1921-40	200,000	100.07	
2545	Swissvale, Pa.			20,000			181	Lowell, Mass. (Sept.) (3 issues)	6	1921-1938	72,000	101.05	
2447	Texas (State of) (9 issues)	5	1941	23,700	100	5.00	181	Lowell, Mass. (Sept.)	6	various	28,000	100.06	
2545	Topeka, Kans.	5 1/2	1941	300,000	101.56	5.37	181	Lowell, Mass. (Sept.)	5 1/2	1921-1932	12,000	100.06	
2350	Traverse County, Minn.	5 3/4	1930	86,000	100.98	5.62	181	Lowell, Mass. (Sept.)	5	1921-1940	20,000	100.50	
2447	Troy, Ohio	6	1928	8,000	100.328	5.94	181	Lowell, Mass. (Oct.)	5 1/2	1921-1925	20,000	100	5.50
2546	Turlock Irr. Dist., Calif.	6	1936-1951	2,570,000	100	6.00	181	Lyons S. D., Ohio	6	1921-1940	65,000	100	6.00
286	Union, N. J.	6	1921-1933	134,000			284	McMinn County, Tenn.	6	d1935-1950	75,000		
2546	Union, N. J.	6	1921-1945	412,000	102.427	5.72	2445	Manheim S. D., No. Dak. (August)	4	1940	6,000	100	4.00
82	Union County, No. Caro.	6	1921-1950	200,000	100	6.00	284	Maricopa Co. S. D. No. 1, Ariz. (Oct.)	6		350,000	100	6.00
183	Utica, N. Y.	5 1/2	1921-1925	4,500			181	Marion, Ohio (Oct.)	6	1921-1928	271,127	100	6.00
82	Utica, N. Y.	5 1/2	1925	4,500	100	5.50	182	Massachusetts (State of) (2 issues) (Jan.)	4 1/2	various	225,000	100	4.25
82	Vandergrift, Pa.	5	1921-1947	27,000	100	5.00	182	Massachusetts (State of) (Mar.)	4 1/2	1920-1959	284,000	100	4.50
2350	Van Zandt County, Tex.	6	1921-1935	80,000			182	Marion Co., Ohio (Sept.)	6	1921-1929	18,500	100	6.00
183	Vernon Twp. S. D., Mich.	6	1935	13,000	100	6.00	284	Mechanicsburg, Ohio	6	1921-1930	4,000	100	6.00
2546	Walbridge, Ohio	6	1921-1932	12,000	100	6.00	284	Morgan Co., Ind. (Sept.)	4 1/2	1921-1930	5,300	100	4.50
183	Warren, Ohio	5	1921-1948	687,500	100	5.00	284	Moulton Twp., O. (Oct.)	5	1922-1926	12,800	100	5.00
183	Warren, Ohio	6	1921-1930	71,800	100	6.00	1107	Nampa, Ida. (Sept.)	7	1921-1930	225,000		
183	Warren, Ohio	6	1921-1923	21,200	100	6.00	284	New London S. D., Ohio (Oct.)	6	1922-1928	7,000	100	6.00
183	Warren, Ohio	6	1930-1933	7,500	100	6.00	284	Noble County, Ohio	6	1921-1930	50,000	100	6.00
183	Warren, Ohio	6	1930	300,000	100	6.00	182	No. Canton S. D., Ohio (Oct.)	6	1921-1960	120,000	100	6.00
183	Warren, Ohio	6	1922-1926	45,000	100	6.00	2445	No. Charleston S. D., So. Caro.	6	1940	25,000		
2447	Warren City S. D., Ohio	6	1940-1946	36,000	107.15	5.45	2445	No. Dakota Sch. Dists. (August) (6 issues)	4	Various	16,400	100	4.00
2546	Washakie Co. S. D. No. 5, Wyo.	6	d1935-1945	5,000			2445	No. Dakota Sch. Dists. (September) (3 issues)	4	Various	6,500	100	4.00
82	Washington Co. S. D. No. 67, Colo.	6	d1930-1940	2,000			2445	No. Dakota Sch. Dists. (October) (1 issue)	4		3,500	100	4.00
2447	Watertown, N. Y.	5	1931-1944	70,000	101.55	4.86	182	Ocean Co., N. J. (Sept.)	5	1922-1950	75,000	100	5.00
2447	Waterville, Me.	5 1/2	1940	20,000	104.761	5.12	182	Oconee Co., So. Caro. (July)	6	1922-1949	300,000		
2546	Weston Co. S. D. 7, Wyo.	6		25,000	100	6.00	285	Portsmouth, Ohio	6	1930-1938	9,000	104.074	5.58
2546	West Orange, N. J.	6	1926	90,000	100.201	5.96	183	Rittman, Ohio (Sept.)	6	1926-1937	6,000	103.016	5.62
2350	Wichita Falls, Tex.	5	d1930-1960	800,000			285	Rocky River, Ohio (Sept.)	6	1921-1931	5,500		
183	Williamsville, N. Y.	6	1921-1924	2,000	100	6.00	183	St. Louis, Mo. (July)	4 1/2	1940	1,040,000	*100	4.56
183	Wilson S. D., Pa.	5	d1942	65,000	100.01	4.99	2350	Seattle, Wash. (15 iss.)	6	1932	393,805		
183	Windom, Minn. (2 issues)	6		17,000	100	6.00	286	Seward Sch. Twp., Ind. (Sept.)	6	1921-1935	50,000	100	6.00
2448	Wylie Ind. S. D., Tex.	5		12,500	100	5.00	183	Somerville, Mass. (Apr.)	5	1921-1930	50,000	100.181	4.96
2350	Xenia S. D., Ohio	6	1920-1940	20,000	100.755	5.90	82	Tacoma, Wash.	6	1925 & 1930	18,190		
2547	Yakima County, Wash.	6		250,000	100	6.00	183	Tuscarawas Twp. S. D., Ohio (Sept.)	6	1921-1926	12,000		
2547	Yakima County, Wash.	7		7,000	93.35		2447	Tyndall, So. Dak.	6	1930	145,000	100.006	5.99
2547	Yakima County, Wash.	7		31,000	93.50		183	Uniontown, Pa.	5	1950	70,000	100	5.00
2547	Yakima Co. S. D. 88, Wash.	5 3/4		7,950									

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2449	Ontario (Province of)	6	1935	9,000,000	---	---
2547	Ontario (Province of)	6	1935	1,000,000	---	---
2547	Oshawa, Ont. (2 issues)	6	---	43,801	93.42	6 80
83	Prince Rupert, B. C.	---	---	150,000	---	---
2449	Quebec (Province of)	6	1925 & 1930	3,000,000	---	---
2449	Renfrew, Ont. (2 issues)	6	---	45,016	91.13	---
83	St. Jerome de Motane, Que.	6	1925	100,000	95.87	6 00
2547	St. John, N. B.	6	1930	140,000	---	---
2547	St. John, N. B.	6	1935	90,000	---	---
184	Saskatchewan S. D., Sask.	8	---	52,550	---	---
83	Saskatchewan S. D., Sask.	8	---	19,650	---	---
83	Seaforth, Ont.	6	---	6,000	---	---
83	Sorel, Que.	6	1921-1930	80,000	97.50	6 55
2351	Stamford Twp., Ont.	6	1940	21,535	98	---
2547	Strassbourg, Sask.	8	1935	4,000	---	---
83	Teck Twp., Ont.	6	1921-1935	15,000	---	---
2449	Toronto, Ont.	5 1/2	1922-1930	1,055,000	---	---
2449	Walkerville, Ont.	6	---	300,000	94.091	6 65
2351	Winnipeg, Man.	6	1930	800,000	102.89	5 72
83	Winnipeg, Man.	6	1950	1,000,000	91.33	6 67
2449	York Township, Ont.	6	---	129,610	95.303	---
2449	York Township, Ont.	6	---	37,000	---	---
184	Yorkton, Sask.	7	1925	100,000	97.50	7 60

Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during December 1920-----\$26,040,988

ADDITIONAL SALES OF DEBENTURES FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2448	Hallifax, N. S. (May)	6	1930	\$505,000	---	---
2448	Hallifax, N. S.	5 1/2	1953	340,000	92.85	6 00
2449	Saskatchewan S. D., Sask.	7 & 8	---	6,700	---	---
2547	Saskatchewan S. D., Sask.	8	---	19,900	---	---

All the above sales of debentures (except as indicated) took place in November. These additional November sales make the total sales of debentures for that month \$14,792,560.

a Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and after the earlier year and mature in the later year. k Not including \$46,385,000 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. z Taken by sinking fund as an investment. y And other considerations. x U. S. funds

NEWS ITEMS.

**Maine.**—Official Returns on Proposed Amendments to Constitution.—H. A. Shorey, Jr., Deputy Secretary of State informs us that three of the four propositions submitted to the voters of Maine on Sept. 13 1920 were approved. One of these amends Section 14 of Article 9 of the State Constitution so as to provide for the payment of a bonus to soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany. This amendment adds a new section to Article 9 and provides that the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$3,000,000 to be devoted to the payment of the bonus. The total vote on the various propositions were:

Constitutional Amendments—	For.	Against.
1. Division of towns into polling places	76,129	29,333
2. Bonus for soldiers and sailors	105,712	32,820
3. Income tax	53,975	64,787
4. Referendum granting women the right to vote for Presidential electors	88,080	30,462

We print below the new section added to Article 9 which is designated as Section "19" and Section 14 showing the new matter in italics:

Sec. 19. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of three million dollars, payable within ten years, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.

Sec. 14. The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the State, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building State highways, intra-State, inter-State and international bridges to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war; to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany; or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine, but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this State by the Government of the United States, or to any fund which the State shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.

**Methuen, Mass.**—Supreme Court Holds Incorporation as City is Invalid.—The Massachusetts Supreme Court in a decision rendered Jan. 7 held that Chapter 289 of the Acts of 1917 incorporating the town of Methuen as a city was not in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Boston "Transcript" summarizes the case as follows:

"The full Supreme Court on Jan. 7 handed down a decision that Chapter 289, Acts of 1917, incorporating the town of Methuen as a city was not in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of Massachusetts, Methuen, therefore, finds that after two and a half years of conducting its business, and taking pride in itself as a city, really has been a town all the time. It is within the power of the Legislature to legalize all of the business transacted as a city, but in order to become legally incorporated in that capacity the town must again cut all the red tape provided by law.

The constitution provides that where a town desires to change its form of government all its inhabitants must be warned of a meeting duly called for that purpose. This course, the court says, was not pursued. Three selectmen filed a petition with the Legislature asking for a city charter and on March 1 1917, the legislative committee on cities went to Methuen and gave a public hearing in the Town Hall. The committee took with it an expert on city government plans and he explained the different forms. Plan B was adopted by a majority of those present as the most desirable. Later the Legislature passed the Act incorporating the town as a city.

Friends of the city charter claimed that the meeting of the legislative committee in Methuen was a substantial compliance with the constitutional provision, but the Supreme Court now holds otherwise.

**New York State.**—Official Count on Constitutional Amendment and Soldiers' Bonus Proposition.—According to the complete returns given us by Secretary of State Lyons the proposed amendment to Sections 2, 4, 5, 11 and 12 of Article 7 of the State Constitution (V. 111, p. 1008) and the Soldiers' Bonus measure (V. 110, p. 889), which were submitted to the voters on Nov. 2 1920, carried. The official count of the votes on these measures were:

	For.	Against.
Constitutional amendment	1,117,546	630,265
Soldiers' bonus	1,454,940	673,292

**Ohio.**—Amendment to Constitution Proposed.—A resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution so as to authorize a soldiers' bonus was introduced in both branches of the Ohio Legislature on Jan. 11. The Cleveland "Plain Dealer" in describing the proposition says:

"Briefly, the proposed constitutional amendment, if passed by the Legislature and approved by the electorate, will do this.

Pay \$10 a month with a maximum of \$250 to all ex-service men who were residents of Ohio when they entered the service, and who served honorably in the army, navy or marine corps between April 6 1917 and Nov. 11 1918. Officers above the rank of captain are excluded from the benefits.

Conscientious or political objectors and those not honorably discharged, are barred.

The maximum cost to the State, Hugh K. Martin, Adjutant at legion headquarters, said is estimated at \$25,000,000. This fund is to be provided by issuance of tax free bonds, to be retired over a period of twenty-five years by an annual State tax levy of not more than 1/2 a mill.

This fund is to be administered by the State Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. Those who do not want to accept the bonus may assign their share to "any organization composed exclusively of World War veterans, or for the purpose of erecting and maintaining hospitals in the State of Ohio for the relief of World War veterans."

By adopting the tactics of amending the constitution, the whole question, if passed by the legislature, will be put up to the people of the State, rather than becoming subject matter for political controversy and maneuvering."

**San Bruno, Calif.**—Court Rules that City May Buy Water Works.—Judge Geo. H. Buck of the Superior Court on Dec. 9 decided against the taxpayers who sought an injunction against the San Bruno City Board of Trustees to restrain them from buying the water-works of that city. A special dispatch from Redwood City to the San Francisco "Chronicle" under date of Dec. 9 had the following to say regarding the matter:

"The suit of the San Bruno Taxpayers' Protective Association for an injunction against the San Bruno City Board of Trustees restraining them from buying the water works of that city, without first calling a bond election, was denied here in the Superior Court this morning by Judge George H. Buck.

In his decision Judge Buck upheld the validity of the 1913 public utilities Act, which permits a city to purchase a public utility under a special assessment plan, instead of calling a bond election and obtaining a two-thirds vote in its favor.

The San Bruno City Board of Trustees recently voted to buy the city's water works, and created the city into an assessment district in order to pay for the same.

The San Bruno Taxpayers Protective Association was formed by some of the objecting citizens who sued for injunction. They based their contention on the old Municipal Corporation Act, which fixes that when taxation of the people goes over \$1 it is necessary to call a special election and carry the issue by a two-thirds vote.

In discussing the case, Judge Buck stated that this probably was the first test of the validity of the Municipal Act of 1913. He was not prepared to say, he stated, just how far the line of reasoning might be followed out, but that under this Act the board of trustees of a city might not only purchase water works without calling an election, but they probably could also purchase any municipal or public utility, such as gas works, &c.

Attorney John F. Davis of Burlingame represented San Bruno. Attorney A. P. Black of San Francisco, acting for the taxpayers, stated that he would file an appeal."

**Washington (State of).**—Validity of Soldiers' Bonus Upheld.—The Washington Supreme Court on Jan. 3 sustained the validity of the soldiers' bonus measure adopted by the voters on Nov. 2 1920 (V. 111, p. 2442). A special dispatch from Olympia to the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" dated Jan. 3, said:

"By unanimous decision the Supreme Court to-day sustained the validity of the soldiers' bonus bill passed as a referendum measure at the special session of the legislature in March 1920, and adopted by vote of the people at the November election.

As a result of the favorable decision rendered in the test case brought by the State board of finance to compel the State auditor to issue warrants drawn on the permanent school fund to purchase the \$11,000,000 bond issue authorized by the measure, the board will be called together at once to complete details preliminary to actual payments of amounts due former service men from this State of \$15 for each month they served during the war.

The decision of the court is based upon the theory that the services rendered by soldiers, sailors and marines during the recent war were for a public purpose and therefore may be compensated from funds raised by the exercise of the taxing power of the State, and that the legislative power of the commonwealth is sufficient to enable it to make compensation for the services rendered, because there is a moral obligation to compensate for such services.

Holding that restrictions against exercising the taxing power for any except public purposes are the same under the Federal and State constitutions, the court cites a long line of United States Supreme Court decisions sustaining the power of Congress to raise money by taxation for the purpose of paying pensions and compensating those who have rendered military services.

According to the contention that the services were performed while in the National service, the court declares the State is one of the component parts of the National Government and equally interested in sustaining its institutions. The decision holds that the constitutional inhibition against granting extra compensation to any public officer, agent or servant after the services have been rendered, is not applicable in the case under consideration. "If the purpose is a public one, a moral obligation on the part of the State to meet that purpose is sufficient to sustain the law," the court says:

When advised that validity of the bonus bill had been upheld by the court, Gov. Louis F. Hart expressed gratification that the way had been cleared for the State to proceed with its recorded purpose to make substantial recognition of the debt of gratitude due the soldiers, sailors and marines from this State for patriotic services rendered during the world war.

State Auditor Clausen announced to-day that a force of clerks will be put to work sending out the proper blanks to former service men, and payments will be made as soon as the returns can be checked up.

Within a month, it was predicted, the first of the State soldiers in the World War will receive their extra compensation.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

**ABERNATHY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Abernathy), Hale County, Tex.**—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$8,000 6% 20-40 year bond issue was registered on Jan. 6 with the State Comptroller.

**ACADIA PARISH ROAD DISTRICTS, La.**—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 7 by J. G. Medlenka, President of the Police Jury (P. O. Crowley) for the following 5% bonds: \$350,000 Sixth Ward Sub-Road District No. 2 bonds. Cert. check for \$8,750 required.

180,000 Road District No. 2 bonds. Cert. check for \$4,500 required. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due yearly from 1921 to 1950, incl.

**ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72, Wash.**—BOND OFFERING.—Laura Schragg, County Treasurer, (P. O. Ritzville) will receive bids until 11 a. m. Jan. 17 for \$3,000 6% bonds.

**ADRIAN, Lenawee County, Mich.**—BOND SALE.—The city has turned over to the Adrian Water Co. \$164,000 of the \$225,000 5% water-works bonds, which were offered unsuccessfully on Sept. 20—V. 111, p. 1296—in payment for the water plant. The remaining \$61,000 bonds for extensions and improvements will be sold when funds are needed.

**ALBUQUERQUE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Albuquerque), Bernalillo County, N. Mex.**—BOND OPTION NOT EXERCISED.—In V. 110, p. 1215, we stated that an option expiring April 15 1920 on the \$425,000 5 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds had been granted on March 10 1920 to the American National Bank of Oklahoma City. We are now advised by the Superintendent of the Board of Education of said district that the bank named did not exercise its option.

**ALLEGANY COUNTY (P. O. Cumberland), Md.**—BOND SALE.—It is reported that on Jan. 12 \$350,000 5% school bonds were awarded to Baker, Watts & Co., Nelson, Cook & Co., Townsend, Scott & Co. and the Fidelity Trust Co. at their joint bid of 98.835.

**ANDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Tenn.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$100,000 6% road bonds by Caldwell & Co. and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank on Dec. 4 (V. 112, p. 178) was 101.101 and interest, a basis of about 5.92%.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—B. E. Brainard, Clerk of Board of County Commrs., will receive bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 24 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, as required with each issue.

**AVILLA SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.**—Recently \$30,000 6% tax-free bonds were purchased by Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of Stern Bros. & Co., Kansas City. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000 1923 and 1924, \$2,000 1925 to 1931 incl., \$3,000 1932 and 1933 and \$4,000 1934 and 1935.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation of taxable property.....(over) \$800,000  
Total bonded debt (this issue)..... 30,000  
Population officially estimated.....1,500

**BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—At a recent election \$2,250,000 municipal bonds were voted, it is stated.

**BONDS DEFEATED.** At the same election \$100,000 public park impt. bonds were defeated.

**BEDFORD (P. O. Mt. Kisco), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph E. Merriam, Town Supervisor, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 20 for \$1,900 6% registered road impt. bonds. Denom. \$2,000 and \$1,900. Date Jan. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in New York Exchange at the Mt. Kisco National Bank of Mt. Kisco. Due \$1,900 Feb. 1 1924 and \$2,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1929, incl. Cert. check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required.

**BELLAIRE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 15 the \$8,000 6% coupon deficiency bonds, which were offered on Dec. 4—V. 111, p. 2155—were sold at par, the First National Bank taking \$6,000, and the Firemen's Pension Fund \$2,000. Date Nov. 15 1920. Due \$2,000 on Nov. 15 in 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

**BELLEFONTAINE, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,300 sewer bonds offered unsuccessfully as 5½% on Aug. 16—V. 111, p. 911—were awarded on Sept. 11 to the Trustees of the Mary Rutan Hospital at par and interest, \$5,800 bearing 6% interest, and \$500 5½%. Date Mar. 1 1920. Due serially for 10 years.

**BELLEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belleville), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$90,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 6—V. 111, p. 2347—have been sold to the First National Bank of Belleville at par. Date Dec. 1 1920. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1921 to 1950 incl., and \$3,000, 1951 to 1960 inclusive.

**BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Vinton), Iowa.—BIDS REJECTED.**—NEW OFFERING.—The proposals received on Jan. 3 for the \$90,000 bridge funding bonds (V. 111, p. 2541) were rejected.

The said bonds will be re-offered at 10 a. m. Jan. 21. They will mature in 5 years and will bear 6% interest, payable semi-annually.

**BEXLEY, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$98,000 6% special assessment storm sewer bonds which were offered unsuccessfully on July 26—V. 111, p. 514—have been sold to the State Industrial Commission of Ohio at par. Date April 1 1920. Due April 1 1926

**BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Big Spring), Howard County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—This district registered on Jan 4 \$7,500 5% 10-20 year bonds with the State Comptroller.

**BIG TARKIO DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Holt County, Mo.—BOND SALE.**—This district has sold \$25,000 6% tax-free bonds to the Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Merchant's Laclede National Bank, St. Louis. Bonded debt (including this issue), \$161,500.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$80,000 7% bonds was sold to Otto Marx & Co. of Birmingham during October. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 15 1930, optional after 2½ years.

**BLUE LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Tallahatchie and Sunflower Counties, Miss.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—The Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co. of St. Louis are offering to investors to yield from 7.00% to 6.50%, according to maturity, \$140,000 6% tax free bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. payable at St. Louis. Due yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1940, incl.

**BOISE CITY, Ada County, Ida.—BID REJECTED.**—The only bid received for the 6 issues of 7% improvement district bonds, aggregating \$43,786 96, on Dec. 28 (V. 111, p. 2542) was rejected. The bid was received from Keeler Bros. of Denver.

**BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Granville Wells, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 20 for the following two issues of 4½% road-impt. bonds:

\$12,600 Thomas W. Padgett et al. Marion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$630. Date Dec. 7 1920. Due \$630 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931 incl.

17,700 Michael W. Lane et al. Centre Twp. bonds. Denom. \$885. Date Sept. 7 1920. Due \$885 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931 incl.  
Int. M. & N.

**BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On Jan. 7 the town negotiated a temporary loan of \$20,000, dated Jan. 7 1921 and maturing Nov. 7 1921.

**BROADWATER COUNTY (P. O. Townsend), Mont.—BOND SALE.**—The Drake-Ballard Co. of Minneapolis was recently awarded on their bid of par the \$100,000 6% road bonds—V. 111, p. 107.

**BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—It is reported that proposals will be received until Jan. 18 by the City Treasurer for a temporary loan, discounted, amounted to \$200,000 dated Jan. 20 and maturing Nov. 8 1921.

**BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—During December the city issued \$20,686 44 4% monthly local work bonds to the Sinking Fund. Date Dec. 15 1920. Due Dec. 15 1921.

**BURLEY, Cassia County, Idaho.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—On Jan. 4 \$67,000 6% 10-20-year water, street and fire bonds were defeated.

**CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Port Lavaca), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Jan. 8 an issue of \$100,000 5% 30-year bonds was registered with the State Comptroller.

**CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—On Jan. 13 a temporary loan of \$400,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, maturing April 15 1921, was awarded to the Harvard Trust Co. on a 6% discount basis plus \$5 premium.

**CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$530,000 6% coupon water-works system impt. bonds offered on Jan. 7 (V. 111, p. 2542) attracted no bids on that date, but were later sold to R. M. Grant & Co., who are now offering them to investors at a price to yield 5.30%. Date Oct. 1 1919. Due \$18,000 Oct. 1 1943 and \$32,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1944 to 1949 incl.

**NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—There were no bids received for the \$42,327 88 5½% coupon assessment Carnalian Ave. impt. bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 111, p. 2247.

**CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Delphi), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$8,500 4½% Wm. Calvert et al Madison Twp. road and \$9,910 6% Culver C. Coble et al drainage bonds, offered on Jan. 5—V. 112, p. 79—were not sold, as no bids were received.

**CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Huntingdon), Tenn.—BOND ISSUE VOTED DOWN.**—Newspapers state that the Carroll County Quarterly Court on Jan. 3 voted down a resolution for a bond issue to enable the County to pay its warrants, which are being discounted at about 20%.

**CARY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wake County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 7 by John C. Lockhart, Secretary of County Board of Education (P. O. Raleigh), for the \$20,000 6% 20-year school bldg. bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 55, N. C. Public Laws of 1915. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check on a North Carolina bank for 2% required.  
These bonds were mentioned in V. 110, p. 2694.

**CELINA, Mercer County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Tucker, Robinson & Co., of Toledo, have purchased at par the \$21,000 6% funding bonds which were offered but not sold on Oct. 16 (V. 111, p. 1678). Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$10,000 Sept. 1 1925 and \$11,000 Sept. 1 1928.

**CENTERBURG, Knox County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were received for an issue of \$9,800 6% deficiency bonds offered on Jan. 8. Date Aug. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows \$1,220, 1921 to 1927, incl.; and \$1,260 1928.

**CHAMBERLAIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chamberlain), Brule County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that \$25,000 6% school bonds were recently sold to Powell, Garard & Co. of Chicago.

**CHEATHAM COUNTY (P. O. Ashland City), Tenn.—COURT RESCINDS ACTION ON HIGHWAY BONDS.**—The "Nashville Banner" of Jan. 5 states that the most important action of the County Court on Jan. 3 was the rescinding of a former order directing the issuance of \$80,000 in road bonds. The bonds were ordered issued about one year ago, but no further action was taken until this session of the Court. This money would probably have been used on the Memphis-to-Bristol highway in connection with the State.

**CHICAGO, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—City Comptroller George F. Harding will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 20 for the purchase of the following 4% tax-free gold bonds:

\$375,000 bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1912. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$75,000 1922, \$30,000 1923, \$65,000 1924, \$60,000 1925, \$49,000 1926, \$20,000 1927, \$19,000 1928, \$32,000 1929 and \$25,000 1930.

3,465,000 bridge bonds. Denoms. 3,015 for \$1,000 and 900 for \$500. Date July 1 1916. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$50,000 1922, \$155,000 1923, \$245,000 1924, \$180,000 1925, \$245,000 1926, \$250,000 1927, \$230,000 1928, \$260,000 1929 and 1930, \$270,000 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935, and \$240,000 1936.

630,000 health department additional buildings, contagious disease hospital bonds. Denom. 550 for \$1,000 and 160 for \$500. Date July 1 1917. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$40,000 1922 to 1936, inclusive, and \$30,000 1937.

1,753,000 Michigan Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. 877 for \$1,000 and 1,752 for \$500. Date July 1 1915. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$140,500 1922, \$175,000 1923, \$145,000 1924, \$139,500 1925, \$149,500 1926, \$142,000 1927, \$144,000 1928, \$155,000 1929, \$140,000 1930, \$105,000 1931 and 1932, \$100,000 1933, and \$112,500 1934.

2,700,000 Michigan Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$40,000 1922, \$170,000 1923 to 1937, inclusive, and \$110,000 1938.

650,000 waste-disposal building and equipment bonds. Denoms. 550 for \$1,000 and 200 for \$500. Date July 1 1917. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000 1924 and 1925, \$20,000 1926, \$50,000 1927 to 1936, inclusive, and \$100,000 1937.

140,000 Women's Shelter House and Farm Colony bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1915. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1935, inclusive.

351,000 police department building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1915. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$33,000 1922, \$35,000 1923, \$25,000 1924, \$20,000 1925, \$25,000 1926 to 1929, inclusive, \$30,000 1930, 1931 and 1932, \$15,000 1933 and 1934, and \$18,000 1935.

1,391,000 Western Ave. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 16 1919. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$61,000 1922, \$80,000 1923 to 1938, inclusive, and \$50,000 1939.

Interest payable in gold of the present standard of weight and fineness. Principal payable at the City Treasurer's office. Certified check on a Chicago bank, for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, required. Validity of bonds has been passed upon by Wood & Oakley, of Chicago, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished upon request. The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Louis M. Dufault, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 18 for the purchase at discount of \$100,000 tax-free revenue notes, maturing Nov. 10 1921. These notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.

The Old Colony Trust Company will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the City Council, the validity of which order has been approved by Story, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

The legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with the Old Colony Trust Company, where they may be inspected.

**CHISHOLM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Chisholm), St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 2 p. m. Jan. 21 Ernest Drew, Clerk, will receive proposals for \$450,000 7% 2-10-year school bonds. Interest semi-annual.

**CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Oct. 11 the Sinking Fund Trustees purchased at par the following two issues of 6% street impt. bonds which were offered on Sept. 7—V. 111, p. 911: \$22,500 Schiff Ave. bonds, dated Aug. 2 1920, and maturing Aug. 2 1940, optional Aug. 2 1930.

13,500 Llewellyn St. bonds, dated July 15 1920, and maturing July 15 1940, optional July 15 1930.

**CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—William Grautman, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 4 p. m. Feb. 1 for \$700,000 6% coupon refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the American Exchange National Bank of New York. Due \$100,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1928 incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**CLARKSBURG, Ross County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$5,000 6% electric light bonds, which were offered on Nov. 24—V. 111, p. 1968, have not yet been sold.

**CLEARCREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Smithville), Monroe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 5% school-house bonds offered on Oct. 8 (V. 111, p. 1297) have been sold to the Meyer-Kiser Bank, of Indianapolis, at par. Date June 1 1920. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1921 to 1935, inclusive.

**CLEARFIELD, Clearfield County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—Three local banks have purchased at par for 5½% the \$40,000 tax-free street-impt bonds offered as 4½% on Aug. 14 last—V. 111, p. 410. Date June 1 1920. Due June 1 1950, subject to call on and after June 1 1940.

**COLFAX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Maxwell), N. M.—BOND OFFERING.**—On Jan. 29 bids will be opened for the purchase of the \$75,000 6% 20-30-year (opt.) school bonds mentioned in V. 110, p. 1897. Denom. \$500. Bids below 95 will not be considered. York Denton, Clerk.

**COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Kennewick), Benton County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—Reports say that the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland has purchased \$50,000 6% bonds.

**COOKE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller registered on Jan. 8 \$225,000 5½% serial bonds.

**DADE COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 2, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 20 by Ben Shepard, Clerk Bd of Co. Commrs. (P. O. Miami), for \$75,000 6½% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1925 to 1928, incl., \$5,000 1929 to 1932 incl., \$6,000 1933 to 1936 incl., \$5,000 1937 to 1939 incl. Proposal for bonds must be accompanied by a bond running to the Board of County Commissioners and satisfactory to them with surety in an amount equal to 2% of the amount of bonds bid for or by a certified check in a like amount

drawn upon a bank or trust company doing business in Florida or upon a national bank in any place. The legality of said bonds and all proceedings relative to the issuance and sale thereof will be approved by C. B. Masslich of N. Y., whose approving opinion will be furnished the purchaser without charge. Proposals for bonds are required to be on a form which will be furnished by the above official.

**DECATUR, Adams County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—R. G. Christen, City Clerk, will receive bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 18 for \$25,000 6% electric light plant bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1930, incl. Cert. check for 2% of amount of issue, required.

**DEER LODGE, Powell County, Mont.—BONDS DEFEATED**—The question of issuing \$225,000 water works system bonds was voted down on Jan. 3.—V. 111, p. 2512.

**DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Jan. 31 for \$35,000 6% coupon water-works-impt. bonds by Harry R. W. Horn, City Auditor. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 15 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1940 to 1946, incl. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

**DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING**—Harvey J. Andrews, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 1 for \$12,000 6% deficiency bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 2 1921. Int. semi-ann. Due each six months as follows: \$500 July 2 1922 to Jan. 2 1924, incl., and \$1,000 July 2 1924 to Jan. 2 1929, incl. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

**DENTON, Denton County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION CONSIDERED**—Petitions are being circulated asking for an election on April 5 to vote upon issuing \$75,000 park bonds.

**DENTON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED**—On Jan. 3 \$55,000 5% 10-year bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

**DETROIT Wayne County Mich.—BOND SALE**—"Financial America" reports that the City Council has decided to accept the bid of a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co., the Bankers Trust Co., and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, of New York, and the First National Co., the Detroit Trust Co. and Keane, Higbie & Co., of Detroit, which offered to take the \$3,818,000 5 1/4% 1-30-year serial sewer and \$737,000 5 1/4% 1-15-year serial municipal building site bonds at par and interest "if the bonds were delivered at later intervals with the right to cancel deliveries within a period of 30 days," and the \$970,000 5 1/4% 1-30-year serial fire-extension and \$225,000 5 1/4% 10-year municipal building site bonds at a premium of \$3,012 85, immediate delivery.

The syndicate immediately offered these bonds on the market at prices yielding from 5.15% to 6%, and it is understood that they were quickly absorbed by the investing public.

The issue of \$1,000,000 5 1/4% 20-year street railway bonds, which was also offered on Jan. 10 (V. 112, p. 180), was withdrawn from the market.

**BOND OFFERING**—Henry Stoffens, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Jan. 17 for the following bonds: \$4,000,000 6% 1-30-year serial public sewer bonds. 3,000,000 5 1/4% 1-30-year serial water supply bonds. 350,000 5 1/4% 1-30-year serial lighting bonds. 1,402,000 5% school bonds, maturing yearly from 1933 to 1950 incl. 1,374,000 5% 1-30-year serial school bonds.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 116, Wash.—BOND OFFERING**—Until 2 p. m. Jan. 20 J. F. Irwin, County Treasurer (P. O. Waterville) will receive proposals for \$8,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$800.

**EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE**—On Oct. 24 the following two issues of 6% coupon special assessment street impt. bonds were sold to Tillotson & Wolcott of Toledo, at par and interest. \$23,000 bonds which had been offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 28.—V. 111, p. 1010.

18,718.65 bonds originally offered on Oct. 2.—V. 111, p. 1297. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due Oct. 1 1925.

**BOND SALE**—It is reported that the Tillotson & Wolcott Co. has purchased the following 6% coupon special assessment bonds, which were offered on Sept. 18.—V. 111, p. 1010—at par: \$33,000 00 Lee Road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1930.

4,561 39 Fourth Ave. road bonds. Denoms. 4 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$561 39. Due Oct. 1 1930.

4,000 00 Elderwood Ave. road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1922. Date Oct. 1 1920.

**EASTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Easton), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—The State Retirement Fund, paying par, has taken the \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Nov. 5.—V. 111, p. 1678. Date July 1 1920. Due July 1 1950.

**EAST STROUDSBURG, Monroe County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—On Jan. 10 an issue of \$20,000 5 2-5% intake reservoir bonds was sold to local citizens at par. Denom. \$100, \$200, \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1951; optional Jan. 1 1922.

**EGAN INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Egan), Moody County, So. Dak.—BIDS REJECTED**—All bids received for the \$150,000 school bldg. bonds, at not exceeding 7% interest, on Jan. 5.—V. 111, p. 2444—were rejected.

**ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING**—D. F. Collins, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Jan. 25 for an issue of 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, not to exceed \$1,198,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the National State Bank of Elizabeth. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$38,000 1922 to 1932, incl.; \$39,000 1933, and \$57,000 1934 to 1946, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**FARMVILLE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Put County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE**—The \$40,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered without success on Oct. 4.—V. 111, p. 1493—have been purchased by Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at par.

**FARIBAULT COUNTY (P. O. Blue Earth), Minn.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$155,000 6% tax-free drainage ditch bonds has been sold to the William R. Compton Co. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$12,000 1925 to 1929, inclusive, \$10,500 1930 to 1934, inclusive, and \$8,500 1935 to 1939, inclusive.

Financial Statement.

Actual taxable value.....	\$55,000,000
Total assessed valuation.....	28,845,634
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	1,677,200
Population: 1910 Census, 19,949; 1920 Census, 20,998.	

**FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. West Farmington) Trumbull County Ohio.—BOND SALE**—On Nov. 20 the \$2,000 6% town-hall improvement bonds offered on that date (V. 111, p. 1774) were awarded to the Farmers Banking Co. of West Farmington, at par and interest. Date Nov. 20 1920. Due \$250 each six months from April 1 1922 to Oct. 1 1925, inclusive.

**FERGUS COUNTY (P. O. Lewistown), Mont.—BOND DESCRIPTION**—The \$250,000 road bonds, which were sold, as stated in V. 111, p. 2156, bear 6% interest and are dated Dec. 1 1920. Due yearly from 1932 to 1940, inclusive.

**FINNEY COUNTY (P. O. Garden City), Kans.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$40,000 5% road bonds was purchased during October by Stern Bros. & Co., of Kansas City, on a 6% basis. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1920. Int. A. & O. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1921 to 1940, inclusive.

**FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—PART OF THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT BOND ISSUE OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH DISPOSED OF**—In reference to the city of Fort Worth selling part of its civic improvement bond issue, the "Dallas News" in a special telegram from Fort Worth under date of Jan. 4, had the following to say: "Existing contracts which have been brought into question have been canceled and \$500,000 worth of the water-works, light and sanitary sewerage system

bonds of the Fort Worth public improvement bond issue of \$1,890,000 have been sold at par and accrued interest, according to a telegram received by Mayor W. D. Davis this morning from Financial Commissioner E. C. Manning, who is in Chicago. By the terms of the new agreement no commission will be paid and the city of Fort Worth will realize 100 cents on the dollar for the amount of the bonds issued that has been sold. The new contract that has been negotiated provides for the disposal of \$850,000 worth of the total bond issue. The city itself will take \$350,000 worth of the bonds at the same rate for its interest and sinking fund. Mr. Manning was called to Chicago several days ago when the companies that had contracted originally for the whole issue telegraphed that they would be unable to comply with their contracts immediately, the firm of Keane, Higbie & Co., through which the sale to other buyers was consummated, asking for an extension of time or cancellation outright of their contract. Corporation Counsel T. J. Powell accompanied Commissioner Manning to Chicago. Five bond houses had agreed to take the \$1,890,000 at par and accrued interest, but the contract provided for the payment to the First National Bank of Fort Worth of \$69,500 for services as fiscal agencies which would have reduced the sale price of the bonds to 97.06c. value. The fact that by the new agreement the amount of the sale has been reduced to less than half of the total can have no effect on the city's improvement projects, Mayor Davis said to-day. Under the original sale agreement the purchasers were to take \$800,000 worth of the bonds because the city did not contemplate the use of more than that amount, and by holding the bonds a large amount of interest might be saved, the Mayor said. In his telegram from Chicago, Mr. Manning instructed the Mayor to notify the New York legal representatives of the bond purchasers that all threats of litigation have been withdrawn and that the settlement has been satisfactory to all persons concerned. The balance of the bond issue has been released to the city for such disposal as it may be seen fit."

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Kimblesville), Chester County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—Mullin, Briggs & Co. of Phila., offering \$30,375, equal to 101.25 for 5 1/2%, a basis of about 5.36%, were awarded the \$30,000 1-30 year serial coupon bonds offered on Jan. 11.—V. 111, p. 2543. Date Mar. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1922 to 1951, incl.

**FRAZEYSBURG, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—No sale has yet been made of the \$3,700 6% 1-20-year serial village's share State Street impt. bonds which were offered on Sept. 25.—V. 111, p. 1107.

**FREESTONE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 11, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED**—The State Comptroller on Jan. 3 registered \$30,000 5% serial bonds.

**FRESNO, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$70,000 5% North Fresno sewer bonds was taken during the forepart of last year by the First National Bank of Fresno at par. Denom. \$500.

**FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—H. B. Kumler, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 18 for \$27,500 Fletcher Stoner et al. Henry Twp., road bonds. Denom. \$1,375. Date Oct. 15 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,375 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.

**FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauseon) Ohio.—BOND SALE**—The \$13,550 6% Archbold-Fayette I. C. H. No. 301 bonds, which were offered on Oct. 4 (V. 111, p. 1298) have been sold privately to the Peoples State and the First National Banks of Wauseon, at par and interest. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due each six months as follows: \$2,550 Jan. 1 1922, \$3,000 July 1 1922 and \$2,000 Jan. 1 1923 to July 1 1924, inclusive.

**FULTONVILLE, Montgomery County, N. Y.—BOND SALE**—On Jan. 10 the \$24,000 5% water bonds offered on that date—V. 112, p. 180—were awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 100.13, a basis of about 4.97%. Denom. 2 for \$1,000 and 11 for \$2,000. Date Jan. 15 1921. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 on July 1 1921 and 1922 and \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1933 inclusive.

**GAINESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gainesville), Ozark County, Mo.—BOND SALE**—Stern Bros. & Co., of Kansas City, have been awarded \$16,500 6% tax-free bonds. Denoms. 16 for \$1,000 and 1 for \$500. Date Nov. 20 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, St. Louis. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 and 1925, \$4,000 1930, \$3,000 1932, \$2,500 1934 and \$3,000 1936.

Financial Statement.

Actual value.....	\$2,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1919.....	551,747
Total debt.....	24,000
Population 1920, 1,350.	

**GALLIPOLIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gallipolis) Gallia County Ohio.—BOND SALE**—During October the Commercial & Savings Bank Co. purchased the \$33,000 6% school bonds which had been offered on Sept. 15 (V. 111, p. 1010) at par. Due \$4,000 yearly on Aug. 15 from 1921 to 1926, inclusive, and \$4,500 Aug. 15 1927 and 1928.

**GARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gary), Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—Adele M. Chase, Secretary of Board of School Trustees, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 20 for \$155,000 6% school bonds. Interest semi-annual.

**GILMAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Marhsall, Jasper, Tama Counties, Iowa.—BOND SALE**—According to reports the \$117,000 5% school bldg. bonds, which were voted during July 1920.—V. 111, p. 215—have been purchased by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport.

**GLENMONT RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Glenmont) Holmes County Ohio.—BOND SALE**—On Nov. 13 Prudden & Co., of Toledo, were awarded the \$40,000 6% coupon school-building-completion bonds which were offered on that date (V. 111, p. 1873). Date Dec. 1 1920. Due \$2,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1941 to March 1 1951, incl.

**GLYNN COUNTY (P. O. Brunswick) Ga.—BIDS**—The following proposals were received for the \$65,000 5% road bonds on Jan. 11 (V. 112, p. 181): Robinson-Humphrey Co. .... 91.60 | Trust Company of Georgia .... 88.60

**GRAHAM COUNTY (P. O. Safford), Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—No sale was made on Jan. 3 of the \$250,000 5 1/2% road bonds.—V. 112, p. 80.

**GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BONDS SOLD IN PART**—Of the three issues of 6% tax-free special assessment bonds aggregating \$430,000 offered on Jan. 10 (V. 112, p. 80) the \$130,000 street impt. bond issue, maturing \$13,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1921 to 1930 incl., was sold to the Old National Bank and Howe, Snow, Corrigan & Bertel of Grand Rapids for \$130,126, equal to 100.097, a basis of about 5.98%.

**GRANITE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salt Lake City) Salt Lake County Utah.—BONDS DEFEATED**—By a vote of 580 "for" to 797 "against" \$500,000 school bonds were defeated on Dec. 22.

**BONDS VOTED**—The voters favored the issuance of \$150,000 school bonds on Jan. 4 by a vote of 655 to 483.

**GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED**—A street impt. bond issue, amounting to \$25,000, bearing 5% interest and maturing serially, was registered with the State Comptroller on Jan. 7.

**GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—PRICE PAID**—The price paid by the Bank of Italy, of Los Angeles, on Dec. 28 for the \$110,000 6% school bonds (V. 112, p. 181) was \$110,669 (100.60) and interest.

**HANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kings County, Calif.—BOND SALE**—This district on Nov. 24 sold \$48,000 6% school bonds to Blyth, Witter & Co. of San Francisco for \$49,876 equal to 103.90. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 4 1920. Int. M. & N.

**HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND SALE**—The \$80,000 6% road repair bonds, for which no bids were received when offered on Dec. 1.—V. 111, p. 2348—have been sold to the France Quarry Co. of Toledo at par. Date Dec. 1 1920. Due \$20,000 on Dec. 1 in 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925.

**HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN**—On Jan. 13 a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated Jan. 14 and maturing Oct. 6 1921, was awarded to Bond & Goodwin on a 6.03% discount basis.

**HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg) Ohio.—BOND SALE**—The Commercial & Savings Bank of Millersburg purchased at par and interest the \$14,000 6% County Highway No. 189, Sec. "A," impt. bonds offered on Nov. 15.—V. 111, p. 1873. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due \$1,400 each six months from Mar. 1 1922 to Sept. 1 1926, incl.

**HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Big Spring), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED**—On Jan. 3 \$300,000 5½% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

**HUMBOLDT, Allen County, Kans.—BOND SALE.**—The following tax-free internal improvement bonds have been purchased by Stern Bros. & Co., of Kansas City

\$44,159 25 6% bonds. Denoms. 87 for \$500 and 1 for \$659 25. Due yearly on July 1 as follows \$3,659 25 1921 and \$4,500 yearly from 1922 to 1930, inclusive.

21,460 75 5½% bonds. Denoms. 42 for \$500 and 1 for \$460 75. Due yearly on July 1 as follows \$2,460 75 1921, \$2,000 1922 to 1924, inclusive, \$2,500 1925, \$2,000 1926 to 1929, inclusive, and \$2,500 1930.

Date July 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the State Treasurer.

*Financial Statement.*

Real value taxable property (estimated).....	\$2,500,000
Assessed valuation.....	1,557,420
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	256,000
Water debt.....	57,000
Sinking funds on hand.....	1,000
Net debt.....	198,000
Population (estimated), 3,000.	

**IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—The Town Commissioners have passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$285,000 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1922 to 1944 incl., and \$11,000, 1945 to 1949 inclusive.

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. St. Paris R. F. D. No. 3) Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Francis M. Apple, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Jan. 28 for \$10,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the First National Bank of St. Paris. Due \$500 each six months from Aug. 1 1921 to Feb. 1 1931, incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank for \$500 payable to the Clerk of the Board of Education, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$150,000 coupon or registered municipal milk plant bonds described in V. 111, p. 2444, were awarded on Jan. 10 to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, who bid 100.14 for 5s, a basis of about 4.98%, and who are now offering them to investors at prices yielding from 4¾ to 5¾%. Date Feb. 1 1921. Due \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1951 incl.

**JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$14,550 4½% John Keiper et al Marion Twp. road-improvement bonds, offered on Dec. 15 (V. 111, p. 2348), were awarded to the Union Trust Co., of Indianapolis, at par and interest. Date Dec. 15 1920. Due \$727 50 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.

**KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Sept. 1 \$5,000 6% street impt. bonds were awarded to the Commercial Savings & Trust Co. of Kenmore at par. Denom. \$1,000. Due 1924.

**KENMORE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kenmore), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. M. Schramm, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 7 for \$34,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date day of sale. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Board of Education. Due April 1 1931. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**KENTUCKY (State of).—BOND SALE.**—During October 1920 \$300,000 6% tax-free gold coupon State Fair bonds were acquired by James C. Willson & Co., of Louisville. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Louisville Trust Co., Louisville. Due yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1945, inclusive. The bonds are now being offered by the said purchasers to investors to yield 5½% interest.

**LAKE COUNTY INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Rutland), So. Dak.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—No bids were submitted at the offering on Jan. 5 of the \$80,000 school bonds (V. 112, p. 80).

**LE FLORE COUNTY (P. O. Greenwood), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. R. Bew, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, will receive bids until 12 m. Feb. 8 for the \$300,000 6% road impt. bonds which were offered without success on Jan. 4—V. 111, p. 2543. Int. semi-ann. 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. 3 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), 37½ mills. Population of county, 1920 Census, 37,356.	

**LENOIR COUNTY (P. O. Kinston), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 3 the \$700,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) road impt. bonds—V. 111, p. 2543—were sold to A. B. Leach & Co. of N. Y. at par and interest. Date June 1 1919. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$60,000 1935 to 1939 incl., and \$80,000 1940 to 1944, incl. Bids were also received from the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Caldwell & Co., Seasingood & Mayer, Weil, Roth & Co., and Prudden & Co.

**LOGAN, Hocking County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 6% street impt. bonds offered on Jan. 8—V. 111, p. 2445 and 2544—were awarded to the Logan National Bank at par and interest: \$3,700 Pottery St. impt. bonds. Due \$370 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1930 inclusive.

2,350 street impt. bonds. Due \$235 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1930 inclusive. Date Nov. 1 1920.

**LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Willard) Colo.—BOND SALE.**—Benwell, Phillips, Este & Co. of Denver have purchased \$15,000 6½% 2-5-year serial school bonds. Assessed valuation \$1,298,662; total bonded debt, including this issue, \$45,000. Population (est.), 800.

**LOGAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Buckland) Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 18 the \$6,522 5% Amanda-Mendon road bonds offered on that date—V. 111, p. 614—were awarded to the People's National Bank of Wapakoneta at par and interest. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$1,087 each six months from Mar. 1 1921 to Sept. 1 1923, incl.

**McMINN COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Tenn.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.**—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago is offering to investors at a price to yield 5.70% the \$75,000 6% tax free coupon road bonds, which were referred to in V. 111, p. 1970. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Due Oct. 1 1950 optional Oct. 1 1935.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation for taxation.....	\$9,056,305
Total debt (this issue included).....	400,000
Population, estimated 25,000—1910 Census, 21,046.	

**MAMARONECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Larchmont), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 11 Sherwood & Merrifield of New York, bidding 100.75, a basis of about 5.20%, were awarded the \$10,000 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered on that date—V. 111, p. 2544. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1940 to 1944, incl. Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. submitted a bid of 100.13.

**MARBLE, Itasca County, Minn.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—There were no bids received on Jan. 3 for the \$75,000 6% village hall bonds—V. 112, p. 80.

**MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—The \$350,000 6% school bonds which were offered unsuccessfully on Sept. 8—V. 111, p. 1200—have been sold to Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit at par.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 10 the \$225,000 5½% road bonds—V. 111, p. 2544—were sold to local in-

vestors at par. Date Jan. 10 1921. Due yearly on July 15 as follows: \$85,000, 1926 and 1927, and \$55,000 1928.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.**—On Jan. 3 the County Court voted \$200,000 school and \$200,000 highway bonds. It is reported.

**MECHANICSBURG, Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Of the two issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$9,000, which were offered on Oct. 18—V. 111, p. 1392—the \$4,000 motor-fire-apparatus bonds have been sold to the Prospect Manufacturing Co. of Prospect at par and accrued interest. Date Oct. 1 1920. Due \$400 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive.

**MEEKER COUNTY (P. O. Litchfield), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 5¾% 14 year (aver.) refunding bonds offered Jan. 6—V. 112, p. 81—were sold on that day to Kalman, Matteson & Wood of St. Paul at 100.50 and interest as 6s, a basis of about 5.95%. Date Jan. 2 1921.

**MERIDIAN, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. White, City Clerk and Treasurer, until 10 a. m. Jan. 17 for the following bonds at not exceeding 6% interest: \$150,000 ice-plant bonds—V. 112, p. 81. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1921 to 1925 incl.; \$6,000, 1926 to 1935 incl., and \$7,500, 1936 to 1945 incl.

20,000 hospital bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1940 incl. Date Oct. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer. Cert. check for 2% for each issue required. In submitting proposals for said bonds the bidder may bid for each issue separately or for the two issues combined.

**MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—PUBLIC DEBT COMMISSION FAVORS THE CITY'S RETURN TO ISSUING 5½% BONDS.**—The "Milwaukee Leader" in its issue of Jan. 5 says that at a meeting of the Public Debt Commission on Jan. 5 marked the city's return to issuance of 5½% bonds and rejection of a proposal for five and ten-year municipal bonds advocated by Senator Schultz, Secretary, City Election Commission. The Commission decided to make the \$350,000 issue, the proceeds of which will be used to continue installation of the municipally owned street lighting distribution system, 5½% bonds. The city's last issue was 6% and it was disclosed that the market condition had inspired the change. Among those who participated in the discussion were Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, his private secretary Thomas M. Duncan, and James Barr, Secretary, Board of Estimates.

**MITCHELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mitchell), Davison County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 8 p. m. Jan. 28 A. B. McKeel, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids for \$200,000 10-20-year (opt.) school-bldg. bonds at not exceeding 5% interest, which were offered without success on May 6 (V. 110, p. 2106). Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$2,000 payable to Wm. M. Smith, Treasurer of the Board of Education, required.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BOND SALE.**—Newspapers report that \$20,000 road-improvement bonds have been sold to the Bank of Bethesda, at par and interest.

**MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mooresville), Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. W. Colson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of \$50,000 6% school bonds until 4.30 p. m. Feb. 5. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at some bank in New York. Due Jan. 1 1951. Cert. check or cash on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the above official required.

**MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 17 by J. S. Spoor, County Treasurer for \$22,160 4½% Edward Crane et al Adams Twp road bonds. Denom. \$1,108. Date Oct. 1 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,108 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

**MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The First National Bank of Martinsville has purchased at par the \$5,300 4½% Chas. G. Cragen et al Green Twp. road bonds which were offered on Aug. 31—V. 111, p. 913—Due \$265 each six months from May 15 1921 to Nov. 15 1930, incl.

**MOULTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wapakoneta R. D.), Auglaize County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,800 5% Cozard Road impt. bonds offered on Sept. 27 (V. 111, p. 1299) have been awarded to the Peoples' National Bank of Wapakoneta at par. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$1,280 Mar. 1 1922 and \$1,280 each six months from Mar. 1 1922 to Mar. 1 1926 incl.

**MURRAY COUNTY (P. O. Layton), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The Metropolitan National Bank of Minneapolis has been awarded \$243,200 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Metropolitan National Bank, Minneapolis. Due yearly on Dec. 1 from 1926 to 1940 inclusive.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation (1920).....	\$21,929,777
Total indebtedness, including this issue.....	1,815,000
Less drainage bonds.....	1,500,000
Net bonded debt (roads and bridges).....	315,000
Population (official 1920).....	13,631

**NAVARRO COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller registered \$87,000 6% serial bonds on Jan. 3.

**NEW BRUNSWICK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The three issues of 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on Jan. 11 (V. 112, p. 81) were awarded as follows: \$26,000 water bonds to B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and J. G. White & Co., of New York, for \$26,078, equal to 100.30, a basis of about 5.47%. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1948, inclusive.

177,000 general improvement bonds to Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, for \$177,584 10, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 5.47%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1923 to 1935, inclusive, and \$9,000 1936 to 1946, inclusive.

98,000 school bonds to Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, for \$98,744 20, equal to 100.759, a basis of about 5.44%. Date Jan. 1 1921.

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 10 the \$50,000 6% ferry bonds—V. 111, p. 2544—were sold to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago at 100.03 and interest a basis of about 5.99%. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 1923 to 1932 incl., \$3,000 1933 to 1938 incl., and \$4,000 1939 to 1941 incl.

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New London) Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$7,000 6% transportation truck purchase bonds offered on Sept. 3 (V. 111, p. 913) were sold in October to the Third National Bank of New London at par. Date Sept. 1 1920. Due \$500 each six months from April 1 1922 to Oct. 1 1928, incl.

**NEW SWEDEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Bonneville and Bingham Counties, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 10 a. m. Feb. 10 Charles E. Anderson, Secretary, (P. O. R. F. D. No. 4, Idaho Falls, Ida.) will receive sealed proposals for the purchase of \$25,000 of an issue of \$250,000 bonds authorized at an election which was held on May 25 1920—V. 110, p. 2507—or all of said bonds if deemed for the best interest of the district. Said bonds will be due date of July 1 1920. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at such bank as may be hereafter agreed upon between the district and purchaser. Said bonds will be coupon in form and shall be payable as provided by Section 4360 of the Idaho Compiled Statutes of 1919 and the general laws of said State relating to irrigation bonds. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for 10% of the amount bid, required. Bidders are requested to make proposals for the purchase of said bonds in blocks of \$25,000 each.

**NEWTON, Catawba County, No. Caro.—BIDS REJECTED.**—The bids received on Jan. 4 for the \$11,000 fire truck and equipment and \$14,000 water, light and power 6% coupon bonds—V. 111, p. 2445—were declined as being unsatisfactory.

The Mayor has been authorized to sell the bonds privately within 30 days.

**NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Caldwell), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 6% Inter-County Highway No. 353 bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 111, p. 1971—were awarded on that day to the Citizens National, the Noble County National, and the Farmers & Merchants Banks, all of Caldwell, at par and interest. Date Oct. 15 1920. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 15 from 1921 to 1930, incl.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN—On Jan. 11 the temporary loan of \$200,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, dated Jan. 12 and maturing Nov. 12 1921—V. 112, p. 182—was awarded to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. on a 5½% discount basis.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD (Town) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Great Neck), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William G. Geuner, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 20 for \$120,000 5½% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (P. & A.) payable at the Bank of Great Neck. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$20,000 1932 to 1951, incl., and \$10,000 1952 and 1953. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for required. Legality will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

NORWICH, Chenango County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward E. Davis, City Chamberlain, will receive proposals until 2 p. m. Jan. 21 for the following 5% bonds: \$7,679.19 paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$679.19. Due one bond yearly. 2,226.31 paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$226.31. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1929, incl. and \$226.31 Jan. 1 1930. 9,933.40 paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$433.40. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1926 to 1941, incl., and \$433.40 Jan. 1 1945. 13,500.00 paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$500, 1926 to 1938, incl., and \$1,000 1939 to 1945, incl. 407.16 sewer bonds. Due Jan. 1 1922. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Chamberlain, required.

ORANGE COVE JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—On Jan. 3 no bids were submitted for the \$25,000 6% school bonds.—V. 112, p. 81.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY (P. O. Orangeburg), So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Planters' Bank of Orangeburg was the successful bidder for the \$100,000 6% bridge bonds on Jan. 11—V. 112, p. 81—at 101.606 Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J.

OREGON (State of).—BIDS.—The following bids were also received on Jan. 4 for the \$1,500,000 4½% State highway bonds, of which only \$500 were sold on that date as already reported in V. 112, p. 182.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount, and Bid Price. Includes entries for A. W. Wright, Portland; Stacy & Braun; Kissel, Kimicutt & Co.; Anglo & London Paris National Bank; Harris Trust & Savings Bank; Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank; Lumbermens Trust Company; John E. Price & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; The Guaranty Co. of New York; Ames, Emreich & Co.; Bankers Trust Co. of New York.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The American Bank, of Port Clinton, has purchased the \$73,000 6% Inter-County Highway No. 279 improvement bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 13 (V. 111, p. 246). Date Nov. 15 1920. Due each six months as follows: \$3,000 May 15 1921 to May 15 1924, inclusive, and \$4,000 Nov. 15 1924 to Nov. 15 1930, inclusive.

OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ventura County, Calif.—BIDS RETURNED.—The bids, which were received on Jan. 5 by this district for its \$100,000 6% school bond issue—V. 112, p. 81—were returned unopened.

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BIDS REJECTED.—The following bids were received on Jan. 10 for the purchase of \$400,000 4½% gold dock and belt railroad impt. bonds—V. 111, p. 2251. R. M. Grant & Co., New York. \$298,150.00 With certain conditions and privileges to be complied with. W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo. \$340,030.00 With certain conditions and privileges to be complied with. Caldwell & Company, Memphis. \$300,175.00 Cash.

After careful consideration, all of the above bids were rejected by the Board of Commissioners, as they were not considered satisfactory.

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5½% coupon water bonds, offered on Jan. 10 (V. 112, p. 81), was awarded to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, who bid par for \$103,000 bonds. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922 to 1924, inclusive, and \$4,000 1935 to 1950, inclusive.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Jan. 24 of the \$5,000,000 5% tax-free coupon and registered (interchangeable) bonds.—V. 112, p. 183. Proposals for these bonds will be received at Mayor Moore's office until 12 m. on that date. Denoms. \$100 and multiples. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City's fiscal agency. Due Jan. 1 1951. Cert. check for 5% of amount bid for payable to the "City of Philadelphia," required. Bids must be made on prescribed blanks, which may be obtained by applying at the Mayor's office. Settlement for loan to be made on or after Jan. 25, but not later than Jan. 31. If desired, negotiable interim certificates will be issued, pending engraving of permanent bonds.

PLAINVIEW, Hale County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Until Jan. 20 proposals will be received by C. H. Saigling, City Secretary, for \$100,000 6% 40-year water-works and sewer bonds.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ventura County, Calif.—BIDS RETURNED.—All bids received on Jan. 5 for the \$15,000 6% school bonds.—V. 112, p. 81—were returned unopened.

POLK COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 3, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Jan. 20 of the \$200,000 6% bonds—V. 112, p. 81—J. A. Johnson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Bartow) will receive proposals for these bonds until 1 p. m. on that day. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$1,000 must accompany each bid, and maturing dates of bonds can be obtained from the above Clerk. Bonded Debt (including this issue) \$400,000. Assessed value \$2,792,969. Actual value \$9,787,860. Population (est.) 13,500.

PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS AND CERTIFICATES SOLD.—On Jan. 3 the nine issues of bonds, aggregating \$62,737, offered on that date (V. 112, p. 81) were awarded at par as follows: To the Portchester Savings Bank.

Table with 3 columns: Bond Description, Amount, and Due Date. Includes entries for Glen Ave. sidewalk certificate, Sidewalk certificate of indebtedness No. 1, Glen Ave. curb and gutter certificates, Central Ave. paving bonds, Central Ave. paving certificate of indebtedness, Beech Street and Ryan Ave. paving bonds, Beech Street and Ryan Ave. paving certificate of indebtedness, Beech Street and Ryan Ave. sidewalk and curb certificate of indebtedness, Beech Street sewer bonds.

PORT GIBSON, Claiborne County, Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The \$12,000 refunding and \$50,000 school 6% bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 111, p. 2416—were not sold on that day. They will be reoffered on Feb. 7.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted on Dec. 28 for the \$200,000 4% water bonds—V. 111, p. 2349—were rejected, it is stated.

PORT OF ASTORIA (P. O. Astoria, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, the Anglo and London Paris National Bank, and associates, purchased \$500,000 6% 10-year gold tax-free bonds.

PORT OF PORTLAND (P. O. Portland), Multnomah County, Ore.—A TEMPORARY BOND BILL TO BE ASKED.—The State Legislature will be asked to pass a temporary bill empowering the Port of Portland to issue \$1,000,000 bonds, not to exceed 5 years in maturity.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 11 the \$9,000 6% coupon hospital-impt. bonds which were offered on that date—V. 111, p. 1681—were awarded to the Union Savings & Trust Co. of Warren, for \$9,366.66, equal to 101.074, a basis of about 5.58%. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1938, incl.

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 7 \$600,000 5½% gold tax-free improvement bonds were sold to Hallgarten & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., jointly. Date Jan. 1 1921, due Jan. 1 1951. In giving the notice of the offering of the above bonds in V. 112, p. 82, we incorrectly stated that they would be sold on Jan. 17, instead of Jan. 7.

PROWERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Bristol), Colo.—BOND ELECTION CALLED OFF.—In V. 111, p. 1496, we reported that \$7,000 6% 15-30-year (opt.) school bonds had been purchased by Hosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver, subject to an election. We are now informed that the election has been called off.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for \$8,200 5% Chas. Lestlin et al. Rich Grove Twp. road bonds will be received until 3 p. m. Jan. 17 by Cecil Baechtkekircher, County Treasurer. Denom. \$410. Date Nov. 3 1920. Int. M. & N. Due \$410 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931 incl.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Eisenhut, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until 12 m. Jan. 19 for \$300,000 5½% bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Due \$15,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1941 incl. Cert. check for \$2,000, payable to the above official, required.

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total bonded debt, Assessed valuation of Racine in 1920, and Population (Census) 1920.

RANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ranger), Eastland County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will decide whether they are in favor of issuing the \$250,000 school-building bonds (V. 111, p. 1681) at an election to be held on Jan. 22.

RED BLUFF, Tehama County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—E. F. Lennon, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:45 p. m. Jan. 17 for \$95,000 5½% coupon bonds issued by the city for the acquisition and completion of municipal water works. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of bid, payable to the city of Red Bluff, required. Certified copy of the proceedings leading to the issue of said bonds will be furnished by the city, the same to be examined by purchaser at cost of purchaser.

RED RIVER COUNTY (P. O. Clarksville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$10,000 6% levee improvement bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on Jan. 4.

RED RIVER COUNTY LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered an issue of \$80,000 6% serial bonds on Jan. 7.

RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Dec. 24 an issue of \$34,000 6% Mansfield-Galion road impt. bonds was sold to the Citizens Nat. Bank of Mansfield at par. Denoms. \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$500 April 1 and Oct. 1 1922, \$1,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 1923 and April 1 1924, and \$2,000 each April 1 and Oct. 1 from Oct. 1 1924 to Oct. 1 1931 inclusive.

ROBINSON, Brown County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—Vernon H. Branch of Wichita has been awarded \$6,000 5% city-hall bonds, it is stated.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—On Jan. 11 the two issues of notes offered on that date—V. 112, p. 183—were awarded as follows: \$800,000 revenue notes, maturing five months from Jan. 13, to the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, at 6%, plus \$100 premium. 650,000 garbage disposal notes maturing two months from Jan. 18, to the National Bank of Commerce of Rochester at 6%.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Amount, Int., and Prem. Lists bidders for revenue notes including Robert Winthrop & Co., Rochester Savings Bank, Mechanics Savings Bank, and East Side Savings Bank.

BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Wilson, City Comptroller, will receive bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 21 for all or any part of the following 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:

- \$100,000 equipment bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Feb 1 from 1922 to 1926 incl.
2,000 school construction bonds. Due \$66,000 yearly on Feb 1 from 1922 to 1950 incl and \$86,000 Feb 1 1951.
300,000 municipal bldg construction bonds. Due \$15,000 yearly on Feb 1 from 1922 to 1941 incl
100,000 sewage-disposal bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1922 to 1941 incl.
650,000 garbage-disposal construction bonds. Due Feb. 1 1951.
375,000 water-works-impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1 1951.
700,000 local-impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1 1941.
Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann int. payable at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York. Cert. check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York on Feb 1 or as soon thereafter as they can be prepared. Legality will be approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York.

ROCKY FORD, Otero County, Colo.—CORRECTION.—In an item which appeared in V. 110, p. 1112, we reported that Benwell, Phillips, Este & Co. of Denver had purchased approximately \$200,000 6% storm sewer and paving bonds from this city, but we have since been informed by said company that this report is incorrect.

ROCKY RIVER, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,500 6% water-works bonds which were offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 17—V. 111, p. 914—have been sold locally. Date July 1 1920. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1921 to 1931, incl.

ROGERSVILLE, Hawkins County, Tenn.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$75,000 water-works and sewerage bonds offered on Oct. 23—V. 111, p. 1681—\$25,000 have been sold to Caldwell & Co. The unsold portion (\$50,000) will probably be sold at a private sale.

ROME, Floyd County, Ga.—BIDS REJECTED.—The bids, which were submitted on Jan. 6 for the purpose of obtaining the \$100,000 5% public school impt. bonds—V. 111, p. 2350, were rejected. The bonds will be re-offered on March 10.

ROSELLE, Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that Jacob P. Ostrander, Borough Clerk, will receive bids until 3:30 p. m. Jan. 21 for \$35,000 6% 5-5-6-year (aver.) street-impt. bonds. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 2% required.

ROSELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Roselle Park), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals for the purchase of an issue of 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds, not to exceed \$127,000, will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 25 by Walter G. Elieker, Clerk of Board of Education. Denom. \$3,000 and \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Roselle Park Trust Co. of Roselle Park. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1923 to

1951, incl., and \$4,000 1952 to 1961, incl. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Monies, required. Legality approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York; bonds will be certified by the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co.

**ST. PAULS, Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—On Jan. 6 the \$125,000 water, sewer and street-impt. bonds—V. 111, p. 2447—were sold at par to the Bank of St. Pauls, of St. Pauls.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$1,191,000 4½% filtration plant bonds which were sold on Dec. 28 to the Bank of Italy and R. H. Moulton & Co. jointly at par—V. 112, p. 183—are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due yearly from 1921 to 1960 inclusive.

**SANTEE BRIDGE DISTRICT, Charleston, Berkeley and Williamsburg Counties, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 1 by W. Kling McDowell, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, at the Exchange Banking & Trust Co., 39 Broad Street, Charleston, for \$200,000 6% coupon bridge construction bonds, part of an authorized issue of \$500,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 3 1921. Int. semi-ann. Bonds may be registered as to principal. Cert. check for \$500 required.

**SARGENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Monte Vista), Rio Grande County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—The Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City has purchased \$125,000 6% 10-20-year school bonds at 97.

**SEWARD SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Barket), Kosciusko County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 6% school-construction bonds offered on Aug. 13—V. 111, p. 616—have been sold to Griffith & Arnold of Fort Wayne at par. Date July 1 1920. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,333 34 1921 to 1925, incl., and \$3,333 33 1926 to 1935, incl.

**SHELBY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shelby), Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The State Industrial Commission of Ohio has agreed to purchase the \$20,000 6% school bonds offered on Jan. 1—V. 111, p. 2545. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 each six months from Jan. 1 1923 to July 1 1932, incl.

**SHREVE, Wayne County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—There were no bids for the three issues of 6% street and sewer impt. bonds aggregating \$12,200 offered on Dec. 29—V. 111, p. 2545. Bids will now be received until Feb. 8 for these bonds.

**SIDON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Le Flore County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Until 12 m. Feb. 8 A. R. Bew, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Greenwood), will receive proposals for the \$30,000 6% bonds which were offered without success on Jan. 4—V. 111, p. 2545. 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 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. Official circular states that no litigation is now pending or threatened affecting in any manner the issuance of said bonds.

*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 JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—The city of South Jacksonville has for sale the \$190,000 municipal-impt. bonds which were mentioned in V. 111, p. 2158. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due Feb 1 1950. Bonded debt (excluding this issue), \$125,000. Assessed value, real and personal, 1920, \$4,607,780.

**SPRINGVILLE Utah County Utah.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—The \$15,000 6% 20-year library bonds, which were recently sold to the Palmer Bond & Mtge. Co. of Salt Lake City—V. 112, p. 183—are part of a \$40,000 bond issue.

**STEVENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The State of Washington, by submitting a proposal of par for 5½%, obtained the \$4,000 school bldg. bonds on Dec. 27—V. 111, p. 2545. Denom. \$200. Int. annually. Due in 20 years; optional after one year.

**SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Diego County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.**—The Bank of Italy of Los Angeles paid 100.96 and int. for the \$172,000 6% school bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 112, p. 183.

**SWIFT COUNTY (P. O. Benson), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The Drake-Ballard Co., purchased the \$50,000 10-year road bonds, dated Dec. 1 1920—V. 111, p. 2545—on Jan. 6 for \$50,658 (101.31) and interest for 6s, a basis of about 5.83% other bidders:  
 Minneapolis Trust Co. \$50,656 | Northwestern Trust Co. \$50,600  
 Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. 50,626 | Wells-Dickey Co. 50,550  
 All of the above bids were for 6s.

**TARBORO, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. H. Jacobs, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 25 for all or a part of either or both of the following bond issues:  
 \$200,000 public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly as follows:  
 \$4,000 1922 to 1926, incl., and \$9,000 1927 to 1946, incl.  
 20,000 refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly from 1922 to 1931, incl., and \$1,000 1932 to 1946, incl.

Interest rate 6%. Date Oct. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York. Certified check or cash for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for required. Bonds certified by U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co. N. Y. Legality will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, N. Y., and J. L. Morehead, Durham. No bid less than 95 and int. will be considered on impt. bonds, and no bid of less than par will be considered on refunding bonds. Bonds will be delivered in New York on or about Jan. 27 1921. These bonds were offered on Dec. 21—V. 111, p. 2545—but then failed to receive a satisfactory bid.

**TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The following 5% bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller.

Amount.	Place and Purpose of Issue.	Due.	Date Reg.
\$2,000	Bee County Common S. D. No. 7	10-20 years	Jan. 6
3,500	Wilbarger County Common S. D. No. 45	5-20 years	Jan. 5

**TULSA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tulsa), Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Jan. 18 by H. O. McClure, President of the Board of Education, for \$300,000 5% bonds, part of the \$850,000 bond issue which was referred to in V. 111, p. 219. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1920. Int. semi-ann. Sealed bids will be entertained for either or both of the following propositions:

- For a total of \$300,000 of said bonds, consisting of Series A, of the total sum of \$150,000, due and payable five years from their date, or April 1 1925, and Series B, C and D, each series of the total sum of \$50,000, due and payable in six, seven and eight years from their date, or April 1 1926, 1927 and 1928.
- For a total of \$300,000 said bonds, consisting of Series K, L, M, N, O and P, each series of the total sum of \$50,000, due and payable in 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20 years from their date, or April 1 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940.

On all bids submitted a certified check payable to the said Board in the sum of \$10,000 is required.

**TUPPER LAKE, Franklin County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. S. Potvin, Village Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 18 for \$100,000 registered bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F & A.) payable at the Tupper Lake National Bank of Tupper Lake. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 1922 to 1926 incl.; \$5,000 1927 to 1931 incl., and \$6,000 1932 to 1941 incl. Cert. check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for required.

**UNION, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 29 the \$134,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) paving bonds (V. 111, p. 2546) were awarded to the Millburn National Bank of Millburn. Date Nov. 1 1920. Due \$11,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1932 incl. and \$2,000 Nov. 1 1933.

**UNION CITY, Randolph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals for the purchase of \$40,000 6% coupon bonds issued to assist the School City in completing a new school bldg., will be received until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 24 by Thos. B. Mason, City Clerk. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 24 1921. Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 2 1925. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and furnish the bonds.

**UNION CITY SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Union City), Randolph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Board of School Trustees will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. Jan. 24 for \$16,000 6% school bldg. completion bonds. Denom. 8 for \$1,000 and 16 for \$500. Date Jan. 24 1921. Due \$2,000 each six months from July 1 1922 to Jan. 1 1926 incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to "The School City of Union City," required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest and furnish the necessary bonds.

**UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Umatilla County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—On Dec. 3 Keeler Bros of Denver were awarded \$200,000 6% bldg. bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 15 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Oregon State Fiscal Agency, New York City, or at the offices of Keeler Bros., Denver and Portland. Due Nov. 15 1940. Optional on May 15 as follows: \$10,000 1926 to 1930, incl., and \$15,000 1931 to 1940, incl.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation 1920	\$7,105,361
Real value, estimated	19,000,000
Total indebtedness (this issue only)	200,000
Population, officially estimated	6,500

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 27 by Walter Smith, County Treasurer, for \$8,400 4½% Edmund Winniger et al, Allen Road, improvement bonds. Denom. \$420. Date Jan. 27 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$420 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.

**VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Geo. A. Scharl, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 22 for the following issues of 5% road-improvement bonds:

\$222,500	Leroy Christy et al County Unit Road No. 3 bonds. Denoms. 100 for \$1,000, 240 for \$500 and 10 for \$275. Due \$22,250 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
287,750	Harry J. Foulkes et al County Unit Road No. 2 bonds. Denoms. 140 for \$1,000, 290 for \$500, and 10 for \$275. Due \$28,750 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
130,000	James A. Dodd et al highway bonds. Denom. \$650. Due \$13,000 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
182,000	C. W. Sidenbender et al highway bonds. Denom. \$910. Due \$18,200 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
224,000	W. E. Eppert et al highway bonds. Denom. \$560. Due \$22,400 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
151,000	James A. Dodd et al highway bonds. Denom. \$755. Due \$15,100 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

Date March 1 1921. Int. M. & N.

**VIVIAN, Caddo Parish, La.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.**—The \$34,000 5% 1-22-year street-improvement bonds offered on Jan. 4 (V. 111, p. 2546) were not sold, no bids being received. Denom. \$500. Interest annually. Date Aug. 1 1920.

**WALLOWA COUNTY (P. O. Enterprise), Ore.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—The bids received for the \$200,000 5½% road bonds on Jan. 5—V. 111, p. 2546—were turned down. They will be reoffered on Feb. 16.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. L. Taylor, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. Jan. 22 for the following road-improvement bonds:

\$35,000	5% Sanford M. Mattox et al County Unit bonds. Denom. \$1,750. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$3,500 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
51,000	5% John H. Tatlock et al County Unit bonds. Denom. \$2,550. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$5,100 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
7,300	5% Oliver D. Thomas et al County Unit bonds. Denom. \$365. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$730 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
28,800	5% Joseph Rutherford et al County Unit bonds. Denom. \$1,440. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$2,880 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.
16,600	4½% Lewis M. Robertson et al Gibson Twp. bonds. Denom. \$830. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$830 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
15,600	4½% Elsie McCleery et al Monroe Twp. bonds. Denom. \$780. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$780 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
23,200	4½% Harry L. Royse et al Posey Twp. bonds. Denom. \$1,160. Date Dec. 6 1920. Due \$1,160 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.
9,800	5% Oliver D. Thomas et al County Unit bonds. Denom. \$490. Date Jan. 3 1921. Due \$980 yearly on May 15 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

Int. M. & N.

**WATERBURY, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles B. Tomkinson, City Clerk, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 26 for \$500,000 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1971, incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on Feb. 10 at the First National Bank, of Boston. Bonds will be engraved under supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge.

**WATERTOWN, Codington County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by the City Auditor for \$200,000 5% light and power bonds until 2 p. m. Jan. 17. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at such place as may be agreed upon by the purchaser and City Council. Due Feb. 1 1941. Cert. check for \$1,000 required.

**WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 106 (P. O. Buckingham), Colo.—BOND SALE.**—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$8,000 6% bonds.

**WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. B. Fishbough, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Feb. 7 for the following 6% drainage bonds:  
 \$2,875 90 Abraham Haines et al bonds. Denom. \$575 18. Date Nov. 9 1920. Due \$575 18 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1921 to 1925, incl.  
 24,478 63 John F. Steine et al bonds. Denom. \$490 and \$468 63. Date Jan. 3 1921. Due five bonds yearly on Nov. 15 from 1921 to 1925, inclusive.  
 18,631 06 Herbert B. Kasler et al bonds. Denom. \$1,863 and \$1,864 06. Date Dec. 8 1920. Due one bond yearly on Nov. 15 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive.

Int. M. & N.

**WEST PARK, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The De Weese-Talbot Co. of Dayton, offering \$50,955 55, equal to 101.9111, has been awarded the \$50,000 6% sewer bonds which were offered on Sept. 25 (V. 111, p. 1109). Date Mar. 15 1920. Due Mar. 15 1945.

**WEST POINT Cuming County Neb.—BOND SALE.**—James Wachob of Omaha purchased the \$23,000 6% intersection paving bonds on Jan. 10—V. 112, p. 82—Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1921. Int. J. & J. Due yearly as follows: \$1,500 1927 to 1940 incl., and \$2,000 1941.

**WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Mark W. Rhoads, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 9 a. m. Jan. 22 for \$46,725 5% William E. Crabill, Smith Twp., road bonds. Denom. \$584 06. Date Jan. 22 1921. Int. M. & N. Due \$4,672 50 each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1931, inclusive.

**WILSON, Wilson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Theo. A. Hinnant, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 24 for the following 6% bonds which were recently offered without success—V. 111 p. 2546.  
 \$466,000 street-impt. bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$35,000 1922 to 1931, incl.; \$18,000 1932 and 1933, and \$20,000 1934 to 1937, incl.  
 64,000 water and sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1952, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1920. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold in New York, registerable in New York as to principal or both principal and interest. Cert. check or cash for 2% of bonds bid for, required. The bonds will be prepared and certified as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal by U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. The purchasers will be furnished the legal papers and approving opinion of Chester B. Masslich,

N. Y. Bonds will be delivered in New York City, N. Y., on or about Jan. 26 1921.

**WINFRED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winfred), Lake County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$60,000 6% school bldg. bonds was sold on Dec. 6 to the State Bank of Winfred at par. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1920. Int. J. & D. Due Dec. 1 1940.

**WINONA, Montgomery County, Mass.—BIDS REJECTED.**—All bids submitted for the \$60,000 6% light and water-plant-purchase bonds on Jan. 4 (V. 111, p. 2447) were rejected.

**YADKIN COUNTY (P. O. Yadkinville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.**—The offering of the \$90,000 road bonds, which was to have taken place on Jan. 22—V. 112, p. 82—has been postponed until 12 m. Jan. 26.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**ALBERTA (Province of).—ALTERNATIVE BIDS CONSIDERED.**—Provincial Treasurer C. R. Mitchell wires us that at the offering on Jan. 17 of the \$2,000,000 6% gold debentures alternative bids for payment of principal in Canada only, or for payment in both Canada and U. S., will be considered.

**BRANTFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—At the election on Jan. 1—V. 111, p. 2547—the \$125,000 school erection and \$174,000 water works debenture issues carried by slight margins.

The \$185,000 Collegiate Institute issue submitted at the same time was overwhelmingly defeated.

**ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that \$30,000 6% debentures have been awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, at 95.38.

**GALT, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—Newspaper reports state that the voters have passed favorably on a by-law to issue \$55,000 debentures for an addition to a hospital.

**GUELPH, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.**—At the Jan. 1 election the ratepayers defeated a by-law to issue \$50,000 park impt. debentures.

**HAMILTON, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.**—The ratepayers voted against the following debenture by-laws on Jan. 1 (V. 111, p. 2351): \$6,114,000 municipal gas plant, \$500,000 isolation hospital, \$500,000 Mt. Hamilton Hospital addition, and \$200,000 Mountain Roadway scheme; completion.

**DEBENTURES VOTED.**—At the same election the voters passed the by-law to issue \$300,000 nurses' home debentures.

**HAVELOCK, Ont.—DEBENTURES OFFERED LOCALLY.**—The village is offering to local investors at par a block of \$28,890 6% debentures, maturing serially from 1921 to 1940.

**KITCHNER, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.**—It is reported that at an election held on Jan. 1 a by-law to issue \$37,800 hospital elevator installation and power house debentures was defeated.

**LONDON, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—On Jan. 1, it is stated, by-laws to issue \$50,000 homes for incurables and \$50,000 Children's Hospital debentures were passed by the ratepayers.

**DEBENTURES DEFEATED.**—It is further reported that another bylaw calling for \$100,000 debentures for a motor bus system, lost.

**LONDON Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—On Jan. 8, it is stated, \$741,200 6% coupon school and impt. debentures were sold to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto. Of these, \$276,200 are for schools, are dated Nov. 1 1920, and mature yearly on Nov. 1 from 1921 to 1950, incl., and \$465,000 are for local improvements, are dated Dec. 30 1920, and mature yearly on Dec. 30 from 1921 to 1930, incl.

**MIMICO, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—At an election held Jan. 1, according to reports, the ratepayers passed two by-laws, authorizing the issuance of \$14,000 public park and \$23,000 school site purchase bonds.

**NORTH WALSINGHAM, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.**—The by-law providing for \$5,000 municipal hall debentures submitted on Jan. 1—V. 111, p. 2449—was defeated, the vote being 56 "for" and 109 "against."

**OTTAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.**—The voters defeated the by-laws to issue \$60,000 municipal quarry and \$200,000 central freestation debentures which were submitted at the recent general election (V. 111, p. 2547).

**PETERBORO, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—It is reported that on Jan. 1 a by-law to issue \$350,000 filtration plant construction debentures carried favorably, while another by-law, to issue \$3,000 park property purchase debentures, was defeated.

**RICHMOND HILL, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—The by-law to issue \$95,000 6% 30-year water-system debentures, submitted on Jan. 1 (V. 111, p. 2449), carried by a vote of 152 "for" to 32 "against."

**ST. CATHARINES, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—On Jan. 1, according to reports, the ratepayers voted to issue \$35,000 debentures for improving a new cemetery annex.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—It is reported that J. M. Robinson & Sons and the Eastern Securities Corp., Ltd., have purchased \$140,000 10-year and \$90,000 15-year 6% debentures.

**ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—It is reported that the by-law to issue \$233,000 20-year concrete dam erection debentures submitted to the ratepayers on Jan. 3 (V. 111, p. 2547) was passed.

**SCARBORO, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—According to reports the ratepayers voted favorably on the by-law to issue \$25,000 cemetery debentures at the election held on Jan. 1.—V. 111, p. 2160.

**SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. West Hill) Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$130,000 7% coupon 30-year installment water works debentures offered on Jan. 6—V. 112, p. 83—were awarded, it is reported, to Harris, Forbes & Co.

**WATERLOO, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.**—A by-law to issue \$9,500 hospital debentures carried at an election held Jan. 1.

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### ILLUMINATING & POWER SECURITIES CORPORATION.

Regular quarterly dividend No. 34 of one and three-quarters per cent (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %) for the quarter ending January 31st, 1921, has been declared on the Preferred stock of this Corporation, payable February 15th, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 31, 1921.  
W. F. POPE, Secretary.

Jan. 13, 1921.

### SUBMARINE BOAT CORPORATION.

A Semi-annual dividend of fifty cents per share has this day been declared on the outstanding Capital Stock of Submarine Boat Corporation, payable February 7th, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business on January 22nd, 1921.

New York, January 12th, 1921.

HENRY R. CARSE, President.

### NEW YORK & HONDURAS ROSARIO MINING COMPANY,

17 Battery Place, New York City.

Jan. 11, 1921.

### DIVIDEND NO. 226.

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of three per cent (3%) on its Capital Stock, payable Jan. 28, 1921, to stockholders of record on Jan. 18, 1921.

W. C. LANGLEY, Treasurer.

### ELECTRIC BOND AND SHARE CO. PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 63.

New York, January 12, 1921.

The regular quarterly dividend of one and one-half (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %) per cent on the Preferred Stock of ELECTRIC BOND AND SHARE COMPANY has been declared, payable February 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 19, 1921.

H. M. FRANCIS, Secretary.

### ELECTRIC BOND AND SHARE CO. COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND NO. 47.

New York, January 12, 1921.

The regular quarterly dividend of two (2%) per cent on the Common Stock of ELECTRIC BOND AND SHARE COMPANY has been declared, payable January 15, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 14, 1921.

H. M. FRANCIS, Secretary.

### Fort Worth Power & Light Company Preferred Stock Dividend No. 38.

The regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %) per cent on the Preferred Stock of Fort Worth Power & Light Company has been declared, payable February 1, 1921, to stockholders of record at the close of business January 21, 1921.

T. B. YARBROUGH, Treasurer.

Office of

### THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY.

Baltimore, Md., January 7th, 1921.

The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of One and a Half Dollars (\$1.50) per share on its Capital Stock, payable January 31st, 1921, to the stockholders of record at the close of business January 17th, 1921. The transfer books will remain open. Dividend checks will be mailed.

T. K. STUART,

Assistant Treasurer.

For other dividends see page xxiii.

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## Liquidation

### NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION.

The First National Bank of Frederica, located at Frederica, in the State of Delaware, is closing its affairs. All note-holders and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

Dated December 1, 1920.

THOMAS V. CAHALL, President.

### NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION.

The Union Commerce National Bank of Cleveland, located at Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present their notes and other claims for payment.

GEORGE A. COULTON, President.

Dated December 31, 1920.

### NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION.

The First National Bank of Cleveland, located at Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present their notes and other claims for payment.

C. E. FARNSWORTH, Cashier.

Dated December 31, 1920.

## POSITIONS WANTED

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